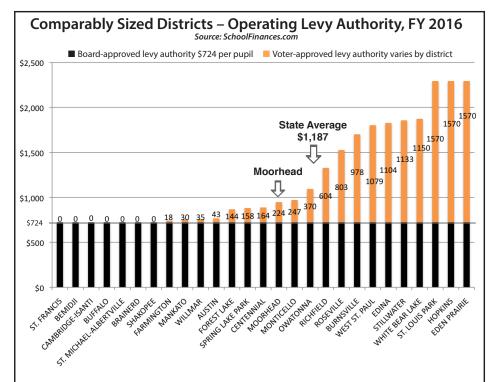




## OPERATING LEVY RENEWAL FAST FACTS ELECTION DAY: NOV. 8, 2016

Moorhead School District residents will have an opportunity to vote November 8, 2016, on an operating levy renewal that will provide \$223.66 per pupil in voter-approved funding each year for the next 10 years beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

- This extends current funding; it will maintain current operating levy funds to support learning for our growing student enrollment.
- The average home in the district will see **zero tax impact** with renewal of the operating levy. Agricultural property is exempt except for the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre.
- Revenue from renewal of the operating levy would address five priority areas identified by the School Board.
- Support learning and operate our new and existing schools for our growing student enrollment.
- Maintain average class sizes.
- Provide a source of stable and predictable revenue to avoid reductions.
- Maintain and replace technology equipment.
- Maintain access to education programs including world languages and early childhood.
- 99% of Minnesota school districts use operating levy funding. Statewide the average operating levy authority is \$1,187 per pupil. Moorhead Area Public Schools is below state average at \$947.66 per pupil of which \$223.66 is voter approved and up for renewal and \$724 is board approved.
- The operating levy generates approximately \$1.5 million for the school district. The board has determined that if the operating levy is not renewed reductions would occur in staff, services and programs.



School districts listed had student enrollment between 4,300 and 10,400 during the 2015-16 school year. Student enrollment in Moorhead Area Public Schools is approximately 6,300. The amount associated with each school district represents the board-approved and the voter-approved operating levy authority per pupil for the 2015-16 school year. In this comparable group, the average operating levy authority is about \$1,200 per pupil.

Estimated Tax Impact of \$223.66 Per Pupil Operating Levy Renewal	
Taxable Market Value	Net Change
\$100,000	\$0
\$150,000	\$0
\$200,000	\$0
\$250,000	\$1
\$300,000	\$2
\$500,000	\$2
\$700,000	\$3
\$1,000,000	\$4



For our students to grow, our schools need continued support. For our community to remain vibrant, we must attract and keep strong families. One of the best ways to do that is through a strong school system. *Strong schools means a strong community.* 

# Learn more. Ask questions. Get answers. Here's how.

### Coffee with the Mayor & Superintendent

Visit with the mayor and superintendent to learn more about the city and school district, ask questions and share your thoughts. Sessions will be at **10 a.m. in the Moorhead Center Mall Atrium** on: Oct. 19 Jan. 18 May 17

#### State of the District Session

The district leadership team will share the troubles and triumphs of leading one of the largest school districts in Minnesota, including information about the instructional goals and building projects.

Call Moorhead Community Education at 218-284-3400 to RSVP for this free session or register online at https://communityed.moorheadschools.org.

Oct. 27 7 p.m. Probstfield Center Board Room, 2410 14th St. S.

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