

June 23, 2026

To: Dr. Carlondrea Hines

From: Patricia Magnuson, Jim Langevin

Re: FY2028 Long Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM)

The purpose of this memo is to provide summary information regarding the recommended LTFM 10 Year Facility Plan as required by M.S. 123B.595. Because the district is a member of Intermediate School District (ISD) 287, we are required (as are all member districts) to approve the ISD 287 ten year LTFM plan and levy for our portion of this plan.

Background

In Minnesota, **Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM)** is a state program that provides school districts and intermediate school districts with a reliable source of revenue to address deferred maintenance, health and safety projects, and accessibility requirements in school facilities. Its goal is to ensure that Minnesota's school buildings remain safe, functional, and well-maintained over time.

Eligible Uses of LTFM funding:

- Deferred maintenance (e.g., roof replacement, HVAC systems)
- Fire and life safety repairs
- ADA compliance improvements
- Environmental hazards (asbestos, lead)
- Indoor air quality improvements
- Energy efficiency projects

Ineligible Uses of LTFM

- New building construction (unless replacing a facility)
- Cosmetic or aesthetic improvements (e.g., painting, carpeting)
- Athletic or stadium facilities

Prior to the establishment of LTFM in 2015, Minnesota had multiple separate programs; Health & Safety, Deferred Maintenance, and Alternative Facilities. When these were consolidated into LTFM districts who had already been eligible for Alternative Facilities funding (based on a certain age and square footage) were granted exemptions from per pupil funding limits. Because St. Louis Park did not meet the previous square footage threshold, we were not eligible for the earlier Alternative Facilities program and are now subject to the limitations of the per-pupil funding limits under LTFM.



As a result, our access to deferred maintenance funding is more limited than that of larger, grandfathered districts. This inequity is one of the key reasons the district has included major deferred maintenance projects in our last two bond referendums, and we anticipate the need to continue doing so unless the LTFM funding formula is revised through legislative action.

Ten Year LTFM Revenue and Expenditure Plan

For ISD 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, the following items are included in the school board packet:

1. Extract of School Board Minutes - required because final documents (including this signed board minutes) is due to MDE by July 30, 2026
2. FY2028 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Revenue Application
3. FY2028 Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten-Year Expenditure Application
4. FY2028 LTFM Statement of Assurances

The following items are provided by the Finance staff at ISD 287 and are included in the school board packet:

1. FY2028 LTFM Talking Points for Board Members
2. Extract of School Board Minutes - required because final documents (including signed board minutes) is due to MDE by July 30, 2026
3. ISD 287 Signed School Board Minutes
4. FY2028 LTFM Intermediate Revenue Allocation
5. FY2028 LTFM 10-Year Expenditure Application