

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**SAMS/SAVHS – Media Center  
3303 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE  
St. Anthony, MN 55418**

**6:00 pm Operating Levy Presentation  
7:00 pm Work Session**

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WORK SESSION

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**6:00 pm - Operating Levy Renewal Presentation**  
Matt Rantapaa - Baird Public Finance

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**Operating Levy Renewal Public Comment**  
Matt Rantapaa - Baird Public Finance

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**Call Work Session to Order** (2 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

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**Approval of Agenda** (2 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

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**Report:**  
**Levy Renewal Discussion**(20 minutes)  
Matt Rantapaa - Baird Public Finance

This is the fourth discussion by the school board regarding the potential renewal of the 2014,10 year, operating levy. The board will use the public feedback data to guide the discussion.

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**Report:**  
**Wellness Report** (15 minutes)  
Wellness Coordinator - Lori Watzl King

In this end of the year wellness report, Lori Watzl-King will update the School Board on the wellness committee goals; the wellness cohort; and school year health office visits. Reports by leaders during School Board meetings are informational with no immediate action required by the Board.

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**Report:**  
**Superintendent Report** (10 minutes)  
Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille

Each school board meeting, the superintendent will take time to reflect on the school district's achievements, events and stories of students and staff. The idea of these notes is to keep the board both informed and inspired of all the amazing work our school community has done over the past two weeks.

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**Approval of Minutes** (2 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

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**Approval of Consent Agenda** (2 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

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**Discussion Item:**  
**2024-2025 Budget Review** (20 minutes)  
Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille

This will be the second review of the proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year. The school board will discuss the budget and will have at least one more review of the budget before it must be approved by the school board in June.

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**Discussion Item:**  
**BeSmart Resolution Review** (10 minutes)  
Director Laura Oksnevad

The board had a first reading of the BeSMART Safe Gun Storage Resolution in front of you on February 20th. When the board discussed the resolution, one thought was that the school district needs to inquire with the City of St. Anthony about collaborating in the effort to provide education and information to students, families and the community. During the joint meeting with the city on April 30, the city was interested in collaboration. Given the feedback from the city and the board, edits have been made to the potential resolution. The board will discuss the resolution as a possible action item to be presented in June.

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**Discussion Item:**  
**VillageFest Planning** (10 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

Village Fest 2024 planning is well underway. The parade is scheduled for Friday, August 2, at 7:00 pm. The Board will be hosting a booth again this year. The Board will discuss initial logistics for both. This is informational only, and no board action will take place.

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**Discussion Item: (10 minutes)**  
**Annual School Board and Superintendent Review**  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

This is a reminder that the annual reviews for both the Board and Superintendent will be occurring. The Board Chair will provide an update and timeline. This is informational only, and no board action will take place.

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**School Board Member Reports** (10 minutes)  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

Each school board meeting, the School Board members will take time to share information from the meetings, professional learning and events they have attended.

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**Adjourn**  
Board Chair Ben Phillip

Next Meeting(s):

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – Regular Meeting – City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – Work Session – Media Center

[School Board Scope and Sequence](#)

# ISD 282 ST. ANTHONY-NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED OPERATING LEVY RENEWAL MAY 21, 2024

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St. Anthony  New Brighton  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282

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**VOTER  
APPROVED  
OPERATING LEVY  
REFERENDUM  
INFORMATION**

# OPERATING REFERENDUM LEVY - WHAT IS IT?

An operating levy (otherwise known as a referendum revenue request or excess operating levy referendum) is a procedure which allows school districts to raise additional funds to supplement regular state education funding.

The State of Minnesota equalizes many educational levies based upon the district's ability to pay (Equalization Aid). This is one of those levies.

Flexible Revenue Source – can be used for Operations, Supplies, Technology, Facilities Improvements, etc..

Spread on Referendum Market Value tax base of School District (different property types with same market value will pay the same amount of property taxes for this levy)

Exempt Properties – Seasonal/Recreational and Ag. Land beyond the dwelling value (home, garage and one-acre)

# SUCCESSFUL NOVEMBER 4, 2014 OPERATING LEVY ELECTION

## SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #282)

### REVOKING EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 282 (St. Anthony-New Brighton) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$987.60 per pupil and to increase its general education revenue by the following amounts for taxes payable in the years specified: • \$1,068.35 per pupil for taxes payable in 2015 through 2017 • \$1,149.11 per pupil for taxes payable in 2018 through 2020 • \$1,229.86 per pupil for taxes payable in 2021 through 2024. Shall the increase in revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 282 be approved?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Number of Yes Votes: 2,648 (56.33%)

Number of No Votes: 2,053 (43.67%)

