

## 2006 Referendum Guidelines

On November 7, 2006, the residents of Saint Paul approved a six year Referendum for Continued Excellence in Saint Paul Schools. The amount of the referendum is approximately \$30 million per year starting in fiscal year 2007-08 and continuing through fiscal year 2012-13.

The schools' allocation portion of the referendum has four components. Each component has its own guidelines:

(1) Continuation of the 2002 Referendum

The 2002 referendum, which expired at the end of the 2006-07 school year, did not have new initiatives or restrictions. The schools may follow the General Fund Guidelines to determine its proper uses. The schools may also use this component to supplement other components of the referendum. For fiscal year 2009-10, the amount per student is \$280.

(2) Allocation for Pre-Kindergarten Program

This component of the referendum is allocated to the sites with existing four year old programs in fiscal year 2006-07. The allocation must be used for all staffing and non-staffing line items directly related to the four year old program. For fiscal year 2009-10, the allocation to the sites will not be based on a per-pupil amount. The qualified sites will receive an allocation to cover the cost of one full time teacher and one teaching assistant for each two sessions. The teacher and the teaching assistant cost will be based on the average salary.

(3) Allocation for All-Day Kindergarten Program

This component of the referendum must be used to fund the all day kindergarten program in specific schools with October 2005 poverty rate at 40% level or less. Schools may qualify for this revenue if their compensatory education poverty level in subsequent years drops to 40% or less. Once the school is qualified in 2007-08, it will continue to receive this revenue for the duration of the referendum. Schools that qualify for the First Grade Preparedness revenue do not receive this part of the referendum. The use of the money is restricted to support all activities directly related to the all day kindergarten program. The eligible schools will receive \$3,300 per kindergarten student in fiscal year 2009-10.

(4) Allocation of Math and Science for Secondary Students

The purpose of the secondary allocation initiative is to meet new state standards for math and science as well as prepare students for postsecondary education. The allocated amount in 2009-10 is \$240 per secondary student. Examples of permitted uses of this component are:

- After school or tutoring in math or science
- Math or science content teachers
- Math and science textbooks
- Instructional materials, hardware and software to support math and science
- Counselors time related to helping students with post secondary education
- Professional development to provide opportunities for teachers to participate in collaborative planning time
- Other uses to prepare students for post secondary education