INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
JOINT PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

June 22, 2026
8:30 AM

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
   A. Minutes of the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC) Meeting of March 23, 2026 — 2
5. **MAIN AGENDA**
   A. 2026 Legislative Reviews
      1. Ramsey County — 4
      2. City of Saint Paul — 23
      3. Saint Paul Public Schools — 31
   B. Update on Progress Towards Framework and Efficiencies
   C. Property Tax Cycle Updates (standing item)
6. **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**
   A. Continuation to County as Chair
   B. Tuesday, September 15, 2026 (Ramsey County)
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

#BoldSubject#

Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee

Saint Paul School District #625	City of Saint Paul	County of Ramsey
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JPTAC AGENDA
Monday, March 23, 2026
Saint Paul Public Schools – 360 Colborne Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 5A

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Director Henderson at 8:35 a.m.

Members present included:

Halla Henderson	Saint Paul Public Schools
Carlo Franco	Saint Paul Public Schools
Stacie Stanley	Saint Paul Public Schools
Rebecca Noecker	City of St. Paul
Cheniqua Johnson	City of St. Paul (arrived at 8:58 a.m.)
Hwa Jeong Kim	City of St. Paul
Nick Stumo-Langer	City of St. Paul
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County (arrived at 8:37 a.m.)
Rena Moran	Ramsey County
Mai Chong Xiong	Ramsey County (arrived at 8:41 a.m.)
Ling Becker	Ramsey County

Members absent included:

Yusef Carrillo	Saint Paul Public Schools

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Henderson moved to approve the order of the main agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Noecker. It passed by acclaim.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2026 Meeting

Director Henderson moved to approve the Minutes from the January 26, 2026 JPTAC Meeting. It was seconded by Assistant Mayor Stumo-Langer. It passed by acclaim.

4. Legislative Updates

1. Ramsey County
2. City of Saint Paul
3. Saint Paul Public Schools

Each jurisdiction then reviewed their legislative updates - detailed information can be found in the meeting materials.

Director Henderson noted the fiscal impact summary and analysis of Operation Metro Surge and ICE in the metro area, and requested that information be shared with the committee. Director Franco requested further information to be shared on the special education cross-subsidy. Commissioner McMurtrey also requested information on the funds from the federal government. Director Franco also noted the underfunding in ELL services. Councilmember Johnson noted that these are statewide requests that affect multiple school districts across the state. Assistant Mayor Stumo-Langer noted the county and school district pressures, as these are services that must be provided, and we must all work together for our community. While we don't have control over some areas, Commissioner Moran appreciates the work of the entities to come together for the collective power. Councilmember Noecker noted questions about the projection of cuts to balance the state budget and the impacts of that. Superintendent Stanley noted the creation of the Blue Ribbon Commission for special education, and provided more details on their work. The group also noted the need for a letter to the governor that we cannot balance the budget on the backs of our public schools and families, and we need to look into other options, and to apply the long-term pressure. Scenario plans were also reviewed, as well as details on the errors to SNAP reimbursements, as well as waivers.

5. Update on Progress Towards Framework

County Manager Becker then provided this update, which included a map of all city, county, and school district buildings, procurement opportunities, and data practices contacts. Councilmember Noecker thanked Ms. Becker for her leadership and requested more details on the framework, including documentation, and recognition of inefficiencies under the three entities and the benefits of cross-sharing of resources. The goal is to reduce redundancy and improve cost savings, including collective contracts. Councilmember Johnson requested information on the timeline and alignment with the meetings of JPTAC. Director Henderson noted that it will need to be actionable and work for all three entities, as well as future conversations to review the framework. Ms. Becker noted that she can assign staff to lead this work. The statute and goals of the group were also reviewed, including to drive budget outcomes and to agree on an overall levy. Director Franco noted the next update in June, and the option of subgroups or committees and continued monitoring of the work. The different budgetary timelines were also noted. The group will also connect offline on this work. A potential JPTAC retreat was also noted to discuss further.

