



EVERY KID, EVERY DAY

ISD 882 REFERENDUM

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Q1: \$2.1 Operating Referendum

The passage of Q1 would lower the amount of budget reductions required this year and in future years - allowing the protection of certain programming and staffing.

**Funding increase of \$475 per pupil*

Q2: \$1.2 Operating Referendum

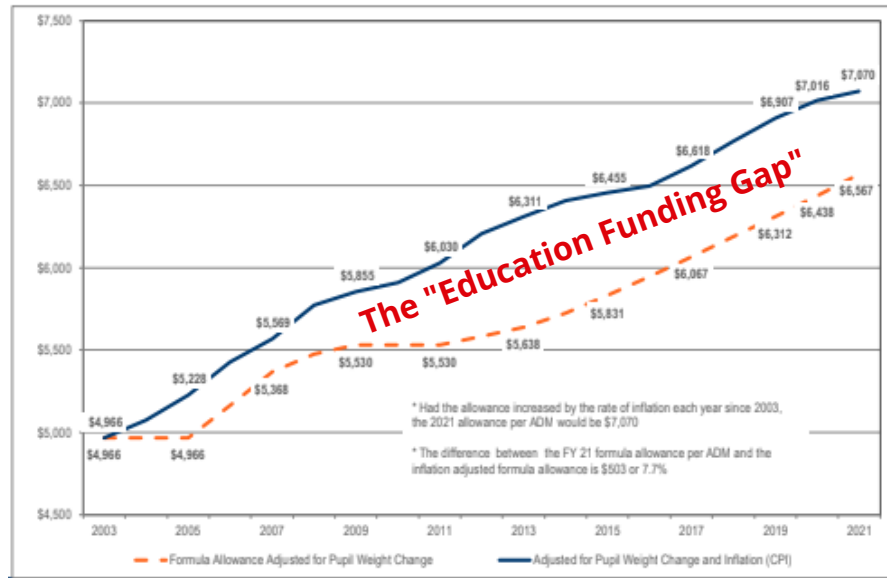
The passage of Q2, contingent upon Q1, would allow the district to avoid budget-related reductions entirely this school year.

**Funding increase of \$275 per pupil*

Q3: \$2 Technology Referendum

Passage of a technology levy would stabilize the technology budget to allow for the continued practice of 1:1 devices in ISD 882, while also freeing up additional dollars for the general fund to remove budget cuts from the five year forecast.

General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2021
Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)



Source: MDE June 2020 Inflation Estimates



HOW WE GOT HERE

There is a significant education funding gap, both in Minnesota and across the nation. Due to inflation and salary matrixes, the cost of education has risen steadily while the rise in funding has been intermittent. Over time, that has created the gap pictured above. That gap has forced more than 70 percent of Minnesota districts to utilize operating levies to provide the education that students deserve.



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

In short, a lot. Turn to Page 2 for details, as well as Tax Impacts and more.



EVERY KID, EVERY DAY

MONTICELLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACE \$3.1 MILLION BUDGET REDUCTION

SO WHY DON'T WE JUST TIGHTEN OUR BELTS?

Prior to last year's COVID-19 impacted school year, Monticello School District had cut \$3.2 million during the prior three years. This school year, due to a convergence of factors, that number would be \$3.1 million, bringing the five-year total to \$6.3 million. Without additional voter-approved funding, budget reductions will continue to be a frequent occurrence.

Reducing \$3.1 million, on top of recent reductions, is more than tightening our belts. It's a deprioritization of education and will create impacts felt across all grades in Monticello School District.

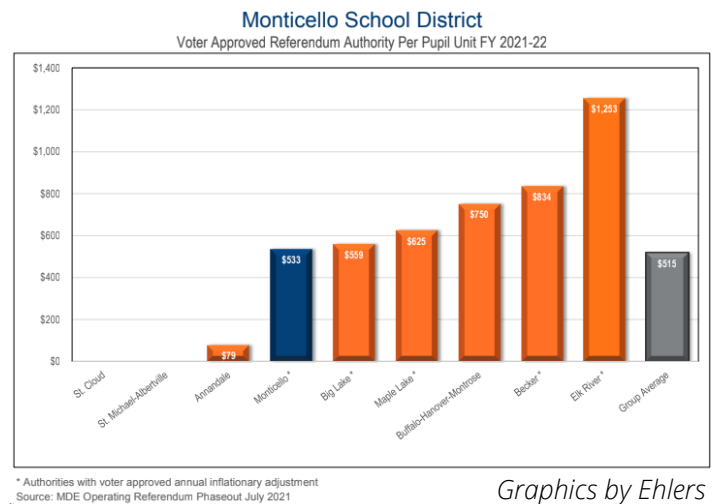
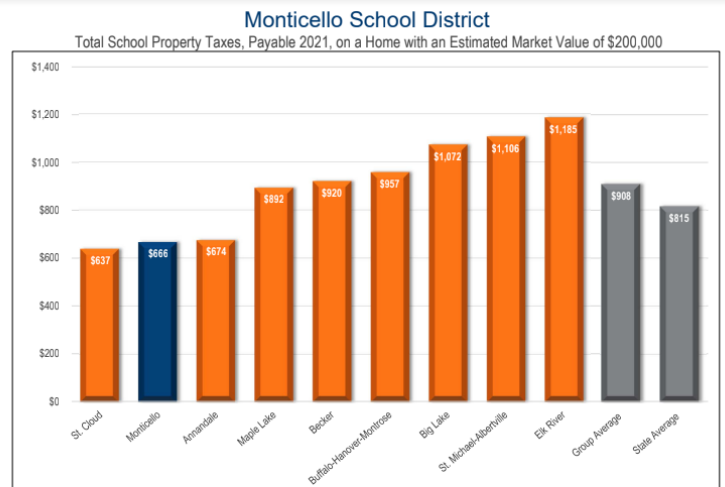
BUDGET IMPACTS

- Significantly increased class sizes (K-4 = Upper 20s, 5-12 = 30+)
- Reduction or elimination of programming, including Nature Based and Online Programming
- Reduction or elimination of activities and athletics
- Phasing out of 1:1 technology devices
- Reduced K-12 elective opportunities for students
- Cuts to all employee groups
- Increases to student fees
- Reduced 1:1 student support capabilities

**All impacts are potential and pending board discussion/action*

TALKING TAXES

- Monticello School District currently has a voter-approved levy on the books. Even with that levy, total school property taxes in Monticello School District are near the bottom of local schools (top picture). The same can be said for our levy authorization (bottom picture).
- Approval of all three referendum questions would raise property taxes on a \$250,000 home by an estimated \$31 per month. That number would put Monticello just above average amongst local school districts, depending on the result of other area referendums.



Learn more and VOTE on Nov. 2

Visit www.monticello.k12.mn.us/levy for more information!

Prepared and paid for by Independent School District 882. This publication is not circulated on behalf of any candidate or ballot question. September 15, 2021