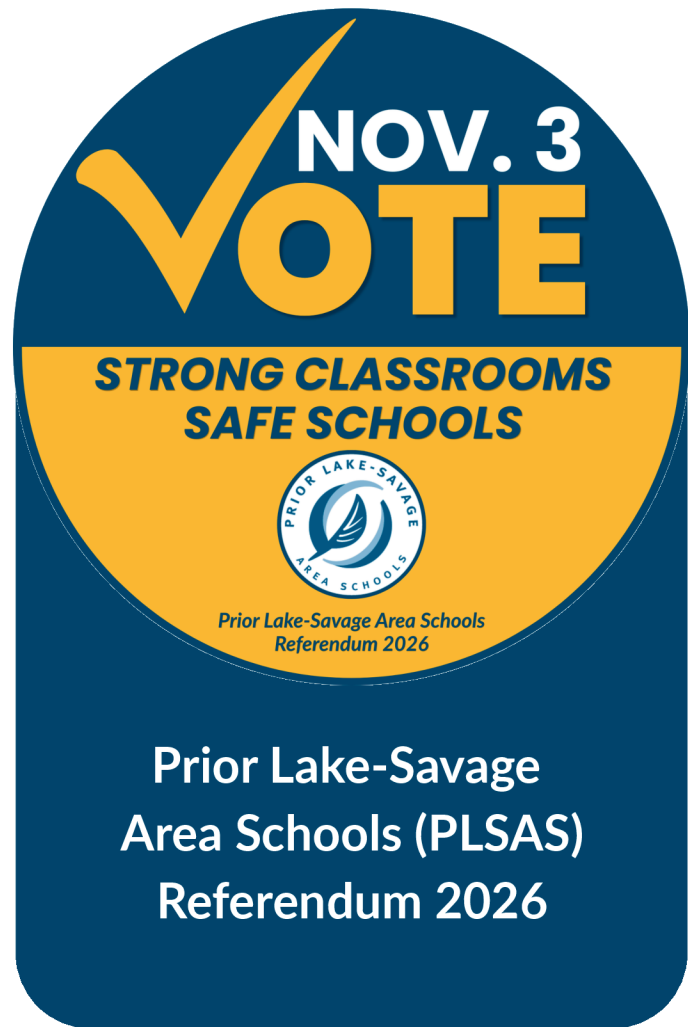




Why Are Questions On The Ballot?



State funding has not kept pace with inflation.



Student enrollment has declined, reducing revenue.



Since 2024, PLSAS has made **\$12.25 million** in budget reductions.



Based on current financial projections, the district is on track to face a significant financial shortfall and could enter statutory operating debt within 2-3 years without additional funding.



Shared Stewardship

PLSAS continues to reduce expenses and operate efficiently so available resources can support classrooms, students, and staff.



\$3,094
LESS REVENUE
PER STUDENT

Total Funding Comparison

PLSAS currently receives **\$3,094 less per student** in total funding compared to the Minnesota state average.

Question 1

OPERATING REFERENDUM LEVY



Supports day-to-day school operations and programs.

Helps reduce the amount of future budget reductions.

Estimated Tax Impact:
Additional \$46/month for the average homeowner (\$525,000 home value).

Annual inflationary adjustments apply in years 2–10.

Question 2

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

Only takes effect if Question 1 & 2 pass.



Funds school safety, instructional resources, ongoing facility maintenance and technology infrastructure.

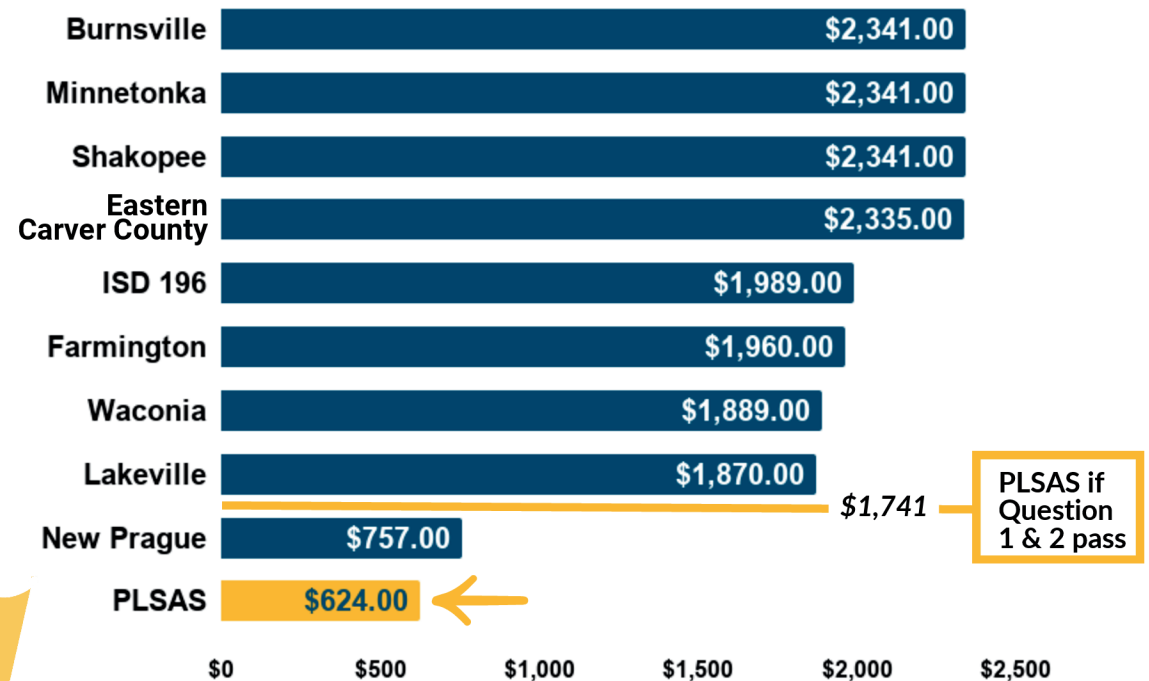
Estimated Tax Impact:

*Question 2 is tax-impact neutral in year one due to planned debt reduction off setting the tax increase. Question 1 must pass in order for Question 2 to apply.

Years 2–10: Tax bills may change with property values, even though the rate stays the same.

***TAX NEUTRAL**

Operating Referendum Comparison (2026–27 Revenue Per Student)



PLSAS has one of the lowest voter-approved operating levies among comparable high-residential districts, limiting the local revenue available to support school operations and student programs.

If Question 1 & Question 2 Are Approved, Funds Would Support:

Strong Classrooms:

- Daily school operations and programs
- Curriculum and textbooks
- Reliable Wi-Fi and network systems that connect students and staff to learning materials
- Ongoing upkeep of schools
- Minimizing future staff reductions
- Improving academic excellence

Safe Schools:

- Secure student entrance at Prior Lake High School
- Security window film at all schools
- Expanded surveillance cameras
- Maintaining playgrounds with inclusion



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