6. Member Discussion of Agenda Future Meeting Dates

a. Other member discussion of other topics
b. Future meeting dates include:
    i. Monday, June 22, 2026 (SPPS)
    ii. Tuesday, September 15, 2026 (Ramsey County)

7. Adjourn

Director Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

2026 Legislative Update

June 22, 2026

RAMSEY COUNTY

General County Accomplishments

SNAP administrative costs

MAAFPCWDA funding

Human Services IT Modernization

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Family Homeless Prevention Aid Program

Local Homeless Prevention Aid

Case management system and rate study

Ramsey County Accomplishments

Launched conversation on Capitol Complex County Host Program (bills & revenue note)

Won extension of tax that funds Environmental Response Fund

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Human Services: Big impacts on county budgets

- SNAP: $10.7 million for counties for administrative costs in FY 2027.
  - No funding for benefit cost this year; will focus on this in 2027.
- MAAFPCWDA: $15 million for county implementation.
  - Expect case review to be moved to DCYF in 2027 (would be costly for counties).
- Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS):
  - Counties still working to avoid major cost shifts proposed last year.
  - Were tasked to find cost savings of $180m by Dec 2026 to avoid shifts.
  - However, the savings that counties proposed so far ($122.6m) were allocated to general fund instead.
- Studies and working groups on administration of human services programs, transition of medical assistance to state, and waiver case management.

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Human Services IT Modernization

- Total spending of $90 million over two biennia to modernize human services IT systems.
- Creation of advisory council that will include county representation.
- Essential for efficient administration of human services programs by counties.

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Housing and Homelessness

- Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP): $40 million allocated for emergency rental assistance:
  - $5.6 million for Ramsey County.
  - Must be spent by end 2026—will be big push.
- $13 million to support Continuum of Care grantees affected by HUD funding instability.
- Local Homeless Prevention Aid extended from 2028 to 2032.

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Capital Improvement Requests

Park at RiversEdge ($20 million)

Aldrich Arena ($8.5 million)

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- No awards this year.
- Not that many local projects—half-billion awarded to water infrastructure.

Looking ahead to 2027

- 2027 will be a budget year. Fiscal outlook remains to be seen.
- All House and Senate seats up for election in November.
- Over 20% of the legislature is retiring or running for another office (23 members, including 7 in Ramsey County).
- Ramsey County is losing gavels/representation on Capital Investment, State and Local Government, and other committees.
- Need to encourage delegation members to get seats on these committees.

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Thank you!