Total Voter Turnout: 4,701

Taxes Payable	New	Total Authority	LOR	Both VA and LOR
2015	1,068.35	1,068.35	424.00	1,492.35
2016		1,086.93	424.00	1,510.93
2017		1,068.35	424.00	1,492.35
2018		1,149.11	424.00	1,573.11
2019		1,149.11	424.00	1,573.11
2020		849.11	724.00	1,573.11
2021		929.86	724.00	1,653.86
2022		929.86	724.00	1,653.86
2023		929.86	724.00	1,653.86
2024		929.86	724.00	1,653.86

# CURRENT MDE OPERATING LEVY PHASEOUT REPORT

Select district

**282** <-- Enter District Number (1.2 for Minneapolis)

0282-01 St. Anthony-New Brighton



Last Year of Collections from the 2023 Election (\$890 / APU) is Taxes Payable 2033 / FY 2034



## Phase Out Report With 2023 Elections

Authority After 2022 Elections (see detail below)			1,819.86	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	-
Elections Before 2019	Election Year	Last Fiscal Year	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035		

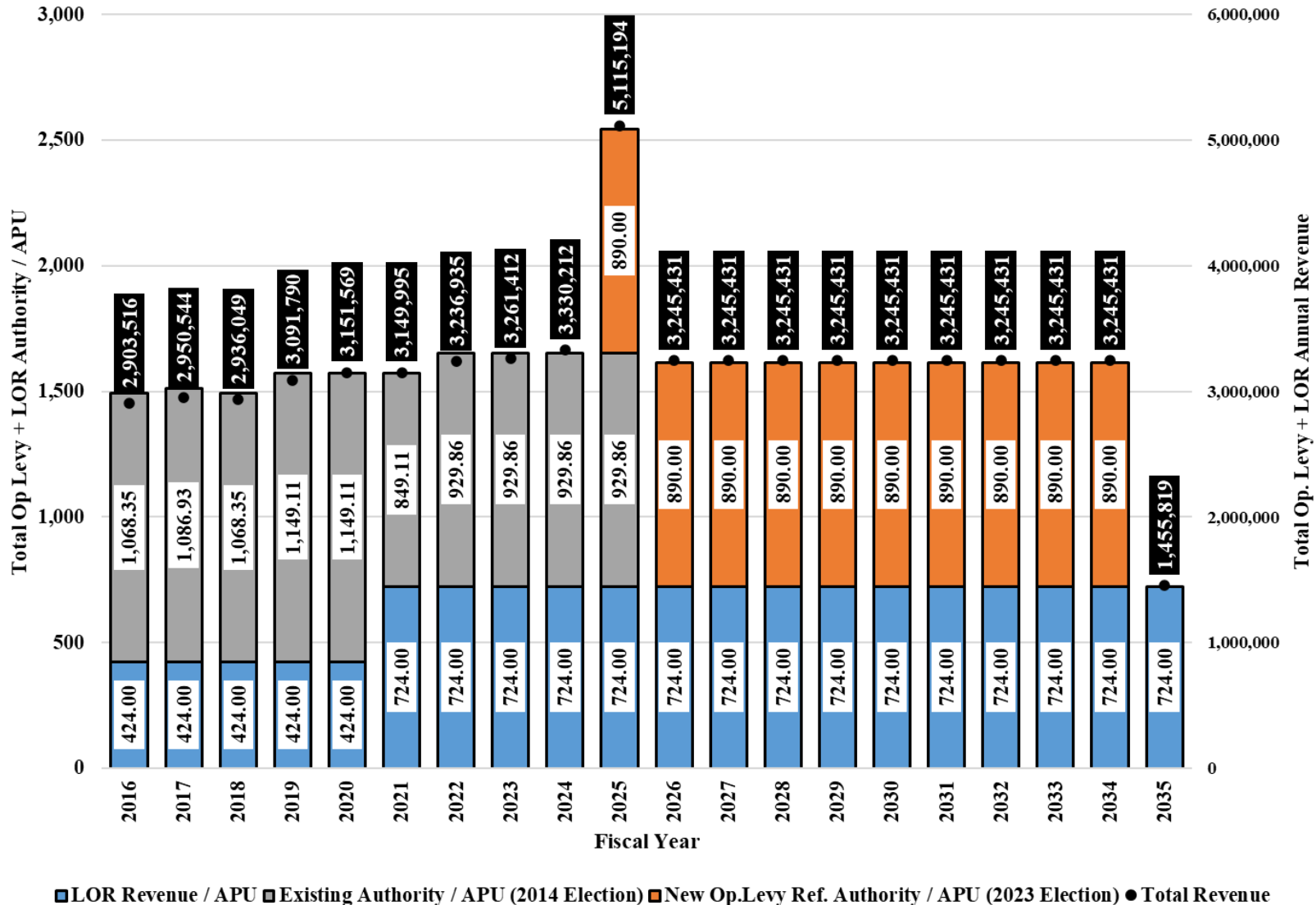


Last Year of Collections from the 2014 Election (\$929.86 / APU) is This Year in Taxes Payable 2024 / FY 2025

