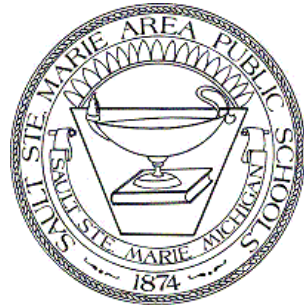


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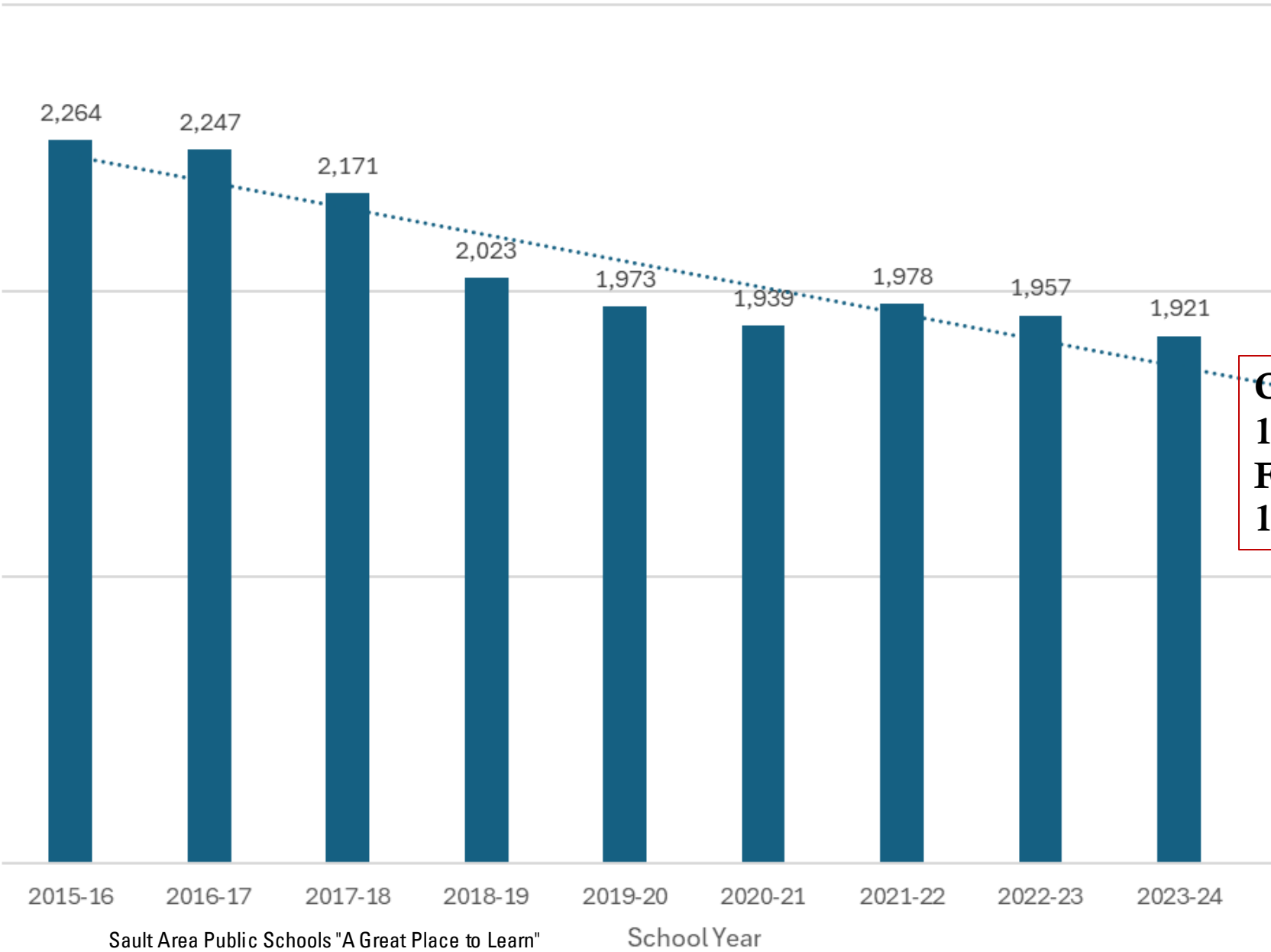
Open Hearing