RAMSEY COUNTY

Saint Paul Public Schools

SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee

6.22.2026

Shared Challenges Require Shared Solutions

- **Current Reality**
  - Increasing fiscal pressures across jurisdictions
  - Growing complexity of community needs
  - Similar service populations served by multiple agencies
- **Opportunity**
  - Leverage collective expertise, resources, and influence
  - Strengthen relationships and regional problem-solving
  - Reduce overall property tax pressure
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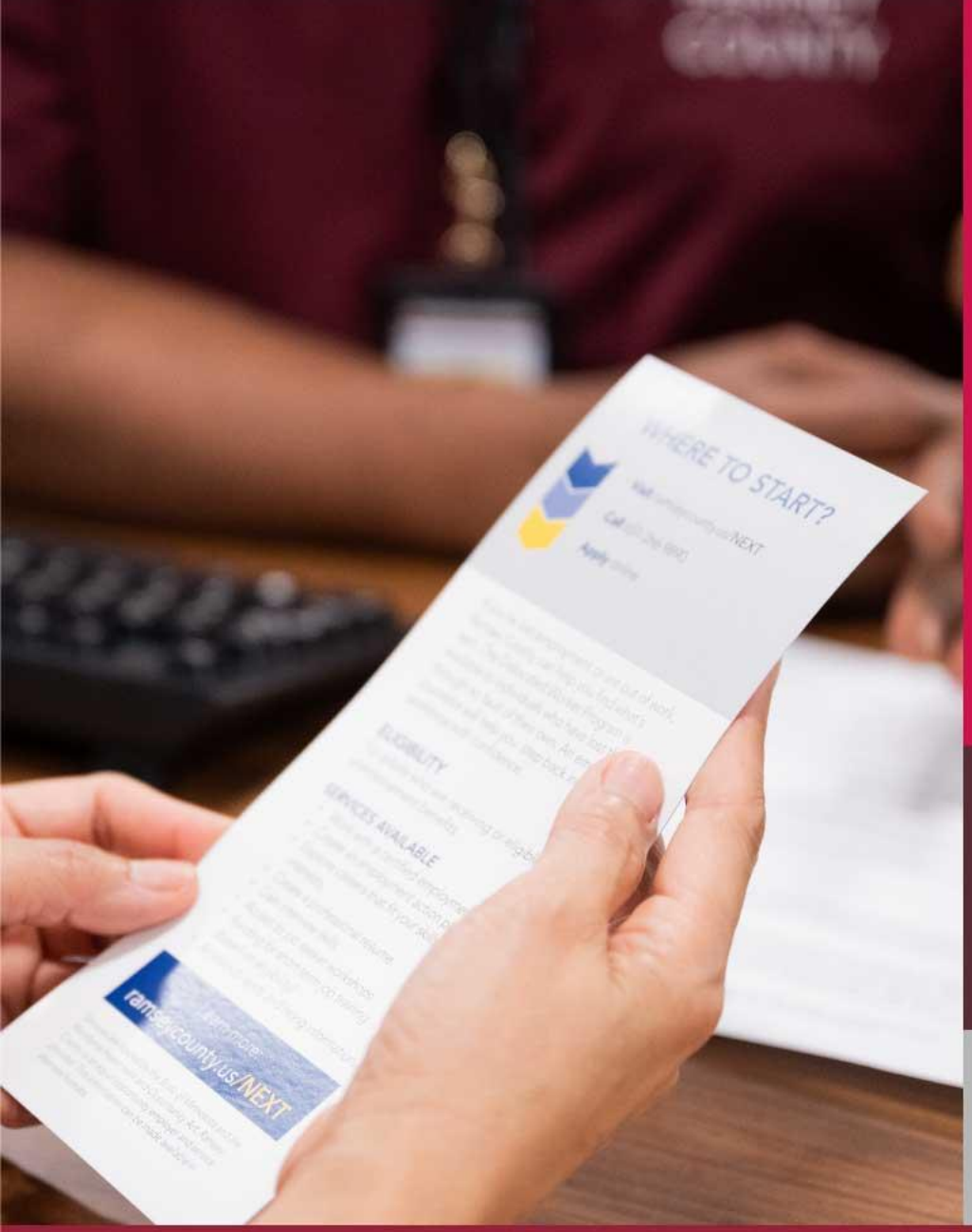

Opportunity to Leverage JTPAC

Short-Term Priorities

- Identify current challenges and immediate opportunities

- **Mid-Term Initiatives**
  - Organizational projects and investments underway
- **Long-Term Goals**
  - Strategic plans and future direction
- **Benefits**
  - Improved coordination
  - Reduced duplication of effort
  - Stronger alignment of regional priorities
  - Consistent communications with legislators and stakeholders
  - Reduction in costs = property tax impacts

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Build on Existing Partnerships

- **Shared Planning**
  - Share annual budget cycles and planning timelines
  - Create visibility into organizational decision-making processes
- **Expand Existing 2-Way Partnerships**
  - Build upon successful collaborations already in place i.e., City of St. Paul and St. Paul Public School print shop
- **Joint Initiatives**
  - Disparity studies
  - Identify projects where shared resources can achieve greater impact

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Most Immediate

- Evaluate mechanisms to move and share resources more readily
    - Open ended JPAs
    - Communicated growth mindset shift – get leaders together
    - Low hanging efforts of things we are already doing

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Opportunities for Expanded Collaboration

- In addition to executive-level leadership meetings, create opportunities for periodic cross-functional convenings among:
    - Human Resources
    - Emergency Management
    - Procurement
    - Finance
    - Government Relations
    - Property/Real Estate
    - Information Services (CIOs)

Goal-Connect the right people at the right level to move ideas into action and strengthen collaboration.

