



The  
“**Done  
for a  
Decade**”

LEVY REQUEST



Mounds View  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Mounds View Public Schools is a  
**destination district** that adds value to our community.

**9** out of **10** residents

say our community receives a good value from its investment in our schools.

Source: Resident survey 2019



**Enrollment is increasing. So are students' needs.**

Mounds View consistently ranks among the highest-performing districts in the state. Student test scores routinely rank in the **Top 10 of all metro districts**. On average, students perform one to three years ahead of their national peers in math and reading.



Source: Median performance of students on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress

Mounds View invests **76 cents of every dollar** in student instruction and support.



- Sites and buildings: 7¢
- Transportation: 9¢
- District & school administration: 4¢
- District support services: 3¢
- Fixed costs: 1¢

Source: District General Fund budget, 2019-20



Some class sizes are reaching the **top end** of the approved averages.

The District's fund balance has dropped below the **low end** of recommended ranges.



*These are the funds that protect class sizes and programs for students at times when funding is uncertain.*



Many students in our schools and across the nation are struggling with mental health issues. Left unaddressed, the issues students face could result in significant problems.



For special education services, the District spent \$7 million more than it received from the state in 2017-18.



*Unfunded mandate.*

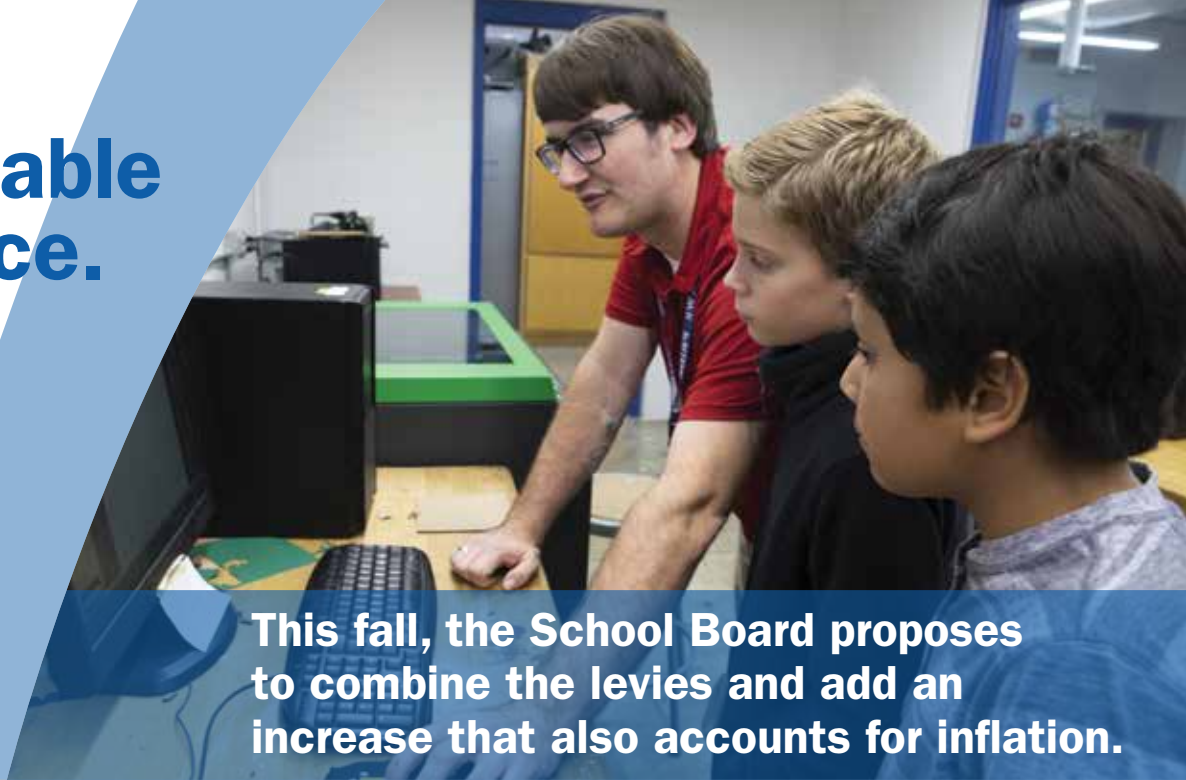
EFFECTIVE

EFFICIENT

## Voter-approved levies

# keep class sizes stable and programs in place.

- Mounds View has two voter-approved levies that have been in place since 2006.
- Since that time, voters have renewed each levy with no tax increase.
- This year one of the levies is expiring.
- Without the revenue it provides, schools will lose \$7 million every year.

