



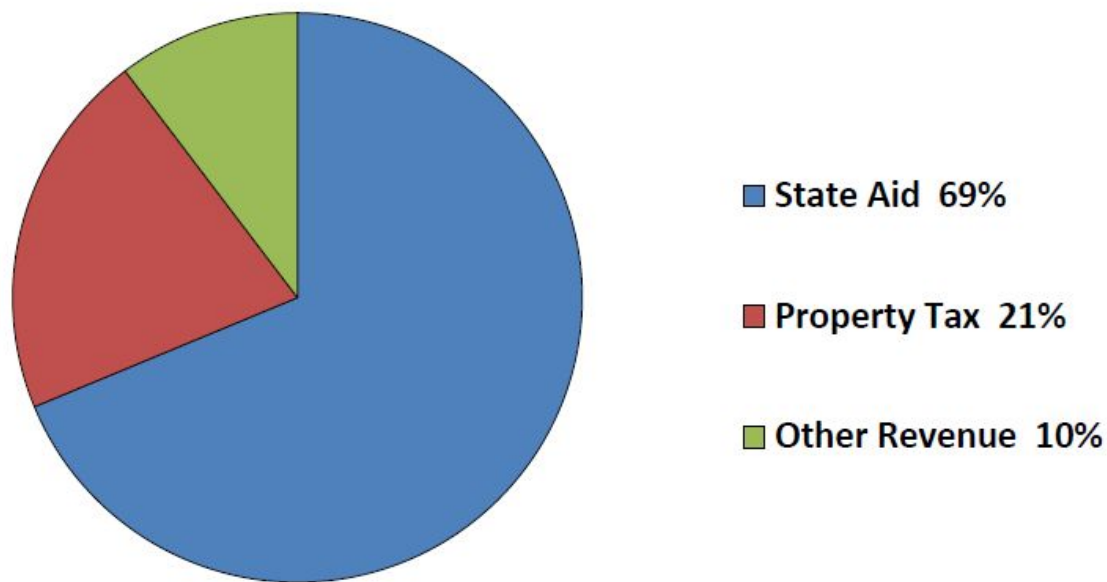
# **Preliminary Property Tax Certification**

September 2020



# Mankato Area Public Schools

## Revenue by Source



Total Budgeted 2020-21 Revenues:  
\$134,613,161



# 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 8, 2020
  - Meeting date to adopt Final Property Tax Levy is Dec. 21, 2020



# 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 30<sup>th</sup>.



# 20 Pay 21 Current Tax Levy

- Once MDE has completed its updates, we anticipate this year's total preliminary levy will be \$28,390,237.
- This reflects an increase of 0.85 percent from last year.
- While this year's LTFM Levy Revenue is increasing, this is being offset by a decrease in debt services.
- 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 8, 2020)
- Must discuss current budget and proposed levy and allow the public to speak
- Must be held between Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Copy to MDE by January 7, 2021
- School Board must levy specific dollar amount
  - Cannot use “maximum” for final levy approval.
- **MAY NOT EXCEED PROPOSED FINAL LEVY**



Thank You!

Questions?