



Superintendent Update July 24, 2023

2023 Legislative Session Updates

Finance Provisions

- ❖ Basic Formula Aid

FY 2024	4%
FY 2025	2%
FY 2026 +	2% minimum and 3% maximum inflationary index. Legislators may add to the inflationary index.

- ❖ Special Ed Cross-Subsidy

FY 2024	44%
FY 2025	44%
FY 2026	44%
FY 2027 +	50%

- ❖ Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

FY 2024	No increase in number of seats
FY 2025	3,000 additional seats
FY 2026	2,200 additional seats

Note: Stewartville has applied for funding every year and has not been given access.

- ❖ Compensatory Revenue

FY 2024	Districts “held harmless” to receive the same amount of funding as FY 2023.
FY 2025	Funding provided to off-set universal meals, Educational Benefits applications.
FY 2025 +	Formula to provide funding allowances based on eligible students at each site.

Note: Acceptable uses of the funding have been narrowed.
At least 80% of aid must be allocated to the building where the students generated the fund.
Requires a school district to report whether programs funded with this aid are consistent with best practices demonstrated to increase student achievement.

- ❖ Student Support Personnel

FY 2024	\$11.94 per pupil [\$24,477] or minimum of \$40,000
FY 2025	\$17.08 per pupil [\$35,014] or minimum of \$40,000
FY 2026 +	\$48.73 per pupil [\$99,897] or minimum of \$40,000

Note: Aid is to be used for counselors, psychologists, school social workers, etc.
Stewartville will use the aid to partially pay for the costs of adding two counselors paid through COVID funding.

- ❖ Paraprofessional Paid Orientation

FY 2024 +	Provide reimbursement for costs up to eight hours.
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- ❖ The READ Act

FY 2024 - 2026	One-time funding for curriculum and staff training. Funding amount is capped at a maximum and will be distributed to districts on a pro-rata basis.
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- ❖ Cyber Security
FY 2024 One-time funding that is capped at a maximum and will be distributed to districts on a pro-rata basis.
Includes hardware and software, system upgrades, and insurance costs.
- ❖ School Unemployment Aid
FY 2024 Hourly employees are eligible for unemployment benefits between terms (ie., during the summer months).
One-time funding that is capped at a maximum and will be distributed to districts on a pro-rata basis.
School Districts are prohibited from levying for these costs and from purchasing unemployment insurance.
Unfunded costs will be taken from the General Fund.
- ❖ Gender-Neutral, Single-Use Restrooms
Per Biennium On-going funding that is capped at a maximum and will be distributed to districts on a pro-rata basis.
Authorizes School Districts to remodel or construct restrooms at each school site.
Added as an allowable use of Operating Capital revenue.
Requires 10-year Facility Plan to address provisions for providing access at each school site.

Policy Provisions

- ❖ Referendum Renewal by School Board
Authorizes one-time renewal of an expiring referendum if:
 - The per pupil amount is the same as the amount expiring.
 - The term of the renewal is no longer than the expiring term.
 - The board has taken public testimony on the proposal.
 - The board votes on the renewal by resolution.
- ❖ Access to Opiate Antagonists and Menstrual Products
Each school must have two doses of an opiate antagonist, an emergency response plan, and training of staff.
Schools must provide access to menstrual products in restrooms at no charge to students in grades 4 through 12. Funding allocated at \$2 per student.
- ❖ E-Learning Days
E-Learning Plans must be negotiated with the Teachers Association.
School districts must continue to pay the full wages for scheduled work hours and benefits for all school employees for the duration of the e-learning period.
Employees are allowed to work from home to the extent possible, be assigned to work in an alternative location, or be retained on an on-call basis.
- ❖ Graduation Requirements

Math	Course Algebra II in HS Course in Algebra in Grade 8
Science	1 credit Earth and Space in HS 1 credit Life Science in HS 1 credit Chemistry or Physics in HS
Social Studies	Course in Government and Citizenship (for Grade 9 in 2023-2024) in Grade 11 or 12 Civics test requirement is removed Courses in US History, Geography, World History, and Economics
Personal Finance	Course content (for Grade 9 in 2023-2024) in Grade 10, 11, or 12
Ethnic Studies	Course content by 2026-2027 in Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12

