



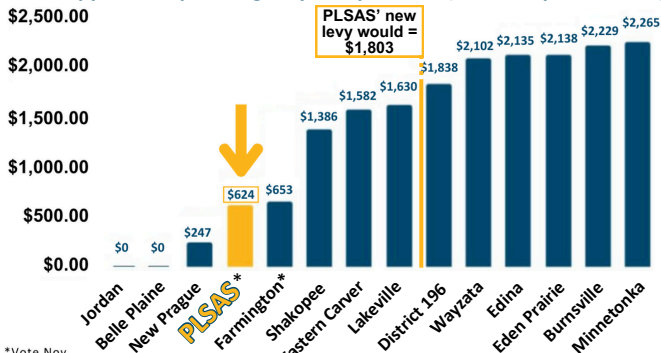
On November 5, 2024, Prior Lake-Savage Area School (PLSAS) district residents will be asked to vote on an operating levy referendum that would bolster the district's financial stability, maintain what we have and allow us to invest in academics and safety.

What's on the ballot?

If approved, additional funds would support investments in programs aligned with our community-informed Strategic Plan. We propose the following to support each student's growth and success:

- Enhance academic excellence that increases student performance and outcomes
- Increase staffing for behavior intervention and student support
- Expand career pathway programs
- Strengthen safety and security at all schools

Voter-approved operating levy comparisons (2023/24 per student)



*Vote Nov.

PLSAS' current operating levy is one of the lowest in the area, which means our district has less money than neighboring districts to operate our schools and provide competitive programming for students.

Budget challenges

PLSAS is facing serious budget challenges, including:

- Rising costs due to inflation
- Unfunded mandates
- Declining K-12 demographics
- Inadequate state funding adjustments

How We Spend Our Money

- **Teaching and Learning (80%)**
 - Salaries and instructional supplies
- **Purchased Services (12%)**
 - Transportation, gas, electricity
- **Capital Expenditures (5%)**
 - Equipment, maintenance
- **Administration (3%)**
 - Central administration and principals

PLSAS manages taxpayer dollars wisely

Our cost per student is nearly \$2,500 below the state average, demonstrating our efficient use of tax dollars. However, this also means we lack the funds needed to improve safety measures, enhance personalized learning, and expand career pathways for students, all priorities identified by many in our community.

Impact if not approved

If the operating levy is not approved, it will be necessary to make significant budget reductions, which are likely to include:

- Closing one or more elementary schools, resulting in boundary changes
- Increasing class sizes
- Staff reductions
- Reducing student programs and more

Tax impact

If approved, the tax impact on the average homeowner (\$445,500 median home value) would be an additional \$45 per month.

Learn more



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