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# COMMITMENT



## **The Students of Sault Ste. Marie**

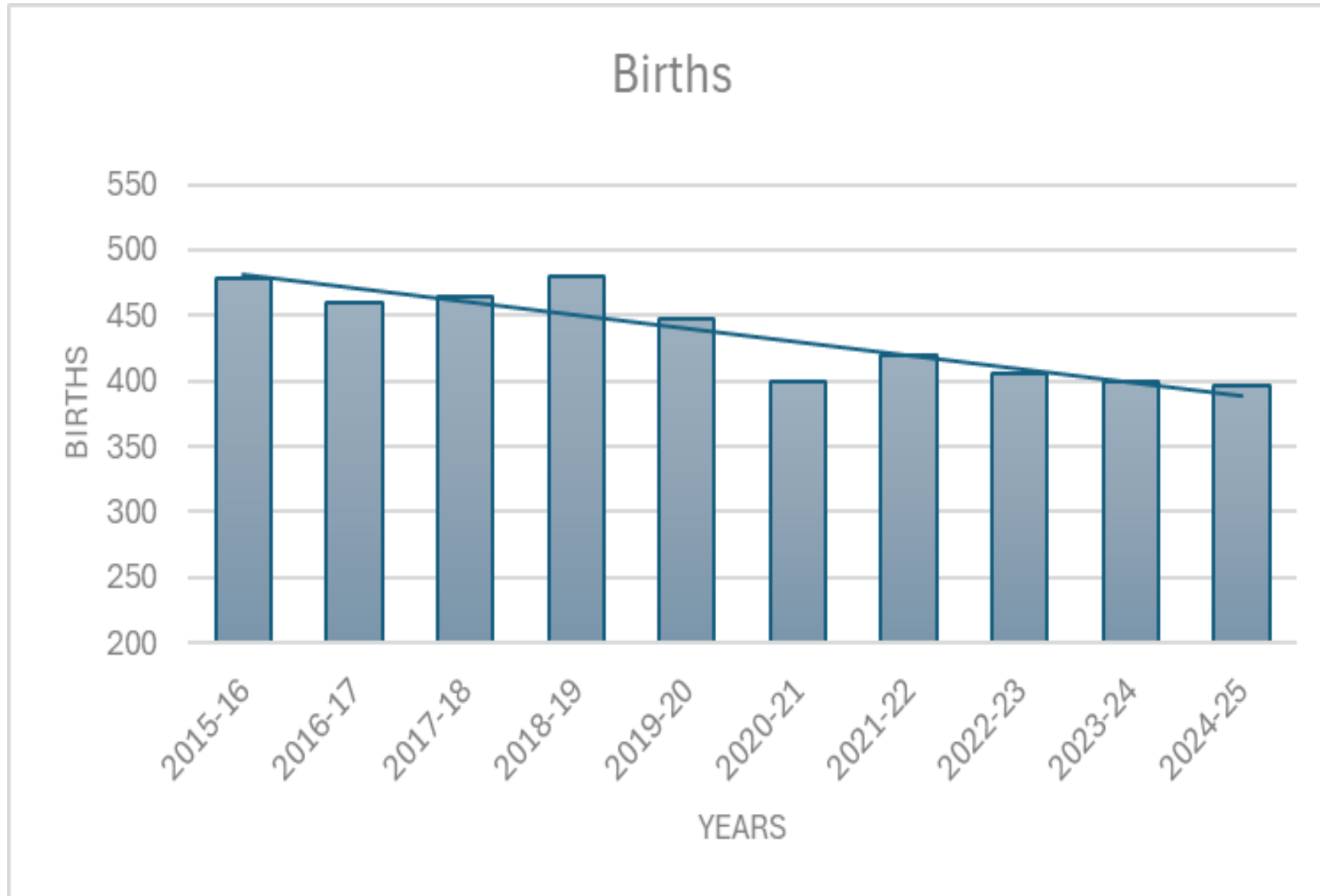


# Sault Area Public Schools

October  
1810  
February  
1775

Impact

- Birth Rates
- Choice
- Housing

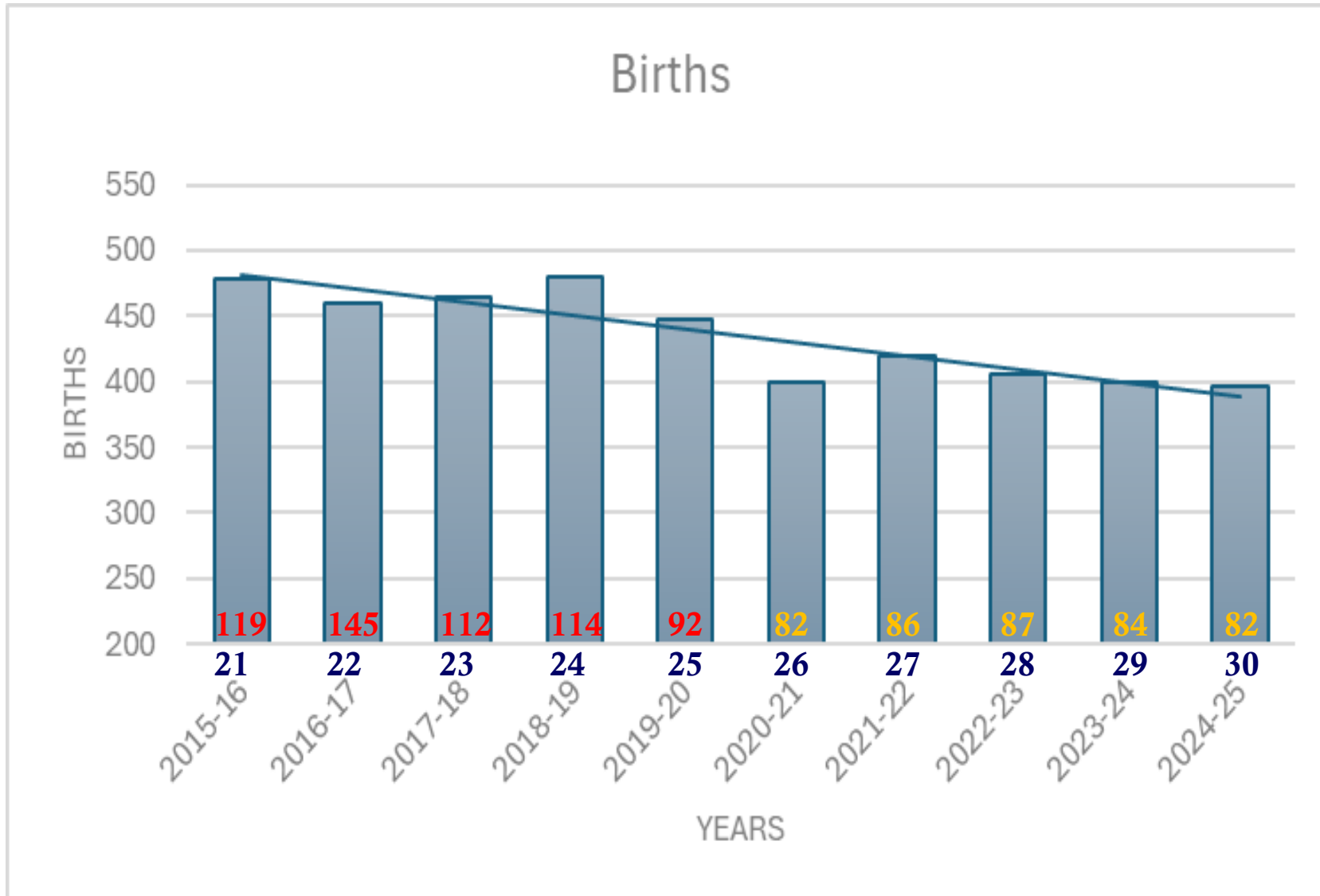


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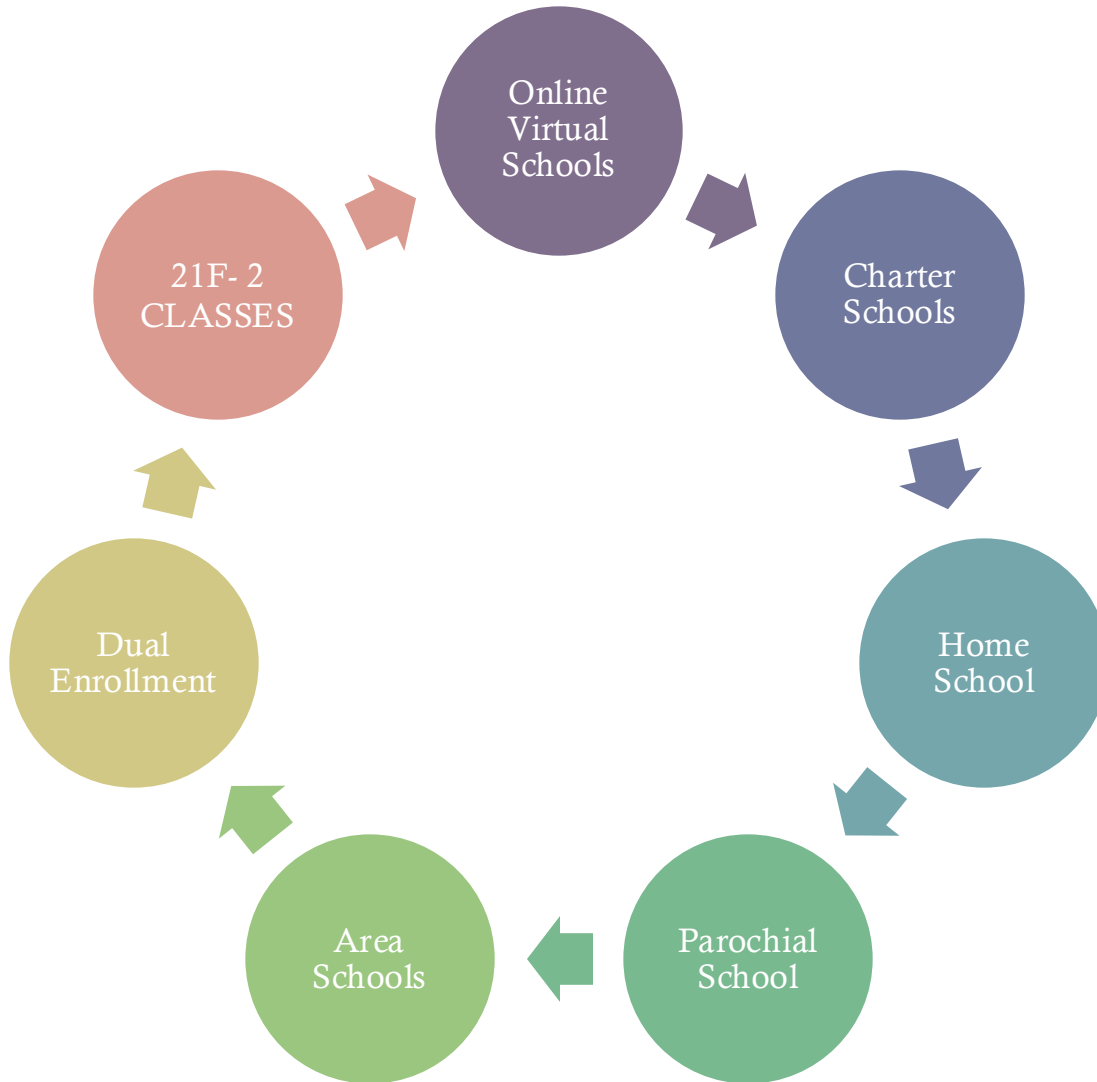
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## Sault Area Public Schools

- Impact
  - Birth Rates
  - Choice
  - Housing

RED=# Attend K 5 Years Later  
Orange=Projected # to Attend K 5 Years Later



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## Sault Area Public Schools

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- Impact
  - Birth Rates
  - **Choice**
  - Housing

101 Online  
Classes  
68 Students



Online  
Virtual  
Schools

Charter  
Schools

Home  
School

Parochial  
School

Area  
Schools

Dual  
Enrollment

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CLASSES

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## Sault Area Public Schools