- ❖ Curriculum
 - Ethnic Studies Course content by 2027-2028 in Elementary and Middle Schools
 - Holocaust, Genocide Course content by 2026-2027 in Middle and High Schools
 - Cannabis Education on cannabis use and substance use beginning 2026-2027
 - Transportation K-Grade 3 must receive instruction on pedestrian safety, including crossing the street.
Grades 4-8 must receive instruction on pedestrian safety and bicycle safety.
Training must be completed by the end of the third week of school.

- ❖ Student Discipline
 - Bullying Prohibition Malicious and sadistic conduct added to the definition of bullying.
 - Recess Detention Restricted to situations in which the student causes or is likely to cause serious physical harm to other students or staff.
Parent notification or consent required within 24 hours of using recess detention.
 - K-Grade 3 Dismissal Must exhaust all non-exclusionary disciplinary options prior to the dismissal of a student from the learning environment.
Ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others must be documented.

- ❖ The Read Act
 - Screeners Screener identification in K-Grade 3 using an approved screener within the first six weeks of school and again in the last six weeks of school. Students in grade 4 and above who are not demonstrating mastery of foundation reading skills must be screened annually.
 - Progress Monitoring Students not reading at grade level must be progress monitored. Intervention programs must be taught by a reading specialist who has completed approved training by 2025-2026.
 - Student Retention Retention of a student due to delays in literacy or not demonstrating grade-level proficiency is not permitted.
 - Curriculum Districts must use evidence-based literacy curriculum and interventions.
 - Training Districts required to provide training on reading instruction by July 1, 2025.
 - Literacy Lead Districts required to employ or contract with a Literacy Lead by August 30, 2025.
 - Literacy Plan Districts must update Literacy Plans by June 15 of each year.

- ❖ Directory Information
 - Federal Law Federal Law for student directory information includes a student's name; address; telephone listing; electronic mail address; photograph; date and place of birth; major field of study; dates of attendance; grade level; enrollment status, etc. This information is released to military recruiters and PSEO institutions.
 - Minnesota Law MN Law excludes a student's address; telephone listing; electronic mail address; or other personal contact information as directory information and does not allow the release of this information.
 - Parent Notification Parents must be provided with the option to restrict the release of directory information as provided under Federal Law.

❖ <u>School Staff</u>	
Probationary Period	Reduces the number of days of teaching service for probationary teachers from 120 to 90.
Bargaining Unit	<p>Within 20 days of employment, the District must provide contact information for new employees to the Exclusive Representative of the Association.</p> <p>Every 120 days, the contact information must be updated.</p> <p>Within 20 days of separation from employment, the District must notify the Exclusive Representative of the Association of the employee's departure from employment.</p> <p>Must provide a minimum of 30 minutes during the contract day for the Exclusive Representative to meet with new employees within the first 30 days of employment.</p>
Nursing Mothers	<p>Must provide for break times, which may run concurrently with break times already provided.</p> <p>Must provide a location that is private and secure.</p>
Holidays	Establishes Juneteenth as a holiday on which schools cannot hold classes or programs, school board meetings, athletic practices and competitions, and other school-associated events.
Family Medical Leave	<p>Self-funding benefit modeled after the MN unemployment insurance fund.</p> <p>A tax of 0.07% will be assessed to fund the account, with up to 0.035% paid by the employee, beginning on January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Employees will be able to take up to 20 weeks of leave for qualifying events of at least seven days.</p>

Required Reports, Requirements, and/or Tasks

- ❖ 10 new reports are required of School Districts
- ❖ 37 new requirements are in place for School Districts
- ❖ Nearly 250 tasks to be completed as a result of Legislative Mandates
 - 23 tasks to be completed as of date of enactment
 - 24 tasks in July 2023
 - 126 tasks in August 2023
 - 35 tasks during 2023-2024
 - 6 tasks in January 2024
 - 9 tasks in July 2024
 - 25 tasks in 2024-2025 and beyond