



# **A Responsible Plan Forward**

**Alexandria Public Schools  
Capital Projects Levy 2025**

# Why We're Here



At **Alexandria Public Schools**, our **mission** is to achieve educational excellence and inspire a lifelong passion for learning.

Our **vision** is to be an extraordinary school district, guided by core values that shape our actions.

To support these **goals**, the School Board has **unanimously approved** a referendum proposal for voter consideration to fund capital projects.

**82%**

**OF APS RESIDENTS**

**RATE THE QUALITY OF  
EDUCATION AS  
EXCELLENT/GOOD**

*2024 Community Survey - Those with an opinion*

# What's on the Ballot?



On **Tuesday, November 4**, Alexandria Public Schools will ask voters to consider a referendum for a proposed \$3 million, 10-year **capital projects levy**.

If approved, the funds would support:

- **Safety and security upgrades,**
- **Educational technology,** and
- **Facility maintenance.**

# School Funding is Complex

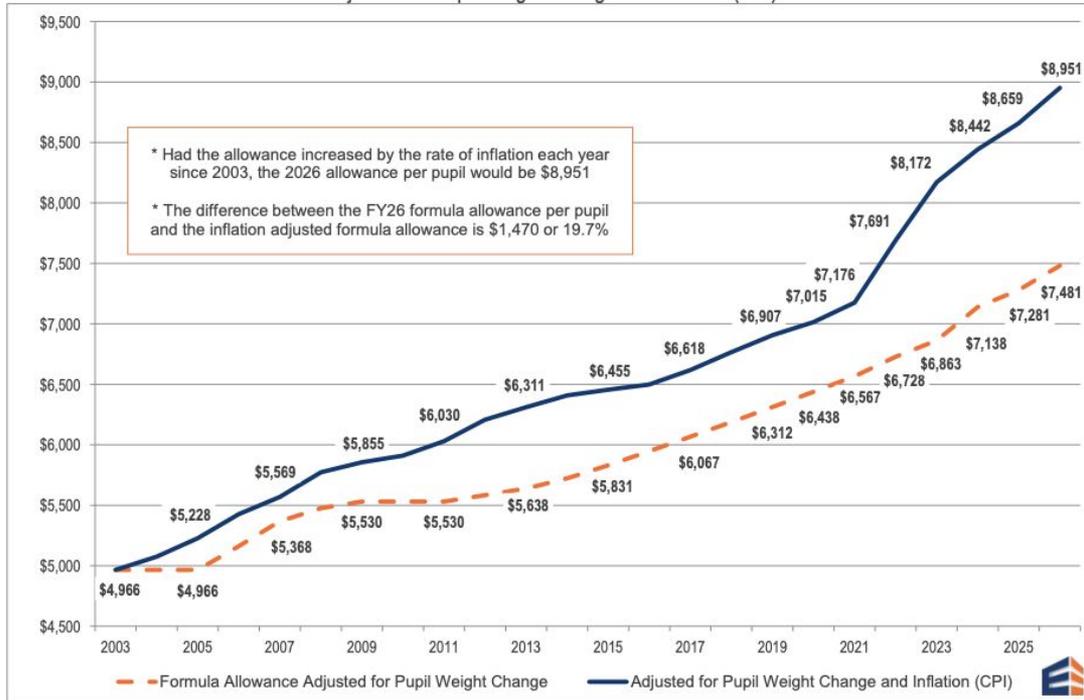


- State and federal school funding is **unpredictable** and has not kept pace with inflation or rising Special Education costs.
- Since 2020–21, **we've cut over \$5 million** and **used reserve funds** to balance the budget.
- In 2023, schools received the largest funding increase in years, but it included **partially funded and/or unfunded mandates**.

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General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2026  
Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)



\* Had the allowance increased by the rate of inflation each year since 2003, the 2026 allowance per pupil would be \$8,951

\* The difference between the FY26 formula allowance per pupil and the inflation adjusted formula allowance is \$1,470 or 19.7%

Source: MDE December 2024 CPI Inflation Estimates and Minnesota Laws 2023



# Secure.

If approved, the levy would fund **school safety improvements:**

- **secure entrances**
- **visitor check-in systems**
- **security cameras**
- **lockdown tools**
- **cybersecurity systems**



# Connected.

There is a significant amount of district technology at or beyond its useful life. If approved, the funding would:

- **replace old technology devices and equipment**
- **improve network infrastructure**
- **reduce time spent troubleshooting in classrooms**



# Future-Ready.

Our goal is to **provide tools and the future-ready learning experiences** students need to succeed so students are prepared for life after graduation, while also helping maintain safe, modern, and functioning **school facilities** that support future-ready learning.

# A Balanced Plan



The School Board is committed to a **balanced plan** that meets the needs of both students and taxpayers.

**Fiscal responsibility is important to us.** The school district's five-year levy history reflects **2.29% average change**.

