

Edina School Board

Legislative Action Committee

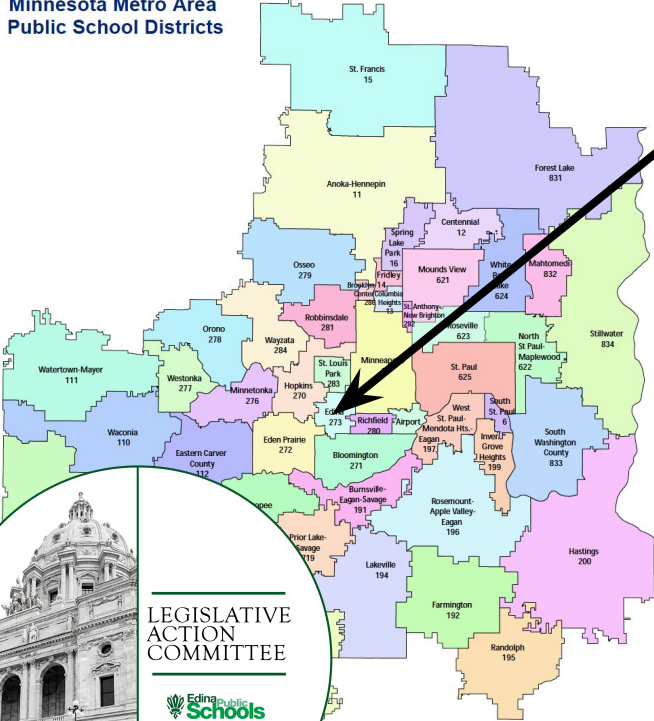
2023 Edina Public Schools Legislative Platform



2023 Legislative Platform: Edina At Glance

AMSD Member

Minnesota Metro Area
Public School Districts



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Edina Public Schools

- ~ 9,000 E-12

Demographics Students Served

- 80% resident students
- 13.2% Special Education
- 21% Free or Reduced Price Meal Qualification
- 67% White
- 33 % Students of Color

Aaa Credit Rating

6% Minimum Fund Balance

\$8.2 million in cross-subsidy

2023 Legislative Platform

1. STABILIZE EDUCATION FUNDING



- Link the basic formula and local optional revenue to inflation to provide a stable and consistent funding stream that allows school boards and administrators to engage in long-range and innovative planning; and
- Allow locally-elected school boards to renew an existing operating referendum at the same level; and
- Increase English learner funding to reduce the shortfalls in these important programs.



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2. STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



- Increase special education funding to reduce shortfalls in this important program and fully fund special education to eliminate the cross-subsidy; and
- Create a special student status for students in intermediate school districts requiring an extraordinary level of care. Increase state funding for these students.



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3. ENSURE SAFE, MODERN SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF



- Increase the Safe Schools levy and state aid to allow school districts and intermediate school districts to hire additional support staff to address the mental health needs of students; and
- Remove the per-pupil limit and expand allowable uses of Long-Term Facilities Revenue to allow school districts and intermediate school districts to enhance safety through security modifications, remodeling and additions to existing buildings; and



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3. ENSURE SAFE, MODERN SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF



- Increase funding for statewide mental health services and supports available and accessible to both students and staff;
 - Increase statewide capacity to provide intensive mental health services for children and youth experiencing mental health crises;
 - Ensure school districts are allowed to receive MA reimbursement in alignment with other billable third-party related services without having to complete Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS) requirements.



2023 Legislative Platform

4. INCREASE AND DIVERSIFY TEACHER WORKFORCE



- Remove barriers and provide incentives to address the shortage of substitute teachers, school bus drivers, paraprofessionals, and other staff;
- Continue to expand programs and incentives to attract, develop and retain teachers of color; and
- Maintain multiple pathways to licensure in the tiered licensing system.



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References:

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