*Deadline for school-board renewal of this \$929.86 / APU is June 15, 2024*



### ISD 282 SANB Schools - Existing Operating Levy and LOR History / APU



**FUTURE REVENUE  
IMPACT WITH NO  
ACTION (2014  
REFERENDUM  
AMOUNT OF  
\$929.86/APU  
EXPIRES NEXT YEAR  
IN PAY 2025/FY 2026**

**WOULD RESULT IN  
A \$1.87M LOSS IN  
ANNUAL REVENUE**

# BOARD RENEWAL OF EXISTING OPERATING LEVY AUTHORITY

## MN STATUTES 126C.17, SUBD. 9B REQUIREMENTS

1. the per pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring, or for an expiring referendum that was adjusted annually by the rate of inflation, the same as the per-pupil amount of the expiring referendum, adjusted annually for inflation in the same manner as if the expiring referendum had continued;

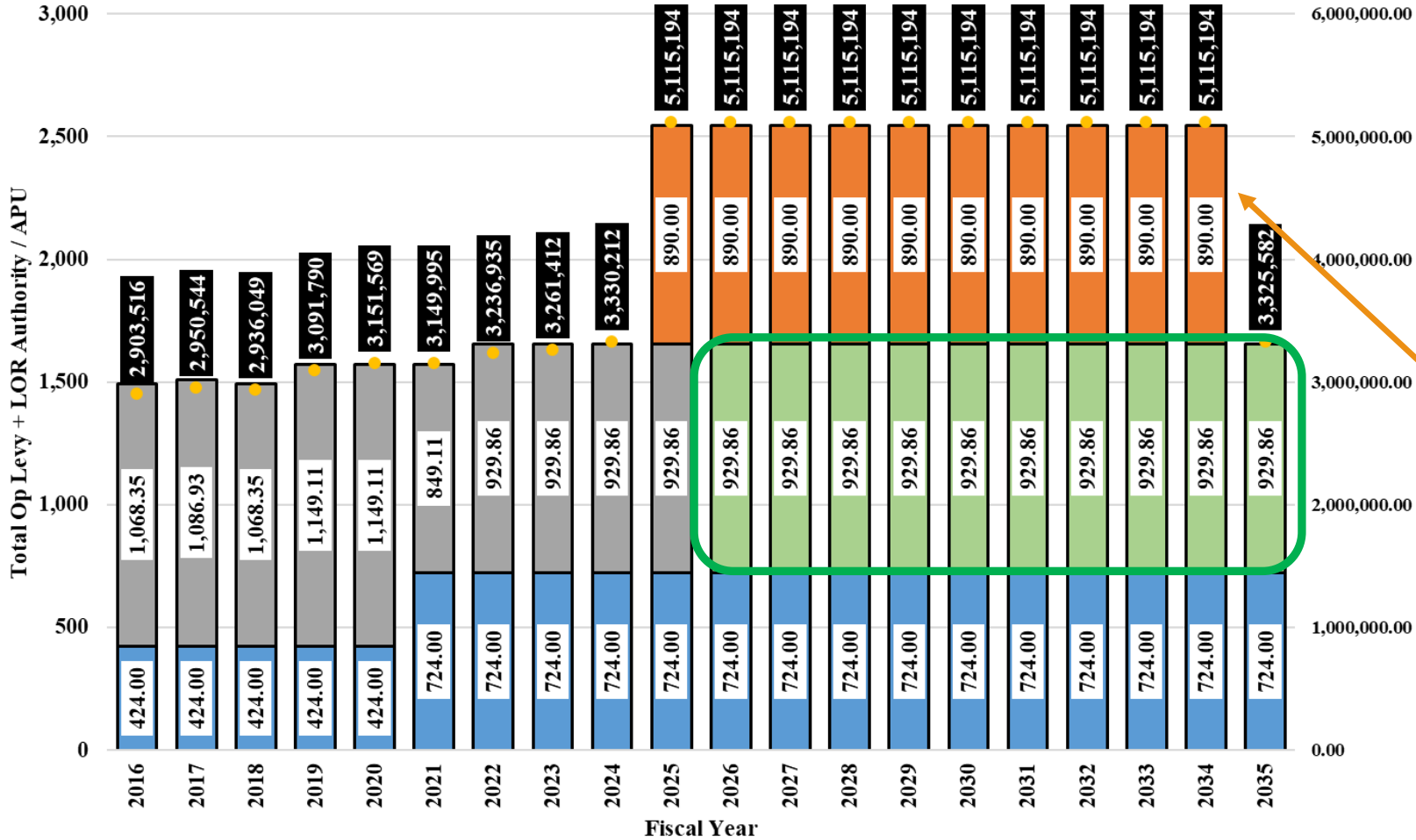
2. the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by the voters;

