

NLS Zero Tax-Increase BIG BENEFITS

New London-Spicer 2026 Operating Levy



FAST FACTS

**VOTE ON OR BEFORE NOV. 3
EARLY VOTING NOW OPEN!**

This fall, voters will consider an Operating Levy for Learning with no increase to current school taxes. New London-Spicer believes in strong schools and strong futures. But some things outside our control have made that harder. State funding has not kept up with inflation, and costs keep rising faster than the money coming in. Because of this, the district has already cut almost \$750,000, with more cuts on the horizon. A new state program redirects state funding back to qualifying districts like ours, where many homes are cabins or seasonal places. If approved, the levy would help reduce future cuts to programs, class sizes and services.

Keeping it Local

STAYING INVESTED IN OUR

future.

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

A new operating levy with ZERO TAX INCREASE!

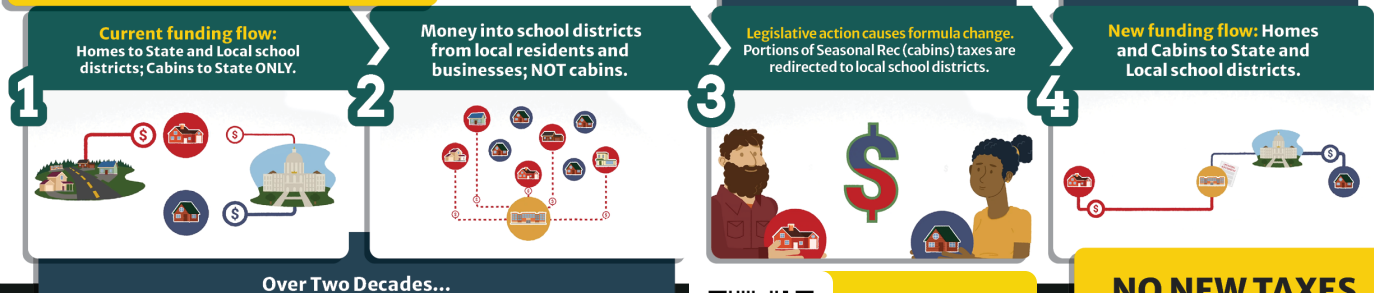
Zero tax increase for permanent property owners, while generating ~\$1 million in annual operating revenue starting in 2027. This is possible through the Seasonal and Recreational Tax Base Replacement Aid – a correction to a long-standing funding imbalance that redirects a portion of the tax dollars that seasonal/recreational homeowners have been paying to the State's general fund, back to the school district and back to our community.

SEASONAL TAX BASE REPLACEMENT AID

EXPLAINED

A NEW STATE PROGRAM PROVIDES
ADDITIONAL AID TO DISTRICTS
LIKE NLS WITH A HIGH SHARE OF
CABINS AND SEASONAL PROPERTY.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



**CHECK OUT
THE VIDEO**

**NO NEW TAXES
FOR NLS RESIDENTS**

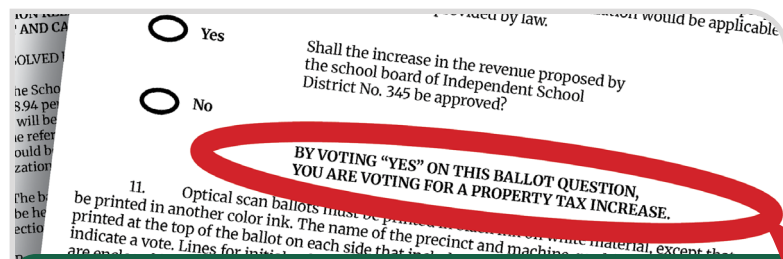
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New London-Spicer School District
101 4th Ave SW
New London, MN 56273



STATE LAW REQUIRES THE BALLOT TO INCLUDE:
"BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."

WHY NO TAX INCREASE?

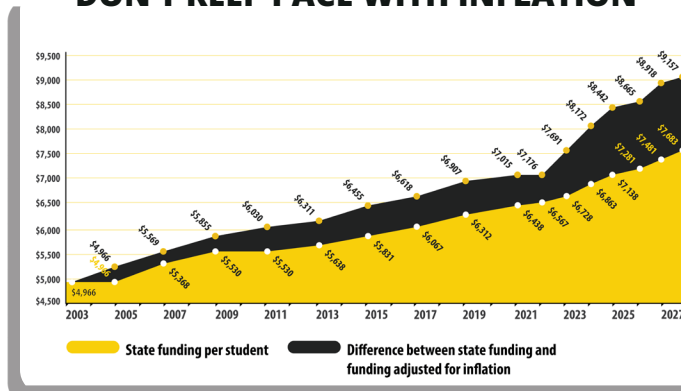
For the first time, seasonal and recreational properties can help support local school operating levies. More property included in the tax base means the cost of the levy would be spread across more properties and taxpayers.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
NO TAX INCREASE FOR NLS!

**"Zero tax increase,
big benefits. When I
walk in our schools,
I see kids who
love their classes,
teachers, and
activities. This
helps them
keep that."**

Superintendent
Jamie Boelter

STATE REVENUE INCREASES DON'T KEEP PACE WITH INFLATION



- Had state revenue increased by the rate of inflation each year since 2003, the 2027 allowance per pupil would be \$9,157.
- The difference between this year's state revenue per pupil and the inflation adjusted potential revenue is \$1,474 or 19.2%.

AT NLS, WE'RE PROUD OF OUR STRONG SCHOOLS - AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY STRENGTHEN



NLS childcare is **4-Star ParentAware** rated for over a decade!



NLS High School celebrates **93.2% graduation rate**. Compared to the state average 85%.



NLS elementary students **score 10% higher** than the MCA State average in Reading.



NLS Students have **22 Activities** options in Grades 7-12.

WHAT WILL IT COST ME? Zero. Zilch. Zip. Nada.

**ZERO TAX INCREASE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, WHILE GENERATING
~\$1 MILLION IN ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE STARTING IN 2027.**

VOTING INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 18 - Early Voting Begins!
NOVEMBER 3 - General Election Day

WHERE & WHEN DO I VOTE?

<https://bit.ly/4dV2CuH>

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Community Meeting Virtually on
Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.**

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2026

There will be two combined polling places for this special election that will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Green Lake Township: 650 County Road 10, Spicer, MN 56288**, Dove Township, Harrison Township, & City of Spicer
- **New London Township: 16151 County Road 9 NE, New London, MN 56273**
Arctander Township, Burbank Township, Colfax Township, Irving Township, Lake Andrew Township, Norway Lake Township, Roseville Township & City of New London



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Amendment**

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