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- Impact
  - Birth Rates
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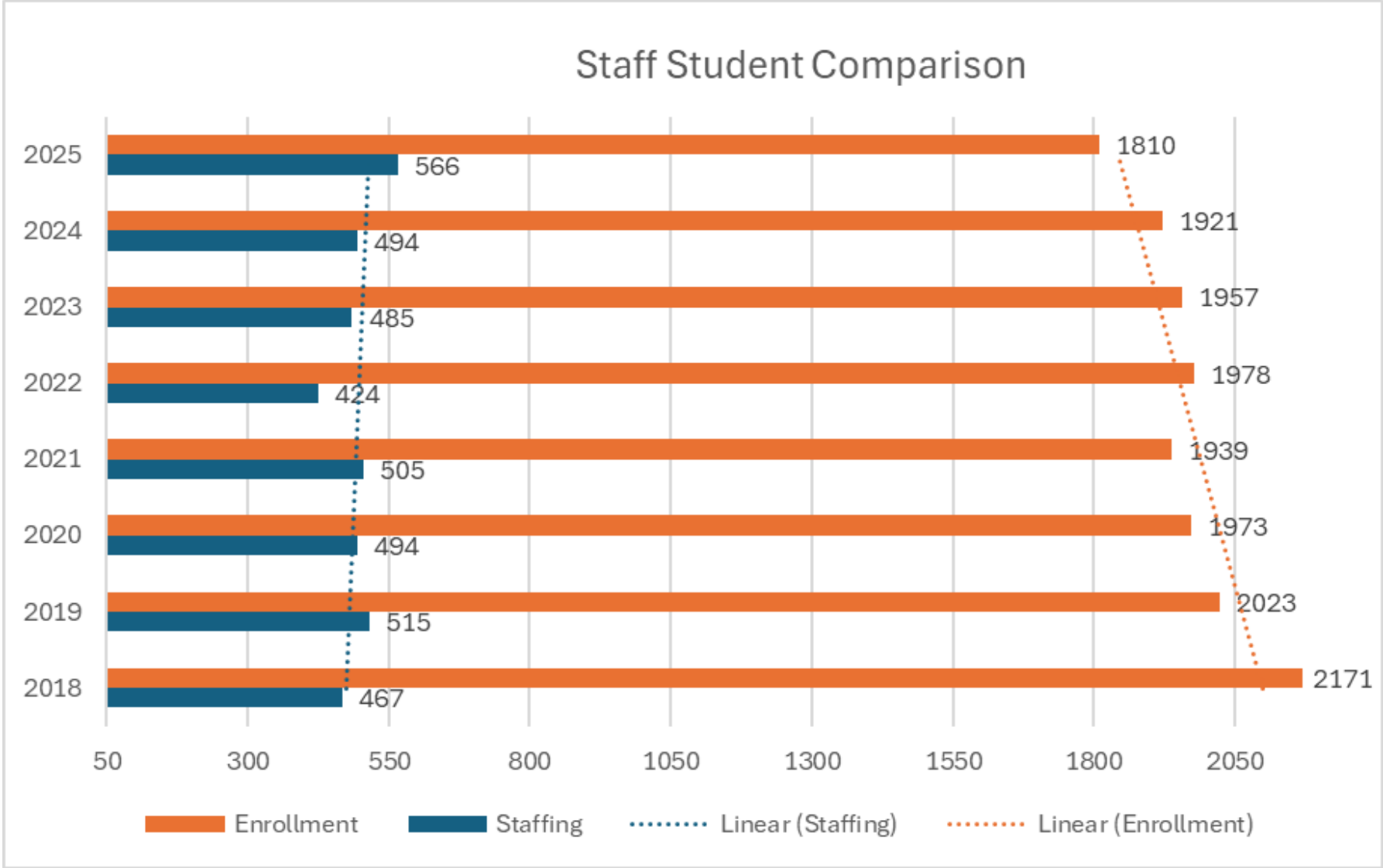
# *Student Needs*

# *Student Programs & Services*





# RELATIONSHIP TO FUNDING AND STAFFING



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# INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fixed Income (School districts are funded with state and federal funds per pupil)
  - Costs impacted by the number of buildings
    - Internet, MIB, Subscriptions
    - Custodial Services
    - Utilities
    - Insurance
    - Yearly Maintenance & Inspections

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-COALITION

Goal: Create a more efficient and effective educational environment for students.

The board sanctioned a community coalition.

Coalition members included:

- School staff, Parents, Community members, Business owners, and Non-profit partners

The committee evaluated a change to:

- Bring all elementary students to the main campus
- Retire two elementary schools

The request aimed to:

- Optimize resources
- Ensure all students had access to the best education and facilities

The coalition's activities included:

- Meeting several times
- Reviewing current resources
- Reviewing enrollment, capacity, transportation, and programs
- Gathering input from stakeholders
- Providing a comprehensive recommendation

The coalition created two options:

- Establish a K-5 elementary school
- Maintain a middle school and high school sharing the current high school building

