



Legislative Priorities

ST. ANTHONY - NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOLS | WE ARE EVER BRIGHTER | 2023

St. Anthony - New Brighton (SANB) is cherished as a small, caring community steeped in a rich history of excellence at all levels. We believe in the brilliance of each student, knowing they have the capacity to thrive. The success of our students and staff is our highest concern.

OUR DISTRICT NEEDS LEGISLATION THAT:

Fully funds education

The financial support District 282 receives from state and federal aid falls short of what is required to provide our operational needs. Lack of reliable resources makes long-term planning and budgeting difficult. St. Anthony New Brighton schools are fortunate to have stable enrollment, however, the rate of inflation and our rising expenses routinely exceed the increases in aid. If the State's per pupil funding had kept up with inflation, since the funding formulas changed in 2003, SANB would receive \$925 more per student today (Roughly \$1.7 million per year). As a result, our local residential tax payers are burdened with providing significant funding needed and our programs for students, staff and community focusing on equitable access suffer. Food security, technology, infrastructure gaps, mental health supports and incentives to attract and retain staff of color are halted or stifled considerably.



WE REQUEST:

A 5% increase for each of the next two years to the general education basic formula and index it to inflation.

Elimination of the Special Education (SpEd) and English Language (EL) cross subsidies to better support our students.

To be like our city and municipality partners and renew an existing levy without holding an expensive election.

In the 2021-22 school year, our district's cross subsidy for Special Education was \$1,555,000 and the English Language cross subsidy was \$255,000. Cross subsidy means using money in the general fund to cover the costs of underfunded but required educational programs in our schools.



**Engaging with children
at heart level:**

Wes Elnagdy

Our Community Services team transformed Wes's experience, going from glum to glee in a matter of days. Our incredible staff and facilities require funds to support their work. Eliminating cross subsidies would allow more funds to be available to our engaging youth.

Demographic Information

St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools is the smallest geographical sized district in Minnesota, with 1,849 students and 350 staff members. Students attend Wilshire Park Elementary, St. Anthony Middle School & St. Anthony Village High School, as well as Community Services – the district is the central hub of all St. Anthony Village. The diverse student population includes 40% students of color, 7% of students who qualify for multilingual language services, 11% students receiving special education services and 30% eligible for free and reduced lunch.

