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2018 Legislative Session Preview

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Special Education

Superintendent Kate Maguire, Osseo Area Schools

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AMSD Legislative Platform:
Increase special education funding to reduce the state share of the special education cross-subsidy by 10 percent and create a working group to develop a plan to eliminate the state share of the cross-subsidy by 2023
SPECIAL EDUCATION CROSS SUBSIDY, FY 2003 - FY 2021
Total and State Portion, Current Dollars (Millions)
2017 End of Session Estimates

Data Source: Minnesota Department of Education
Special Education Cross Subsidy: Osseo Area Schools

$21.8 million

8.5% of total general fund budget

217 teachers
Osseo Area Schools
FY 2016 General Operating Expenses
Scale of cross-subsidy

Expenses by Program ($ millions)

- Administrative: $11
- Support Services: $6
- Regular Instruction: $129
- Vocational Instruction: $3
- Special Education Instruction: $48
- Instructional Support Services: $13
- Pupil Support Services: $20
- Sites and Buildings: $14
- Fiscal and Other: $1

Special Education Cross Subsidy
$21.8 Million
Impact of eliminating state portion of cross subsidy

- Lower class size
- Increase number of counselors; social workers
- Double the number of Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
- Increase courses leading to industry certifications
- Increase number of culturally responsive courses; activities
School Board Renewal of Existing Operating Referendum
Superintendent Chris Lennox, Mounds View Public Schools
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AMSD Legislative Platform:
Allow locally-elected school boards to renew an existing operating referendum
Didn’t we already say YES?
Most districts depend on levies

When levies expire, districts lose the funding, unless voters renew a request.
Renewing levies

School boards are required to seek voter approval to renew expiring levies.
Levy authorities

Other locally elected entities have been given levy authority that does not require voter approval.

- City councils
- County boards
- Township boards
- Metropolitan Council

Locally elected school boards have been given levy authority for a variety of needs that do not require voter approval.
Why is this necessary?
Voter confusion and fatigue

2017:
Mounds View asks voters to approve $165 million bond

2018:

2019:
Mounds View asks voters to approve a $535 per-pupil levy renewal
Four-year success rate

100%
Election expenses

- Staff time
- Communication expenses
- Taxpayer dollars
Help us cut costs
Funding stability

A bill for an act

Renewal by school board.

(a) A school board may renew an expiring referendum by board action if:

1. the per-pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring;
2. the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by the voters.

A school board has adopted a resolution authorizing the renewal by holding a meeting and allowing public testimony on the proposed renewal.
Local control
We already said

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Reimagine Minnesota
A commitment to create lasting equity and excellence in education for all students

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Reimagine Minnesota Strategies

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• Strategy A: *Develop, sustain and evaluate* cultural competence for teachers
• Strategy B: *Prioritize and ensure* personalized education with emphasis on acceleration vs. intervention
• Strategy C: *Develop and implement* culturally inclusive standards, curriculum and comprehensive assessment system
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- **Strategy D:** 
  *Develop* teacher preparation, recruitment and retention for staff of color

- **Strategy E:** 
  *Elevate* student voice and leadership and *improve/ensure* inclusiveness in the school culture and environment

- **Strategy F:** 
  *Eliminate* disproportionality due to adult behaviors and policies; provide growth-oriented student support
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• **Strategy G:**
  *Build* bridges between school and community

• **Strategy H:**
  *Create and sustain* consistent shared understanding of equity and high level of skill application for leaders at all levels

• **Strategy I:**
  *Statewide funding that ensures* equity, access and opportunity for all students
What’s Next for Reimagine Minnesota?

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- Re-engage stakeholders to share the Reimagine Minnesota plan and seek feedback
- Superintendents are committed to sharing best practices and reporting progress in implementing the strategies
- Create a subcommittee to develop policy and funding recommendations for consideration by state and local policymakers

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