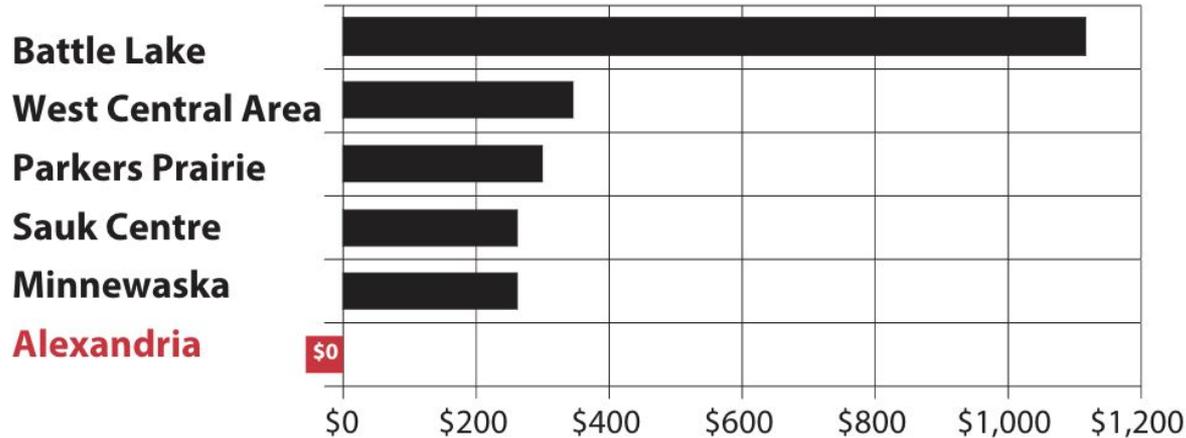
If approved, less than an additional **\$10 per month** for the average home will allow us to invest in **safety, educational technology** and **up-to-date facilities**.

A black rectangular graphic with a white house icon at the top. Below the icon, the text "TAX IMPACT" is written in white. Underneath that, "LESS THAN \$10 PER MONTH" is written in white, with "\$10" being significantly larger than the other numbers. At the bottom, in a smaller white font, it says "Based upon average home value of \$350,000 in Alexandria Public Schools." The graphic has a yellow border on the right and bottom sides.

# APS - How We Compare



## VOTER-APPROVED CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY (DOLLARS PER STUDENT)

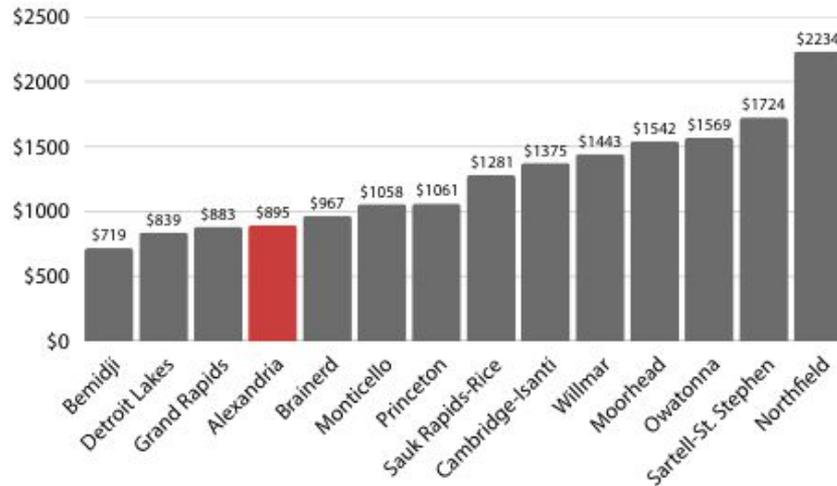


More than 60 districts statewide, including many nearby school districts, have a capital projects levy. Alexandria Public Schools does not.

# APS - How We Compare



**Alexandria's School Taxes Compared to School Districts  
With Similar Demographics**



Based on average residential home valued at \$350,000 for each district.  
Source: Pay 2025 School Tax Report.

Currently, \$1.4 million from general funds covers technology costs. If approved, the levy would cover these expenses, **freeing funds for classrooms, staff, and student programs.**

# What Happens if it Fails?



- **Continued Funding Challenges:** The district will have to make more cuts, possibly resulting in larger class sizes, fewer electives, and reduced services and resources for students.
- **Delayed or Deferred Maintenance:** Safety upgrades, technology equipment and facility improvements would be postponed.



# **Vote on or Before Nov. 4**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Early voting begins Sept. 19 to Nov. 3**

Vote early in-person or by mail.

**Learn more about voting at:**

**[alexschools.org/referendum](https://alexschools.org/referendum) or (320) 762-2141 ext. 4213**

# Where can I direct questions?



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Thank You!

