Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
About the District

Our Framework for the Future

Mission
Our core purpose
Our mission is to educate all learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

Core Values
What drives our words and actions

- Partnership: Collaboration of resources and talents to achieve high mutual goals for the benefit of all
- Innovation: Creative problem solving connecting creativity with usefulness
- Respect: Valuing ourselves, each other and our world across all differences
- Wise Stewardship: Developing and effectively using our knowledge, human, financial, physical and environmental resources
- Accountability: Holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions and words
- Strive for Excellence: Committing to continuous learning and improvement

Vision
A compelling educational picture of what we intend to create

- Sustainable environmental focus recognized at the state and national levels
- Challenging, diverse and personalized learning
- A culture of excellence fostering a love of learning and appreciation of the arts and activities
- Safe and respectful schools
- A district of stakeholder partnerships
- Technology enhancing instruction, communication and administration
- Innovative and flexible staffing through wise financial stewardship

Strategic Directions
Goals that guide educational programs, services and applied resources

- Increasing measurable student growth and achievement
- Continue financial accountability to community while using available resources to educate students and maintain class-size targets
- Expand innovative programming to meet family needs
- Expand and embed environmental focus across the district
- Integrating technology for teaching and communications; increasing capacity to set standards for all learners using 21st century skills
- Engage parents, families and community to strengthen a culture of respect and inclusion
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- 8,307 enrolled
- 26th Largest Dist. in MN
- E-STEM District
- U.S.D.E. Green Ribbon District
- Spanish Immersion
- SAGE Gifted Academy
- Bridges Area Learning Center
- 92% attend postsecondary education

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity - Prior Lake-Savage

- White: 84.16%
- Hispanic: 6.08%
- Asian: 4.59%
- Black: 3.85%
- Amer Indian: 1.25%

*MDE from MARSS
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Prior Lake-Savage Total Revenue Compared to the State Average

$11,916
$10,274

$13,000
$12,000
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$10,000
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$6,000


PLS Total Revenue
State Average Total Revenue

$ Per Pupil
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2015 District General Fund Expenditures Comparisons

- All Districts: 10,876
- 7-County Metro: 11,511
- Enrollment >4,000: 11,312
- PLSAS: 9,543
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Operating Referendum

- Additional Operating Referendum per Student
- Tech Levy per District
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General Fund Audited Expenditures and Fund Balance

- Fund 01 Expenditures
- Fund Balance Percentage
E-STEM
E-STEM is focused on inquiry and real world problem-solving in the 21st Century, applying hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematical practices with projects and field experiences related to the environment.

La ola del lago
La ola del lago offers a full day of core curriculum in Spanish to students in kindergarten - 2nd grade.

Fab Lab
The Fab Lab is a small-scale fabrication laboratory allowing students to create almost anything using some of the same technology and equipment found in MN businesses and used by today’s work force.
One size fits all mandates stifle innovation and creativity and consume staff time and resources. Locally-elected school boards are in the best position to work with their students, staff, parents and communities to address local needs and challenges.

- Expand the innovation zone law to allow school districts to try new instructional models, personalize student learning and increase collaboration with post-secondary institutions and businesses.
• The MN Legislature passed the Innovative Delivery of Education Services and Sharing of District Resources Pilot Project in 2012 to improve student and school outcomes by allowing groups of school districts to work together to provide innovative education programs and activities and share district resources.

• There are currently five pilot projects:
  1. Farmington and Spring Lake Park School Districts: New Designs for Education
  2. Leroy-Ostrander, Southland, Lyle, Grand Meadow, Glenville-Emmons School Districts: South-Central Education Consortium
  4. Lakeville Area Public Schools and Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools: Minnesota Center for Advanced Professional Studies (MNCAPS)
  5. Becker and Minnetonka School Districts: The Innovation Campaign
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MNCAPS Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2dKrrXRMWo
Opportunities to expand the Innovation Zone legislation:

• Innovation Zones expanded to conduct new research, examine best practices and models.
• Expand partnership to post-secondary institutions and public/private/ non-profit agencies.
• Research opportunities for innovation in personalized learning, assessment, school hours, parent and community support, delivery efficiency, governance and digital platform use.
• Explore exemptions and alternatives to current law in the areas of student attendance, teacher and principal evaluation, algebra II, on-line schools and extended time revenue.
• Provide grants to Innovation Zones.
• Evaluation and information sharing to the legislature and education community.
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A School District of Choice

Digital Learning
E-STEM
Personalized Learning
La ola del lago
SAGE
Bridges ALC
Quality Pre-K
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Enrollment Growth Since 2004-05

Historical Enrollment 2004-2016
### Ten Year Enrollment and Migration Trends

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## Current District Space Constraints

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- **Room to Grow**: 10% remaining until capacity
- **FULL/OVER**:
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2016 Referendum Election

Space for Students
Technology for Teaching & Learning
Security for Schools

Tax Impact

$31/month

$300,000
(Average Home Value)

- $129 Million Bond Over 20 Years
- $2.125 Million Per Year for 10 Years

Technology Levy
Property tax levies continue to play a critical role in funding education programs and facilities. However, these levies have widely varying impacts on local property taxpayers depending on the property wealth of the school district. These disparities should be addressed in the Omnibus Tax Bill.

- Increase equalization of the operating referendum, debt service and local optional levies to reduce taxpayer and education funding disparities.
Local property taxes provide about 27% of the revenue for Minnesota school districts – a level that has been fairly constant for several years.

Source: Minnesota Department of Education
Operating Referendum, Pay 2016-17
Tax impact on a $200,000 home for a referendum of $1,871 per pupil.
Operating Referendum, Pay 2016-17
Tax impact on a $200,000 home for a referendum of $1,871 per pupil.

- South Saint Paul: $425.08
- Hopkins: $291.75
- Shakopee: $678.03
- Prior Lake-Savage: $619.41
- E. Carver Cty: $559.10
- Burnsville: $558.66
- Eden Prairie: $395.77
- Bloomington: $368.16