3. the school board, having taken a recorded vote, has adopted a written resolution authorizing the renewal after holding a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal; and

4. the expiring referendum has not been previously renewed under this subdivision.

- (b) The resolution must be adopted by the school board by June 15 of any calendar year and becomes effective 60 days after its adoption.
- (c) A referendum expires in the last fiscal year in which the referendum generates revenue for the school district. A school board may renew an expiring referendum under this subdivision not more than two fiscal years before the referendum expires.
- (d) A district renewing an expiring referendum under this subdivision must submit a copy of the adopted resolution to the commissioner and to the county auditor no later than September 1 of the calendar year in which the written resolution is adopted.

ISD 282 SANB Schools - Existing Operating Levy and LOR History / APU With Renewal



- LOR Revenue / APU
- Existing Authority / APU (2014 Election)
- Board Renewal Authority / APU (2014 Election)
- New Op. Levy Ref. Authority / APU (2023 Election)
- Total Revenue

**FUTURE REVENUE  
IMPACT WITH  
SCHOOL BOARD  
RENEWAL OF  
\$929.86/APU**

**2023 ELECTION  
AMOUNT OF  
\$890/APU CAN  
ALSO BE BOARD  
RENEWED IN THE  
FUTURE AS WELL**

**FURTHER  
THOUGHTS/QUESTIONS  
REGARDING SCHOOL  
BOARD APPROVED  
OPERATING REFERENDUM  
RENEWAL?**



# 2024 Wellness Report

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Lori Watzl-King RN, LSN, NCSN District Wellness Coordinator

# The Work We Do:

Whole School,  
Whole Community,  
Whole Child



# Wellness Committee Purpose:

At ISD282 we are committed to supporting the learning, health, and well-being of students and staff by using the **WSCC (Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child) Model** to promote lifelong personal well-being.

The components of WSCC include: Food and Nutrition; Physical Education, Physical Activity; Health Education; Health Services; Safe School Environment; Social-Emotional Wellness; Staff Wellness; and Family and Community Involvement.



# WSCC & Success Metrics Aligned



**Positively contribute as a thriving citizen to their community**

**Thrive emotionally and socially in adaptive environments**



**Harness academic skills and a love of learning**

“St. Anthony-New Brighton defines success as a student who has acquired both the academic skills and life skills to positively contribute to society. They have a love for learning and are able to meet the social-emotional needs of themselves and others. A successful student becomes a thriving citizen.”





# Wellness Committee Members

Parents/Community: Kevin Burns, Stefan Gingerich, Monica Feely, Ginny Sievers Green, Sarah Larson, Kari D'Averill, Ashlee Slye, Dr. Lipi Ramchandani

Teachers: Beth Rehfuss (SAVHS Science), Jean Lynch (SAVHS Special Education)

Counselor: Renee Nettleton (SAMS)

Community Engagement Coordinator: Angela Frey (CS)

