



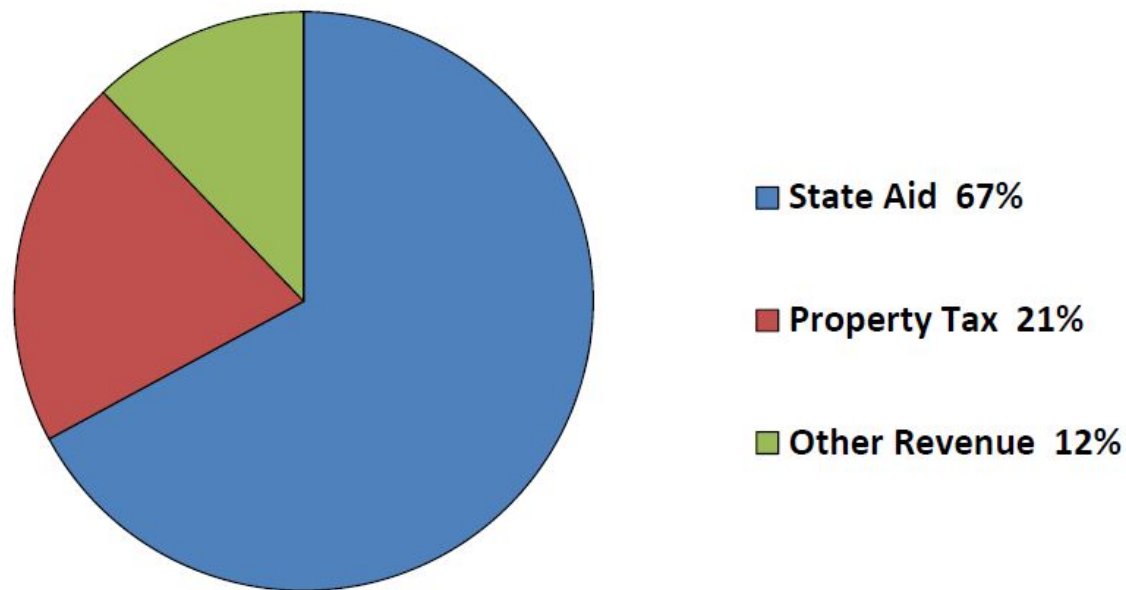
Preliminary Property Tax Certification

September 2019



Mankato Area Public Schools

Revenue by Source



Total Budgeted 2019-20 Revenues:
\$129,541,639



Levy Certification Timelines

- MDE sends Preliminary Levy Limits to districts by Sept. 8
- School Board certifies proposed levy by Sept. 30
 - This is the deadline for submitting data changes
- County mails out Truth-in-Taxation notices in November (after general election day)
- School Board: Must hold Truth in Taxation meeting and adopt final property tax levy.
 - Mankato Area Public Schools meeting date is December 3rd
 - Meeting date to adopt Final Property Tax Levy is Dec. 16th



Proposed Property Tax Levy: School Boards Have Two Options When Certifying the Annual Preliminary Levy

- “Maximum”
 - County will update changes made by MDE after school board meeting. Certifying the “maximum” amount for the Preliminary Levy is the recommended action because it gives the District more flexibility in making any needed updates between September and December.
- or
- Specific Dollar Amount
 - If late changes increase levy, board will need to recertify proposed levy before September 30th.



19 Pay 20 Current Tax Levy

- This year's total preliminary levy is \$27,335,804.44.
- This reflects an decrease of 1.61 percent from last year.
- This decrease is primarily caused by a decrease the district's debt service schedule, and the expiration of the district technology levy.
- This number is subject to change as ongoing updates and adjustments are made at the Minnesota Department of Education. The final levy will be brought to the School Board in December for certification.



Truth-In-Taxation

Parcel Specific Notice To Property Owners

- This is the reason for proposed levy
- Prepared by County Auditor
- Mailed between Nov 10-24
- Contents:
 - Proposed property tax compared to last year
 - By Voter Approved and Other
 - By Taxing Jurisdiction
 - Contains time and place of public meeting



Truth-In-Taxation

Public Meeting

- Time and place must be announced when proposed levy adopted (December 3, 2019)
- Must discuss current budget and proposed levy and allow the public to speak
- Must be held between Nov. 24th and Dec. 30th and after 6:00 pm
- May be part of a regularly scheduled meeting
- May adopt final levy at this meeting



Final Property Tax Levy in December

- To County by December 30th
 - Copy to MDE by January 7th
- School Board must levy specific dollar amount
 - Cannot use “maximum” for final levy approval.
- **MAY NOT EXCEED PROPOSED FINAL LEVY**



Thank You!

Questions?