

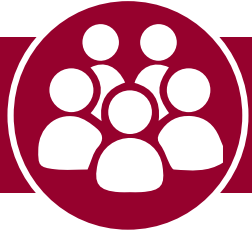


Fulfilling the Promise

Residents of the Forest Lake Area School District voted to invest in our schools based on spending priorities chosen by the School Board for how new levy funds would be spent. We are proud to release the levy budget for 2019-2020, the first of eight years of levy funding, with the following increases and improvements in education for students:

Smaller Class Sizes

Investment: \$660,000



Personalized Learning Experience

Help each student receive a more personalized education by hiring additional teaching staff and reducing the number of students in each classroom.

Staff impact: Up to 12 additional teachers (8 elementary, 4 secondary)

Expand Course Opportunities

Offer a broader selection of courses for middle school and high school students to better meet their needs and interests.

Learning Supports for Students

Investment: \$497,500



Academic Support

Bring additional support into elementary classrooms for students who need more instruction in reading or math.

Staff Impact: 7 Academic Support Specialists to work across all 7 elementary schools

Behavior Intervention

Use behavior experts to help plan and implement specific, proven methods for maintaining constructive behavior.

Staff Impact: 1 Behavior Analyst, 2 Behavior Support Interventionists

Mental Health

Help students stay focused on learning by providing care for mental health needs through a partnership with local mental health providers.

21st Century Learning

Investment: \$1,402,500



Curriculum

Regularly review and update curriculum, textbooks and materials. Train teachers to successfully implement new curriculum and teaching strategies.

Staff Impact: 2 Curriculum Coordinators

Quality Instruction

Help our teachers excel through individualized instructional coaching. Provide additional professional development opportunities so that teachers can learn and grow as educators.

Staff impact: 6 Instructional Coaches

Technology

Prepare elementary students for a high-tech world by integrating technology and STEM principles into a variety of learning activities.

Staff impact: 3.5 Innovation Specialists

Gifted and Accelerated Learning Opportunities

Enhance gifted and accelerated opportunities through programs such as Destination Imagination and Future Problem Solving in partnership with Community Education. Create new and challenging enrichment opportunities for students to advance classroom learning.

Career & Technical Education

Provide a gateway for secondary students to explore and train for a career through work-based learning in a variety of job fields.

Staff impact: 1 Career & Technical Education Coordinator

Music

Expand 6th grade large-group band, orchestra and choir ensembles to provide two 40 minute sessions per week; add 8th grade music lessons; and replace aging school-owned instruments.

Student Life

Enrich students' school experience through an increased investment in activities: add an activity bus once per week, reduce activity fees and student parking fees.

Attract & Retain High-Quality Staff

Investment: \$2,000,000



Improve salary resources to attract new, high-quality staff to our district and to retain current, experienced teachers.

Maintain Financial Stability

Investment: \$967,500 in year one (\$400,000 average per year)



Add to district's reserve fund to provide the financial stability to ride out unexpected budget challenges due to changing enrollment or shortfalls in legislative funding.

Thank you voters of Forest Lake Area Schools!