Nutrition Services: Angie Richey and Maria Anderson

Administrator: Hope Fagerland, Executive Director of Academics

School Board: Laura Oksnevad/ Laurel Hood

District Wellness Coordinator (Nurse): Lori Watzl-King, RN, LSN

Hennepin County SHIP Coordinator: Jackie Billhymer



# 2023-24 Wellness Committee Goals:

Goal 1: Support local, sustainable agriculture with 18 Local menu days

Goal 2: Family Engagement: Flu clinics, articles for the Brighter Bulletin

Goal 3: Promote Employee Wellness





# Goal 1: Support Local, Sustainable Foods

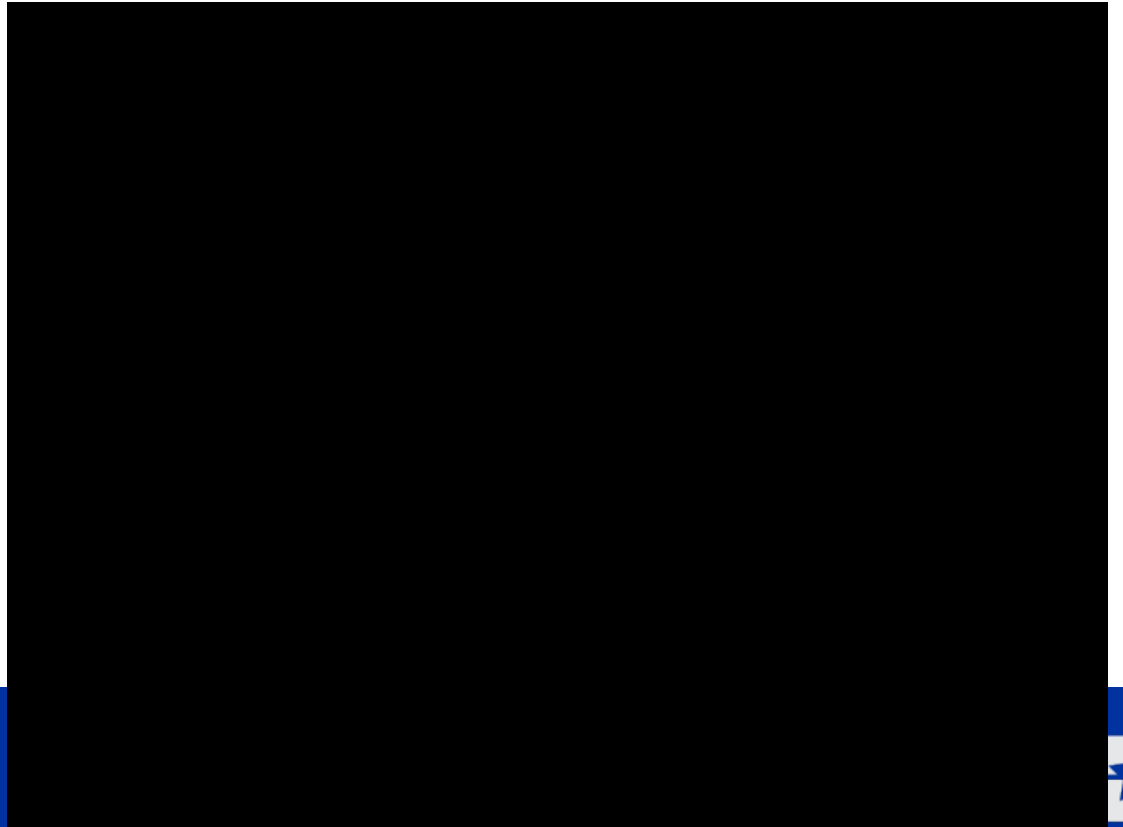
- Continued twice monthly Minnesota Thursday meal
- Purchased from over 30 local farmers, ranchers, producers and makers
- New items included: Bison Nachos (Sleepy Bison Acres), Swedish Mega Meatball (MN Local Beef, Churchill Ranchers), Apple Breakfast Bake with Oats (Askegaard Organic Farm), Philly Beef Sandwich with Cheese (CannonBelles Creamery), and Turkey Biryani (Ferndale Market)



# Goal 1: Local, sustainable foods/ videos

Hear from our long time farm  
to school partner, Eric Klein  
from Hidden Streams farm

**Hidden Stream**  
— FARM —  
PASTURE-RAISED  
LOCAL FOODS SINCE 1991



# Goal 2: Family Engagement

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Flu shot clinics (2) Sept/Oct:

- 424 shots given

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic November:

- 143 shots given

Brighter Bulletin Articles Every 1-2 months

- 9 articles as of early April



# Goal 3: Promote Employee Wellness

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Monthly Wellness Challenges

Biometric Screening

Flu and COVID-19 shots onsite during the school day

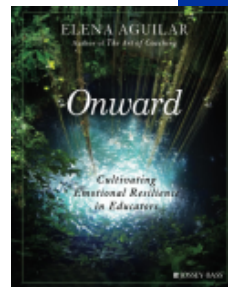
SAVHS Fitness Center use for staff

Violet Wellbeing App

Weekly Wellness Content in KDS

Resilience Cohort (led by consultants)

Wellness Cohort (led by District Wellness Coordinator)



**Violet**

*Personalized Support designed  
by Educators for Educators to  
promote overall Well-Being*



# Wellness Cohort

14 Staff members (CS-2, WP-6, SAMS-2, SAVHS-4)

Mix of Teachers and Support Staff

Set goals in September (broken down into 3 month sections)

Learned about wellness topics monthly

Check ins with Wellness Coordinator monthly



# Wellness Cohort Results

- Cohort members on avg felt physically unwell 6 less days in April than Sept.
- Cohort members on avg felt mentally unwell 5 less days in April than Sept.
- Cohort members exercised on avg 2 additional day per week than in Sept. From 2.42 days per week to 4.67 days per week.
- 100% have made progress towards their wellness goals and 93 % have met their goal as of May.
- "I like how it is holding me accountable to take care of myself. I think I would have zero drive to engage in any wellness if I were not in this cohort."
- "It has been amazing to focus solely on my wellness with no other agenda."



