

THE PATH AHEAD

When voters approved the November 2021 operating levy, Shakopee Public Schools was able to take a large financial step forward. While the district's financial situation for the current school year has not changed, all forms of operating revenues including federal and state funding, operating levy and one-time funding (I.e. pandemic response funds) will help build an improved, well-constructed and ongoing financial reality. Take a look at the latest update of how the operating levy funds are working for you, the community and taxpayers of Shakopee Public Schools.

YOUR FUNDS WORKING FOR OUR STUDENTS

See how levy dollars from the November 2021 election will soon fund educational programs and day-to-day operations of our schools, as relayed prior to voter approval. All actions noted start in the 2022/23 school year as funds are not available until July 1, 2022.

QUESTION #1



Restore teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals positions and class size targets to previous levels

- ✓ Smaller class sizes
- ✓ More student services and greater mental health support



Eliminate projected structural budget deficits

Goal is to have 8-12% in the unassigned fund balance per school board policy

- ✓ 2022/23 school year budget is balanced
- ✓ Actual June 30, 2021 unassigned general fund balance was \$1,450,808, 1.46%
- ✓ Projected June 30, 2022 unassigned general fund balance is \$4,135,195, 4.17%
- ✓ Draft projection of the June 30, 2023 unassigned general fund balance is \$7,973,123, 7.46%



Restore 5th Grade band, College in the Schools/ Concurrent Enrollment Courses and ACT student fee payments

- ✓ Restoring the following CIS courses:
 - Intro to Literature
 - University Writing
 - American Democracy in a Changing World
 - Spanish 1004
 - Public Speaking (for both 11th and 12th graders)
- ✓ Restoring the following Concurrent Enrollment courses (earn college credit):
 - Healthcare in the U.S.
 - Intro to Hospitality Management
 - Internship in Graphic Design
- ✓ Restored student ACT support
- ✓ Examining programming and schedules to provides better specialist learning services and experiences
- ✓ Restoring 5th Grade Band

QUESTION #2



Make additional improvements to class size target

- ✓ Due to COVID-19 pandemic disruptions, the most recent metro average classroom size comparison data (ESCU) is not applicable in the current school year. It will be advantageous to analyze ESCU data for the 2022/23 school year in order to make class size target adjustments beginning with the 2023/24 school year.



Shorten walking distances for grades 9 – 12 to 1.5 miles

- ✓ Shorter walking distances begin September 2022



Increase fine arts and activities offerings

- ✓ Planning with stakeholders group which includes teachers, students, school board and community members
- ✓ Parent/guardian feedback opportunity in March
- ✓ New activities starting in the 2022/23 school year

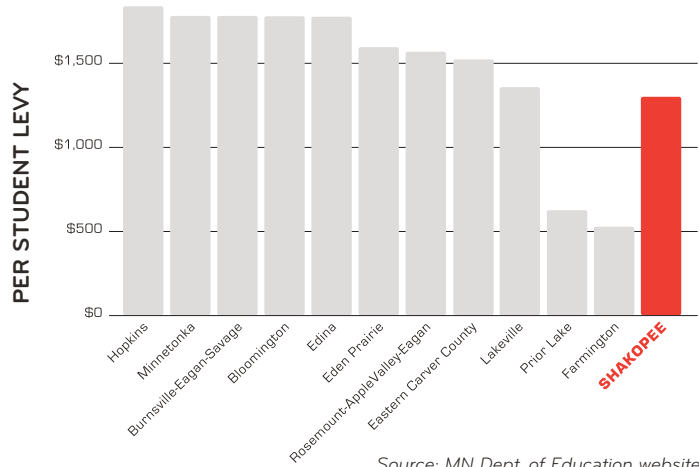


Improve compensation of teachers and support staff moving towards the mid-range of comparable districts

- ✓ Approved adjustments to teacher salary schedules
- ✓ Revamped schedule puts salaries of Shakopee teachers in the mid-range of comparable districts starting April 2023
- ✓ Working with support staff on future agreements to create new pay rates and schedules

VOTER APPROVED OPERATING LEVY COMPARISONS

As of July 1, 2022, Shakopee is no longer the only metro school district without a voter-approved operating levy. Funding allowed for \$1,266 per pupil to be provided, which is roughly equal to the \$1,267 metro average.



Source: MN Dept. of Education website



DID YOU KNOW?

JULY 2022

Funds from the November 2021 voter-approved operating levy will be realized and incorporated into operating funds starting July 1, 2022.

66.4%

of voters approved question 1 on the November 2, 2021 ballot; 62.7% voted yes on question 2.



"Starting July 1, a new financial reality will begin thanks to the support of our community. This new reality is exactly what the school board said we were going to do when sharing the need for an operating levy. We are pleased to be on this positive path forward."

- Kristi Peterson, School Board Chair

ACTUAL LEVY TAX IMPACT PAYABLE IN 2022 WILL BE LESS THAN EXPECTED

The tax impact on an average priced home in Shakopee of \$317,000 had an original estimated 2022 annual tax impact of \$598 for questions one and question two combined; both of which were **approved** by taxpayers during the November 2, 2021 special election. The **actual** annual tax impact on this household will be a total of \$409. This is \$189 less than expected.

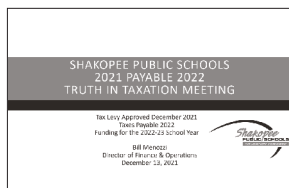
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On an average priced Shakopee home of \$317,000

“The main variables that impact property taxes are changes in market values and class rates/history, voter approved referendums/operating levies and State adjustments,” shares Bill Menozzi, Director of Finance and Operations at Shakopee Public Schools. Per Menozzi’s presentation at the Hearing, the referendum market value increase of 7.99%, residential homestead inflationary increase of 3%, district bond refunding savings of \$8.06M (through 2035) and adjustments to the debt service excess fund balance all positively impacted the actual tax impact payable in 2022. “We are pleased to offer the community and our taxpayers savings on the approved operating levy, and for taxes payable in 2022,” shares Menozzi.



The full Truth in Taxation Hearing presentation can be found online in the School Board agenda by scanning the QR code or visiting [Shakopee.k12.mn.us/DistrictFinance](https://shakopee.k12.mn.us/DistrictFinance). Additional finance information, such as enrollment projections and budget updates, can also be found online in District Finance Updates.



Thank you, again, to our community for supporting Shakopee Public Schools. Together, we will continue to educate lifelong learners and make a positive impact in the community, and beyond!