## Coalition Option 1

Concept Description:	<b>Begin addition/renovation for one year for Middle School 6-8, High School 9-12, Alternative Ed. 7-12, Lincoln &amp; Washington stay as is during remodel w/interim principal @ Washington</b>
Enrollment & Class Size	<b>Special Ed. Support for larger class sizes, or 5 sections</b>
Schools, Buildings, Grades	<b>K-5 @ Middle School, 6-8 &amp; self-contained special ed. @ High School 9-12 @ High School, 7-12 Alt. Ed @ Malcolm</b>
Schedules and Transportation:	<b>8:00-3:00 *remodel for safe pick up/drop off, Group bus stops in town</b>
Administration:	<b>Principal &amp; Assistant Principal K-5, Principal &amp; Assistant Principal 6-8, Principal, Assistant Principal &amp; Athletic Director 9-12, Principal &amp; Assistant Principal (maybe-ideally) Malcolm 7-12</b>
Behavioral Supports:	<b>2 Intervention Specialists K-5, 1 Intervention Specialist 6-8, Social Workers</b>
Academic Support:	<b>K-5 WIN, 4 reading intervention, 2 math intervention, 2 literacy coaches</b>
Special Services	<b>K-5 Native American Advisor</b>
Other	<b>Community Engagement (climbing wall, rope courses, golf, etc), Clubs, *New mascots &amp; building names (competition), *Grand opening celebration</b>

Coalition Option 2	
Concept Description:	<b>FY 2025-2026: close Lincoln</b> <b>Move Grade 2-4 to Middle School</b> <b>Move Grade 8 to High School</b> <b>Begin addition/renovation for one year</b>
Schools, Buildings, Grades	<b>K-5 @ Middle School, 6-8 &amp; self-contained special ed. @ High School</b> <b>9-12 @ High School, 7-12 Alt. Ed @ Malcolm</b>
Schedules and Transportation:	<b>FY 2025-2026: K-5 9:00-4:00, FY 2026-2027: K-5 8:40-3:40; 6-12 8:00-3:00</b> <b>Group stops</b>
Administration:	<b>Principal &amp; Assistant Principal K-5</b> <b>Principal 6-8 (share high school Assistant Principal &amp; Athletic Director)</b> <b>Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, CTE Director 9-12</b>
Behavioral Supports:	<b>2 Intervention Specialists K-5</b> <b>1 Intervention Specialist 6-8</b>
Special Services	<b>K-5 (1 counselor, 2 social workers)</b> <b>6-8 (1 Native Advisor, 2 Counselors, 1 social worker)</b> <b>9-12 ( 1 Native Advisor, 2 Counselors, 1.5 social worker)</b> <b>6-12 SHACC</b>
Academic Support:	<b>K-5 WIN, 4 reading intervention, 1 math intervention, 2 literacy coaches</b> <b>6-12 What's next MCAN</b>
Other	<b>Technology: badging, desktop, more wifi access points, security cameras, bells &amp; PA system MUST</b> <b>Operational: playground equipment, bathroom sink, pool area, additional, renovation, separate locker rooms &amp; bathrooms for 6-8 &amp; 9-12, lockers, lunch tables</b>

# ADDITIONAL CONTEXT

- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS**
- **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- **POLITICAL PRIORITIES**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE PARTNERS**
- **TRUST IN SCHOOL LEADERS TO ESTABLISH THEIR SCHOOL TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE CHANGES NEEDED AS DOCUMENTED BY THE COALITION**

# CALL TO ACTION



Call	Call for an Election- a no tax increase to the community
Approve	Approve the Phase 1 improvements to the high school using capital projects funds
Move	Move elementary students to the main campus in the fall of 2025,
Establish	Establish elementary as K-5,
Establish	Establish middle school as 6-8,
Establish	Establish Malcolm Jr Sr Alternative High School for 7-12.
Locate	Locate the elementary school at the current middle school with special education self-contained programs.
Locate	Locate the middle school at Sault High Building with appropriate school separation as practicable
Plan	For the sale or demolition of current elementary schools, additional phase II enhancements and attention to Van Citters.



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# SAULT AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL & SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL & CAREER CENTER

## 1st Floor Academic Side

- 6th and 7th grade core classes
- Library access
- Offices & Support Staff

## 2nd Floor Academic Side

- 8th –12th grade core classes
- Offices & Support Staff

## Career Center

- CTE programs
- Elective programs 6-8

## Physical Education

- Gymnasium
- Balcony
- Weight Room
- Outside/Cafeteria

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# SAULT AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL & SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL & CAREER CENTER

## Meals

- 9-12
- 6-8
- Gym –open for recess/open gym

## Bathrooms

- Separate floors

## Locker Rooms

- MS do not use

## Lockers

- MS downstairs academic
- HS installation

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# SAULT AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL & SAULT AREA HIGH SCHOOL & CAREER CENTER

SHACC

School Nurse 6-12

Technology

Expanded CTE/elective opportunities

Alignment for 'What's Next'

Administration

Athletic Events

Behavior Interventionist

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# MALCOLM ALTERNATIVE JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL BLUE