Overall, the data from the wellness cohort shows that this is a successful intervention to employee well-being.





# Health Offices:

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## Wilshire Park: 675 students

- Sept- Spring Break: **3566** student Health Office visits.
- Meds and treatments per day: **31**

## SAMS/SAVHS: 1145 students

- Sept- Spring Break: **1526** student Health Office visits.
- Meds and treatments per day: **13**



# Licensed School Nurse:

## Chronic Disease Management/General Nursing: 41.8%

- K-12: 190 students (Asthma, Food Allergies, Diabetes, Seizures)
- Nurse developed Individualized Health and Emergency Plans: 38

## Special Education: 31.8%

- PCA (Para) Training: 91 hours
- LSN Hours for Special Education Evaluations: 85 hours
- Delegated minutes (direct service) per week: 1225 minutes per week or 47,775 minutes per year
- Indirect nursing service on IEP: 3220 minutes per year

## Wellness: 26.3%

- Employee Wellness
  - Wellness Cohort
- Wellness Committee and goal work



# Questions?



Thank you for being a part of the WSCC team!



**Superintendent Report**  
**May 21, 2024 from Dr. Renee Corneille**  
**Superintendent of St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools**

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## Student Highlights



*Photo courtesy of PACER*

### **PACER announces 2024 Unity Awards recipient SAVHS student Kathleen Morrison as one of six national winners**

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center (NBPC) recently announced that Kathleen Morrison, SAVHS senior, has been named a recipient of the 10th annual Unity Awards. The Unity Awards recognize individuals and groups that empower others to take action against bullying, advocate for those who need support, or share acts of kindness that cause a ripple effect in their communities.

Kathleen is one of six recipients of this national award. Julie Hertzog, Director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, commented, "Kathleen Morrison is a wonderful example of the power of inclusion and promoting the acceptance of difference. With her joy and persistence in celebrating everyone in her school and beyond, she shows us the benefits of building community wherever you go." Kathleen's mother Rhonda commented, "She has the type of personality that people gravitate toward – she knows that it's important to welcome people and invite them in to participate. Getting in there and trying is her whole spirit. She shows everybody how to get it done. Kathleen doesn't see her limits—in her mind there are none."

Kathleen is involved in many activities at St. Anthony Village High School and in the community at large. Among her many endeavors, she is a part of Student Council, the Student Board of Directors for Unified Schools (and is helping create a Unified Club at St. Anthony), the National Honor Society, Special Olympics, and has worked with the MN State Fair Kemps Little Farm Hands as a volunteer for over five years, where she assists in running the exhibit.

Luke Tressel, Physical Education teacher at St. Anthony, describes Kathleen as "the definition of unify. Just walk down the hallways of St. Anthony and you will see a senior leader bringing together everyone that she comes in contact with. Kathleen constantly inspires our students and teachers to live their best life. As an individual with Down Syndrome, she encourages us to overcome obstacles and to see our challenges as opportunities to excel, even when it's difficult. As a senior, Kathleen is leaving a lasting mark on our school, and I fully believe that she will continue to unify any and every community she is a part of in the future."

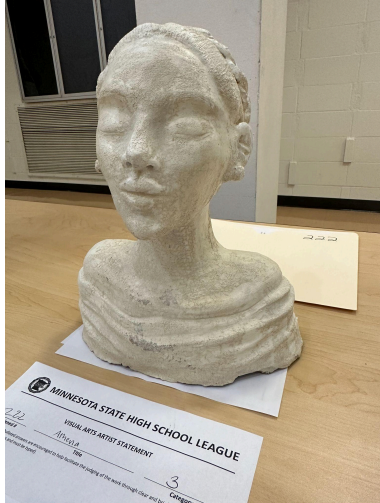
We are so proud of you, Kathleen! Congratulations!

### **Early Childhood Art Fair raises \$1,000 for supplies!**

In the annual Art Fundraiser at Community Services, the Early Childhood team raised \$1,000 for students through purchased artwork, designed by our littlest students. There were bookmarks, paintings, journals, coasters, trivets and much more. Great work!