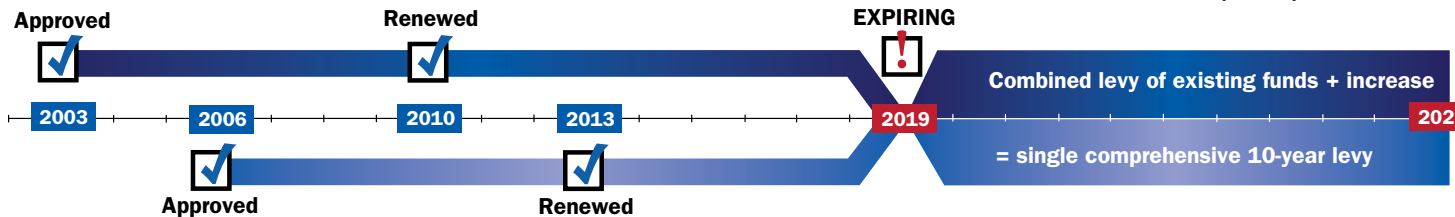


This fall, the School Board proposes to combine the levies and add an increase that also accounts for inflation.

• By combining the levies into a single 10-year levy, the District intends to avoid levy-renewal voter fatigue.

• If successful, the levy request would provide an additional \$12 million annually and represent a monthly tax increase of about \$28 for owners of a median-valued home in our district.

Source: Ramsey County.



Residents can calculate their specific tax impact using a tax calculator at [www.moundsviewschools.org/doneforadecade](http://www.moundsviewschools.org/doneforadecade).

With additional revenue, the District will have

# more reliable funding



to provide stable class sizes and consistent programs for students – for the next 10 years.

In addition, the levy revenue will help enhance ongoing efforts to provide:

✓ Social, emotional and mental health resources for students.



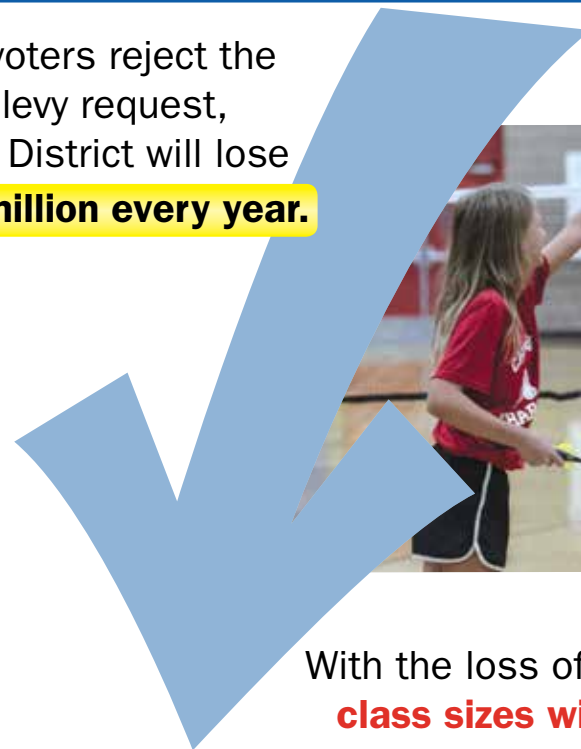
✓ Upgraded safety and security for all students, staff and visitors.



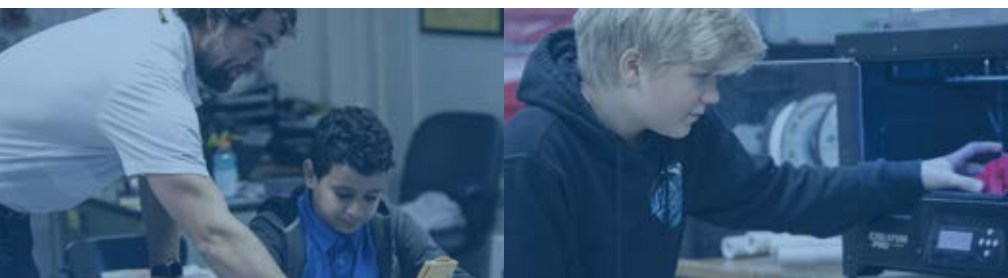
✓ Career pathway programs preparing students for high-demand, high-wage careers in the trades and other job fields.



If voters reject the levy request, the District will lose **\$7 million every year.**



With the loss of this revenue, **class sizes will rise while programs will be cut.**



## BOND VS. LEVY

In 2017, voters approved a bond request to add much-needed space to school facilities. By law, this money can't be used for classroom expenses. Only levies can provide the funding needed to keep class sizes stable and programs in place.

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- **Vote early in person at the Shoreview Library,**  
4560 Victoria Street North.  
**October 29 - November 1:** noon - 6 p.m.  
**November 2:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**November 4:** noon - 5 p.m.
- Vote by absentee ballot before November 5.  
Applications available at  
[www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting](http://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting)
- Vote on Election Day, November 5.  
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