- Serves Up to 120 students in grade 7-12
- Provides additional support and programs
- Improves graduation rate by providing years 5-6 for high school students

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# SAULT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL K-5

## Wing 1-Playground

- Grades 4-5

## Wing 2- Parking lot

- Grades K-1 & Intervention Services

## Wing 3 Loop

- Grades 2-3

## Specials

- PE, Art, STEM, Music, Library

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# SERVICES FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS

- Considerations:
  - Expand Links Program to K-12
  - Evaluate program alignment with EUPISD with the Sault PAC
  - Minimize transitions for students
  - Caseload management
  - Share paraprofessionals with varied expertise

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# TRANSPORTATION

- 600-750 Students Currently (610 AM/757 PM)
- Walk-Zone: The current main campus walk-zone will add eligibility to elementary students who live near LSSU.
- AM pickups starting at 6:05 am in areas farthest from school with first round drop off between 7:00-7:30 am. Second round pick-up between 7:15-7:45 am with 7:45-8:00 am drop off. (Might necessitate 8:15 start time to accommodate breakfast)
- PM first round drop off in areas closest to school from 3:15-3:45pm. Second round pick-up at 3:50 pm to drop off in outlying areas from 4:00-5:15 pm.
- Special education bussing remains the same 6:05-8:30 am and 2:00-5:15 pm.



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# DINING SERVICES

## Elementary School

On-site, full-service kitchen

- Increased menu options & Improved food quality
  - No more transporting meals hours before service
- More nutritious breakfast options
  - Daily hot breakfast available
  - Less pre-packaged items

Age-appropriate meals

- Menu that allows students to try new flavors alongside their comfort foods.
- Daily "safe" option available for our less adventurous students. (ex – PB & Banana "burrito" with fresh fruits & veggies)

## Middle & High School

Additional service station to meet the needs of an increased student population

- Example – adding a deli bar station & expanding Ala Carte/Snack Bar space

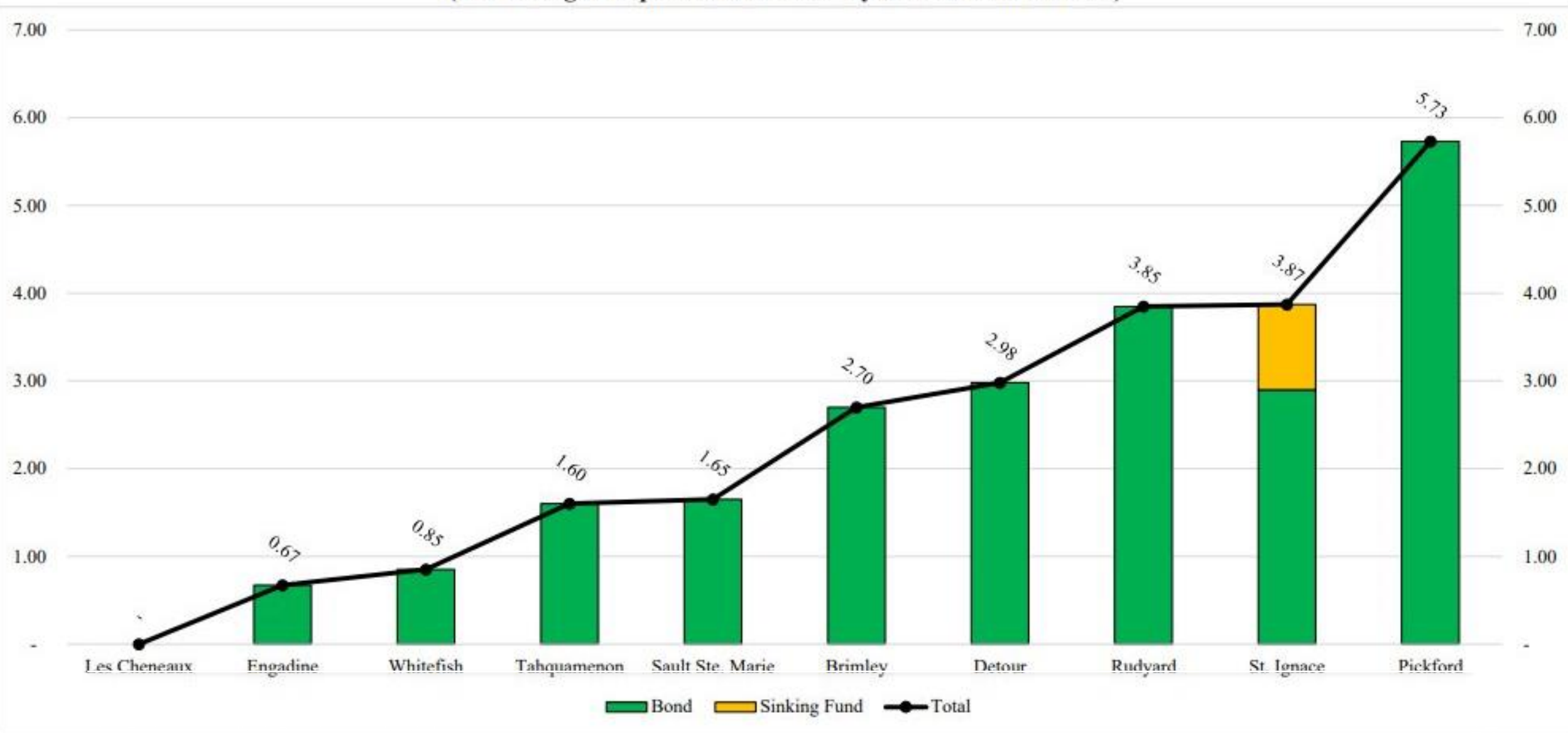
Increased access to Ala Carte/Snack Bar for middle school students.