### **Three SAVHS students set new record for MSHSL art competition**

Three brilliant SAVHS students have set a new record in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Spotlight in the Arts Awards. Seniors Esther Stwalley and Erika Dierke, along with sophomore Mackenzie Nicholas, have all advanced to state. This achievement marks the first time a single school has had more than two students reach this stage in the history of the MSHSL arts awards. Congratulations to our Huskies!



## District Announcements

### **Bussing services will move to Monarch Bus Service**

We are excited to announce that St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools (SANB) will be moving bus companies at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Starting in the summer of 2024, bus transportation will be provided by Monarch Bus Service, which has two decades of experience serving Minnesota school districts and a proven track record of reliability and friendly service.



## Upcoming Events

### **Community Connections: Attend the Senior Luncheon on May 23**

Board members are invited to join our community for a tasty luncheon catered from Culver's accompanied by the sweet sounds of the St. Anthony High School choir. Please sign up through Community Services. The cost of the meal and beverages is \$12 per person.

St. Anthony – New Brighton School District  
Independent School District 282  
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**Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Board Chair Ben Phillip; Vice Chair Mageen Caines; Treasurer Mike Overman Clerk Cassandra Palmer; Director Laura Oksnevad; and Director Laurel Hood

**Staff Present:** Executive Director of Human Resources and Operations Dr. Tim Anderson; Director of Athletics, Activities and Facilities Dr. Troy Urdahl and Communication Specialist Liz Anderson

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ben Phillip.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Laura Oksnevad and seconded by Mike Overman to approve the May 7, 2024 agenda, as presented. The motion carries 6/0.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

In this communications update, Communication Specialist Liz Anderson, updated the School Board on the continuing efforts of the district's communications team.

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

In this facilities report, Dr Urdahl update the School Board on the district's long term facilities maintenance plan (LTFM); the results of the most recent radon testing, a new grant to off-set the cost to create gender-affirming bathrooms; and the Safe Routes Grant awarded to the district for new bike racks.

### **MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The School Board continues to advance its vision at the local, regional, state, and national levels; engaging and building relationships with both public and private stakeholders and advocates on local, state and national levels. The Legislative Liaison, Director Laura Oksnevad, provided an update to the board regarding the advocacy of the SANB Legislative Platform issues, many of which will need continued efforts next session at this current session will end on May 20.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Each school board meeting, the superintendent takes time to reflect on the school district's achievements, events and stories of students and staff. The report highlighted teacher professional development; the impact of our wellness and multilingual coordinators;

administrative professionals week; all state 6-8 grade honor band; athena award banquet; builders club and an article that features SAMS cell phone use practices.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Laurel Hood and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting and Work Session and the April 30 Meeting with the City and Professional Development, as presented. The motion carries 6/0.**

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Mike Overman and seconded by Cassandra Palmer to approve the May 7, 2024, Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carries 6/0.**

### **ACTION**

#### **1. Insurance Contract for ISD282 Employees**

The Health Insurance Transparency Act (HITA) requires school districts to seek bids from health insurance providers every two years. This sealed bid process encourages health insurance providers to make competitive rates based on actual usage. The sealed bids are then opened for review by the district. The bids are analyzed by the district's third party vendor, Gallagher, and then presented for review with a representative from each bargaining group in the district. At the April 16 work session, the data was reviewed, and the recommendation was made to move forward with Health Partners for medical and dental insurance and Hartford will provide Life and Long Term Disability coverage.

**A motion was made by Cassandra Palmer and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to move forward with the contracts for employee insurance, as presented. The motion carries 5/0 with 1 abstention.**

#### **2. 2023-2025 St. Anthony Village Education Association Teacher Contract**

The recently ratified contract from ISD 282 Teachers was presented for approval and vote. For the past four months, the district was engaged in a collaborative negotiations process with union leaders. This contract includes a number of contract language updates, four MOA (memorandum of understanding) and meaningful salary and benefit provisions that illustrate the high value our district places on our teaching staff.

**A motion was made by Cassandra Palmer and seconded by Mike Overman to approve the ratified 2023-2025 SAVEA Master Teacher Contract, as presented. The motion carries 6/0.**

#### **3. Revised Current Year Budget**

The 2023-24 adopted budget was based on information collected during the middle of last year. The proposed budget revision is updated with enrollment on October 1 of the current year, staffing allocations and other updated estimates. In addition, the beginning fund balances are



also updated to reflect the audited 2022-23 ending fund balance. The administration recommended approving the revised budget.

