



## Superintendent Update October 27, 2025

### Enrollment Projections

Grade Level	Resident	Open Enroll	Placements	10-27-2025	School
12	140	36	(16)	170	High School 618
11	103	25		121	
10	147	28		172	
9	123	32		155	
8	130	31	(1)	161	Middle School 469
7	127	27		153	
6	122	33		155	
5	125	34	(1)	159	Bear Cave Intermediate 444
4	102	35		136	
3	119	30		149	
2	106	28	0	134	Bonner Elementary 405
1	95	40		135	
Kindergarten	104	32		136	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>1936</b>	

### Federal Funding for Stewartville Public Schools

Federal funding provides financial support for Stewartville Public Schools in the amount of \$1,820,000 annually, which is about 6% of our total budget.

- \$1,405,000 supports academic services and programs
  - Mental Health services and programs
  - Career and Technical education teachers, programs, and equipment
  - Science, Math, and Technology education
  - Special Education services
  - Access to broadband connectivity
- \$415,000 funded 70,360 free breakfasts and 215,000 free lunches for students during the 2023-2024 school year
- Without federal funding, in order to continue to provide these services and programs, 19 teaching positions would need to be discontinued and/or increases in state or local aid would be necessary

## MN Legislative Update

- **Interim working groups**

Last session's education finance bill created several interim groups to examine key issues and propose legislative changes.

- [Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education](#)

By October 2026, the [commission](#) must present a plan to the legislature and governor outlining reforms to improve services for students with disabilities while ensuring access to a free, appropriate public education, and that achieves \$250 million in savings. If these savings are not realized, the Commissioner of Education must implement a corresponding reduction in special education cross-subsidy aid beginning in FY 2028-29.

- [Compensatory Revenue Task Force](#)

A new [task force](#) will evaluate how compensatory revenue is generated and used to support students not meeting academic standards. Its work includes reviewing which students qualify, identifying the best demographic measures, considering data sources such as tax and census records, and assessing whether funding should be determined at the district or school level. The task force must submit a preliminary report to the legislature by February 25, 2026, and a final report to the legislature by October 15, 2026.

- [Seclusion Working Group](#)

This [group](#) is charged with evaluating the use of seclusion as an emergency procedure. The working group will evaluate the use of seclusion as an emergency procedure. The working group must report its findings to the legislature no later than January 30, 2026.

- [Developmental Delay Working Group](#)

This [group](#) was established to review the current age limit in special education law that restricts eligibility for developmental delay services to children under age seven, and to assess the impact of extending eligibility to children under age nine. The working group must report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 2026.

### Budget outlook

- The August Revenue and Economic Update from Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) showed the state's general fund revenues totaled \$2.14 billion, \$86 million (4.2%) above forecast.
- Individual income and sales tax and other revenues were above forecast. Fiscal year-to-date receipts are now \$4.3 billion, \$22 million (0.5%) above forecast.
- MMB will release another monthly update in October, but the most complete picture of state finances will be available when the November forecast is released in early December.

## MSBA Conference on January 15 and 16, 2026

### School Board Member Visits to Schools