Reset JTPAC Coordinating structure and roles

Consistent Agency Responsibilities

- Serve on leadership team
- Collective agenda development
- Continuity of effort

Rotating Host Agency Responsibilities

- Coordinate meeting logistics
- Secure meeting locations and facilitate meetings

Shared Expectations

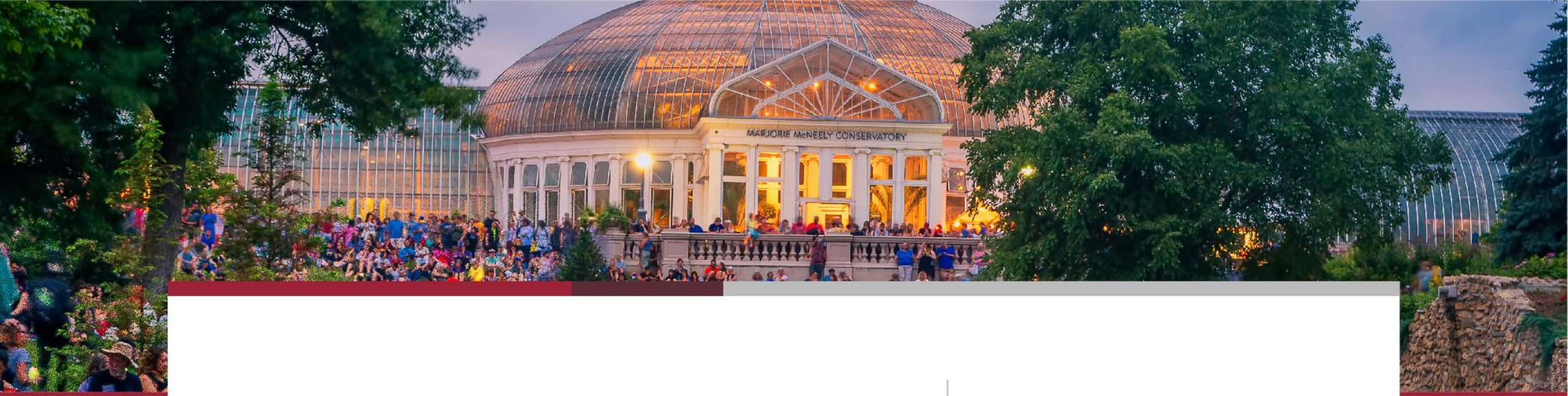
- Agenda topics developed collaboratively by all partners
- Establish clear expectations for participation
- Ensure appropriate representation and decision-making authority

Identified areas of opportunities - Discussion

- Facility and asset use planning
- Resources hub to community
- Contractor and vendor engagement – disparity study
- Capital planning
- Insurance and benefits
- Existing 2 partner initiatives

Next Steps

- Set up regular meetings of JTPAC Leadership Team
- Schedule cross function leads meeting this summer
- Ensure leadership conveys importance of the work to break down existing silos.
- Identify areas where strong collaboration is already happening.
- Discuss short and long-term efforts to develop work teams.
- Regular report outs to JTPAC.



Questions

RAMSEY COUNTY

Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL

End of Session Update to JPTAC 6/22/2026

What did we get?

What did we NOT get?