**A motion was made by Laura Oksnevad and seconded by Cassandra Palmer to approve the revised 2023-204 budget, as presented. The motion carries 6/0.**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Levy Referendum Renewal**

This was the second discussion by the School Board regarding the potential renewal of the 2014 - 10 year operating levy. The new statute allows for school districts, by school board vote, a one time renewal of an operating levy. The discussion will continue at the May 21 school board meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

School Board members attended the following meetings and events: joint meeting with the City of St. Anthony Village; Board professional development; policy committee; SAMS track meet; preschool art fair; softball games; baseball games; MSBA Phase IV; boys volleyball; SANBE Endowment; legislative chats; Educator Resilience; NE METro 916; MSBA coffee and conversations; high school track meet; POPS concert; SEAC; wellness committee; 5th grade choir; and Wilshire Park art show.

### **Adjourn**

The Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024 was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Signed Dr. Cassandra Palmer, Clerk  
Attest: Kim Lannier



**SCHOOL BOARD CONSENT AGENDA  
May 21, 2024**

PRESENTER(S): School Board Chair

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION (in the form of a motion): "...to approve the *Consent Agenda*."

**1. Personnel**

a. Resignation(s)

Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Date Effective
<b>Buseth</b>	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Wilshire Park</b>	<b>June 10, 2024</b>

**2. Payment of Bills *Checks Paid* – May 21, 2024**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$147,952.60</b>
<b>Food Service Fund</b>	<b>\$35,456.06</b>
<b>Transportation Fund</b>	<b>\$ 615.57</b>
<b>Community Service Fund</b>	<b>\$8,111.12</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure Fund</b>	<b>\$106,687.05</b>
<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$2,317.84</b>
<b>Student Activities</b>	<b>\$8,769.95</b>

**TOTAL:     \$344,584.28**

## Secure Storage of Firearms Resolution Background

Our board had a first reading of the BeSMART Safe Gun Storage Resolution in front of you on February 20th. When the board discussed the resolution, one thought was that the school district needs to inquire with the City of St. Anthony about collaborating in the effort to provide education and information to students, families and the community. We are seeking your input and inquiring if the city, police and fire departments would be interested in a potential partnership.

As you can see from the [MN Violent Death Reporting System](#) and the links in the resolution, the data is clear that firearms play a major role in the deaths of children. Unauthorized access to firearms is a major source of today's gun violence, a public health crisis. This is particularly true when it comes to school gun violence among children and teens.

Currently, schools are required to address student safety in a multitude of ways: bike, walking and bus safety, physical and emotional safety of students during emergency simulations, chemical health, and healthy relationships. All of which contribute to keeping students and their

communities safe. Our trusted and caring police and fire departments also provide a multitude of safety education to children in the community.

There are a growing number of schools around the country that have passed resolutions requiring that all student households receive information about secure storage. As a result of these efforts, millions of students nationwide attend schools with secure firearm storage policies. Everytown for Gun Safety, the National Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers released a comprehensive set of proven effective solutions to intervene and prevent school gun violence, and responsible firearm storage. Everytown's Be SMART for Kids Campaign ([BeSmartforKids.org](http://BeSmartforKids.org)) is the model that is presented to the board to build awareness of the importance of secure firearm storage.

Minnesota does have a law that deals with negligent firearm storage ([Minnesota Statute 606.666](#)) specifying keeping firearms away from where children could gain access. Minnesota has no law that requires unattended firearms to be stored in a certain way. Minnesota also does not require a locking device to accompany the sale of a firearm, and no current state statutes require firearm owners to affirmatively lock their weapons.

By partnering to provide students, families and community members with education and information about safe firearm storage we can do our part to decrease and hopefully eliminate injuries and deaths due to gun violence.

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St. Anthony - New Brighton (SANB) Schools is a community and district united as a family, and values the safety of our students and staff at all times. As a part of our Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Wellness model, in addition to our student wellness Success Metrics, we demonstrate a commitment to health, wellbeing and safety.

**Time & Location**

Friday, Aug 02, 2024, 7:00 PM – Saturday, Aug 03, 2024, 11:00 PM

3301 Silver Lake Rd NE, St Anthony, MN 55418

**About the event**

Community festival featuring a parade, vendor fair, food trucks and more! The Chamber will be in the parade along with our Villager and Business of the Year Award recipients.

New this year, the Chamber is the organizing sponsor of the vendor fair.

Date: Saturday, August 3rd, 2024

Location: Parking lot behind the St. Anthony Fire Station

Setup time: 9 – 11 a.m.

Event time: 12 – 5 p.m.

If you have a business or craft you want to share with the St Anthony VillageFest community, we are interested in having YOU. Please join us as we celebrate community and introduce yourself to each other and your customers.

Event: Rain or Shine (NO REFUNDS)

Fee: \$50

Space: 10"x10" only

Electricity NOT available

Provide your own Tent, Tables, and Chairs

Tents need to be weighted down and NO SPIKES!