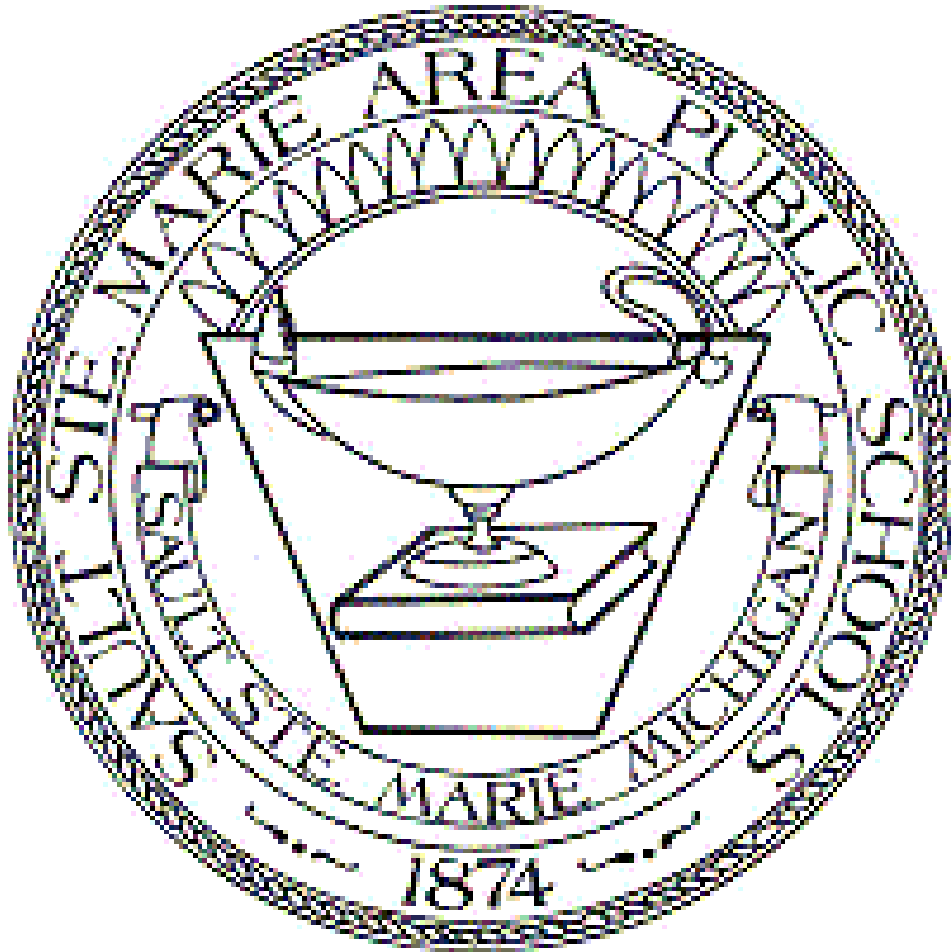
- Will remain "smart snack" compliant
- Will require money on student account – not included as a part of the Michigan Free Meals for All.

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## COMPARISON OF 2024 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL MILLAGE RATES

(Per Michigan Department of Treasury website as of 3/4/2025)





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# BOARD UPDATE

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