



2025 – 2026

Referendum Renewal Public Hearing

May 4, 2026

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MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MISSION & CORE VALUES

MISSION

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CORE VALUES

- Courage
- Student Centered
- Integrity
- Accountable
- Inclusive Practices



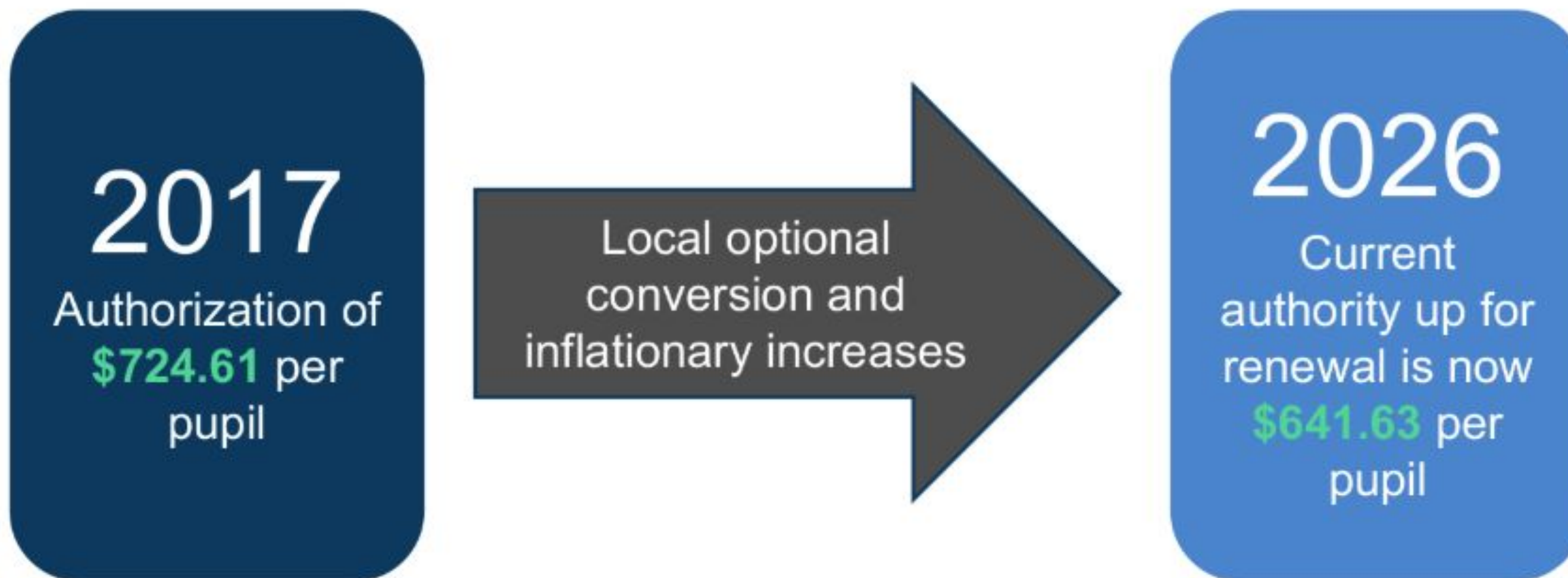
Strategic Directions: Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

- A. Improving our professional practices so that each learner achieves at high levels in an inclusive educational model that is relevant and flexible
- B. Enhancing our student support structures to meet academic, social, behavioral, and mental health needs
- C. Recruiting, developing, and retaining staff to ensure positive learning experiences for students
- D. Strengthening our parent/caregiver partnerships and connections
- E. Ensuring safe, efficient and effective operations

Board Renewal of Referendums

- **Legislative change in 2023 allows a school board to renew existing operating referendums**
- **One time at same length and amount as original request**
- **Includes inflationary increases if in existing authority**
- **School Board must allow for public testimony on the proposed renewal prior to taking action**

State Law Changes to Operating Referendum



Authority was reduced due to a state law change converting a portion to local optional revenue.

Statewide Operating Referendum

FY 2027

- **329 public school districts**
 - 73% with voter approved referendum
 - 27% without voter approved referendum
- **State Median Referendum = \$635**
- **Metro Median Referendum = \$1,893**
 - Only 4 districts out of 57 in seven county metro do not have an operating referendum

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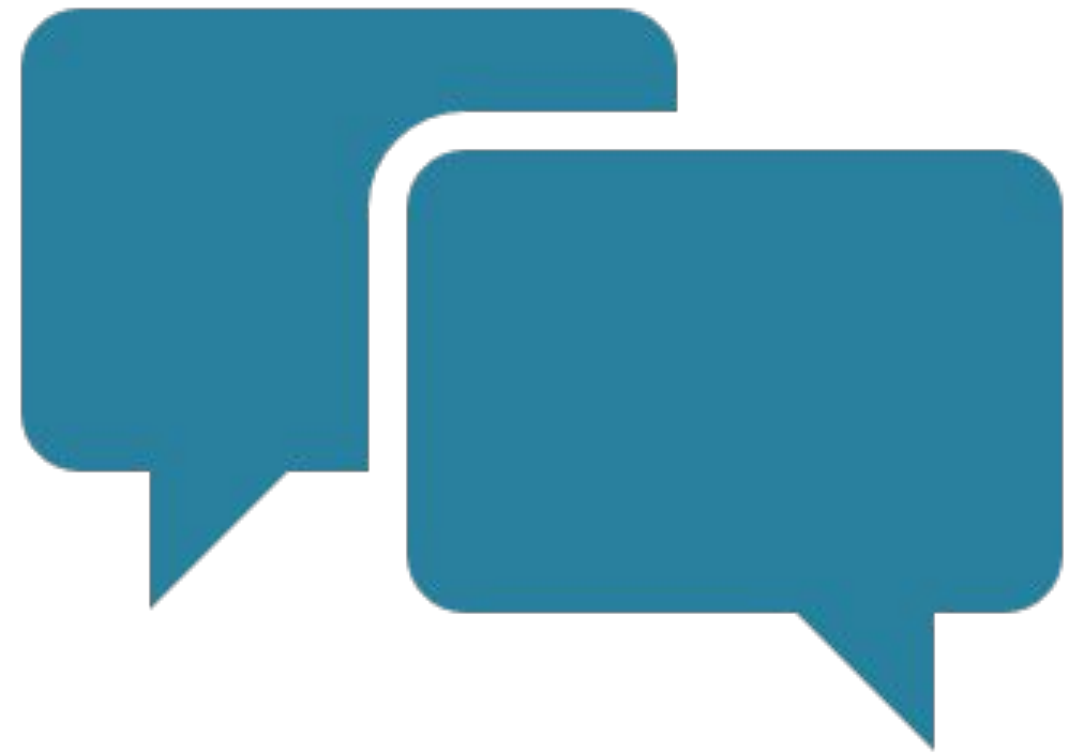
- **ISD 77 referendum expires after taxes payable in 2027 (FY 2028)**
- **Board can renew referendum anytime between July 1, 2025 and June 15, 2027**
- **New 10 years of renewed referendum begins FY 2029 through FY 2038**

Current Operating Referendum (Pay 2026 / FY 2027)

$$\begin{array}{r} \$641.63 \text{ per Pupil} \\ \times \\ 8,523.20 \text{ Adjusted Pupil Units} \\ = \\ \$5,468,740.82 \end{array}$$

Current Referendum Revenue prior to adjustments for taxes payable in 2026 for Fiscal Year 2027





Public Comments



**THANK
YOU!**

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