Bonding Bill – Saint Paul Platform Priorities

- $13 M GO for West 7th utilities
- $40 M GO for Roy Wilkins auditorium
- $10 M GF/cash for RiverCentre arena
- $9.35 M GO for Como Zoo Big Cats exhibit
- $1.5 M GO for Saint Paul Water Fridley intake station
- $1 M GO for CHS baseball field predesign
- $3.6 M GO for Latino Museum
- $2.5 M GO Extension of 2023 bonding funds for St. Paul Inclusive Playground

- About $81.95 M in GO and GF projects

* Other Noteworthy Items in Omnibus Bills

- Non-fatal shooting $905,000
- FHPAP (Family Homelessness Prevention Assistance Program) $40 million
- One-time Property tax relief of $125 million
- New State Park at the Capitol: Melissa & Mark Hortman Memorial State Park
- Capitol Security funding and new policies
- Pension omnibus bill
- BCA – Maryland Avenue fencing issue
- Legacy bill – metro parks/trails funding

*List likely incomplete!

Priority & Support Platform Items – Undone

- ½ cent sales tax extension – couldn't get out of the House (Rep. Hollins / Sen. Pappas)
- STAR programmatic changes – (Rep. Hollins, Sen. Pappas)
- Operation Metro Surge business assistance - $100 million (Rep. Jay Xiong / Sen. Champion
- Operation Metro Surge local govt reimbursement - $2 million (Rep. Freiberg / Sen. Dibble)
- Natural Disaster to include Cyber Attacks – *Advance in LMC / Metro Cities policy committees*
- State reimbursement for law enforcement response, protests at Capitol, Gov. Residence (Rep. Stier / Sen. Oumou Verbeten) *Advance in LMC / Metro Cities policy committees*
- Incentivizing Downtown Redevelopment – CUB credit bill, TIF changes
- Reinstating full park funding for regional park systems
- Gun violence measures
- Traffic safety camaras pilot program for speeding
- Extend funding for juvenile trades program (Rep. Jay Xiong)
- Property Tax Taskforce (Rep. Norris)
- County's Park at RiversEdge bonding bill left out (Rep. Perez-Vega / Sen. Pappas)

What’s next?

SUBTITLE

Partners, Policy Committees, Platforms & Politics

Good partners: Metro Cities, League of MN Cities, Labor, SPAC, Downtown Council, others.
Opportunities with League of MN Cities, Metro Cities, Ramsey County & School District.
Kick-off our 2027 Platform Development later this summer, goal ready to go by Election, work ahead of time.
Election Day November 3! New Governor! New Legislators! **Session starts January 4th!**
Work Delegation on new chair, committee assignments, issues in advance, early drafting of bills.

Questions?

Session starts January 4th, 2027

2026 Legislative Outcomes

Jim Grathwol, Legislative Liaison

Forecast Bill Preserves 2023 - 2025 Gains

- Link General Education formula to Inflation (2-3% for FY2025-2029)
- Special Education Cross Subsidy aid increased from 44% in FYs 24-26 to 50% in FY27 (In FY20 it was 6.43%)
- Base EL funding increases: FY23 $704; FY 27 $1,725
- EL Concentration increases: FY23 $250: FY24-26: $1,228
- EL Cross Subsidy FY27 and beyond: 25%
- Expanded Medicaid Billing for school related health services for FY25 and beyond

Outcomes of the 2026 Legislative Session

- Permanent School Fund Constitutional Amendment placed on 2026 Ballot :
  - Updates fiscal management practices to allow an additional yield to schools of $28 per pupil in FY 2028 if approved by voters in fall 2026
- $10M Compensatory Revenue Hold Harmless
- $10M for:
  - Implementation of anonymous threat reporting systems ($5M)
  - Grants to school districts/charters/nonpublic schools
  - Grant to Department of Public Safety ($1M)

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2026 Legislative Outcomes (cont.)

- SPTRFA fund improvements
  - Reduces employee contribution; increases employer contribution; increases state aid to the fund; extends suspension of earnings limitations for SPTRFA members returning to teaching service through 2030
- HHS bill
  - $12.5M in FY 2027 for School Linked Mental Health Grants.
    - Non Publics and tribal schools made eligible
  - $3.8M for FY27 only for mobile crisis service grants
  - LBO required to survey schools for on employee health insurance costs

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- $10M for School Safety Grants:
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Board Discussion

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