



# An \$11 Million Investment











## Understanding what's at stake without a levy renewal

### Updated to Reflect Legislative Changes

This list has been modified to reflect the change by the 2013 Legislature to fully fund all-day kindergarten.

A levy, which provides \$11 million to our schools each year, will be expiring in 2014. This list shows how the levy dollars have been invested, and outlines what the impact would be if this levy was not in place. The school board has already acted on this list of budget adjustments, and all of the items will be cut for the 2014-2015 school year if the levy is not renewed.

Some items on this list may need to be acted on to make up for our annual budget shortfall caused by inflation and rising costs or to fund new strategic planning initiatives even if a levy were to be renewed this fall. For more information visit our website: [www.stillwaterschools/levy2013.org](http://www.stillwaterschools/levy2013.org)

Category:	2014-2015 Budget Adjustment Item:	Savings Estimate:	
68% 64% Direct Impact on Classroom	<b>Class Size</b> = 32% 34% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate as many as 50 teachers, which would significantly increase the number of students in a classroom:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 4 to 6 students in elementary schools</li> <li>From 5-8 students at the secondary schools (scheduling issues could raise the number as high as 12 additional students in some secondary classes)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reduce the use of teacher and paraprofessional substitutes by 10 percent as a result of fewer teachers</li> </ul>	\$ 3,478,785
	<b>Student Programming</b> = 24% 17% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate free all day, every day kindergarten and replace with paid full day option (approximately \$2,900 to \$3,500 per student) *NOTE: State to fund all day kindergarten beginning in 2014-2015, which equates to \$900,000 annually for the district.</li> <li>Restructure and/or close an elementary school</li> <li>Reduce music programming (band, orchestra, choir) in grades 5-12</li> <li>Reduce an elective choice for junior high students and replace with a mandatory study hall</li> <li>Shorten media, vocal music and physical education time at the elementary schools</li> <li>Reduce coordination of gifted and talented program</li> </ul>	\$ 2,624,990 \$ 1,724,990
	<b>Learning Interventions</b> = 12% 13% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate as many as 25 student support positions, including paraprofessionals, reading specialists, Special Education teachers, principals, assistant principals, administrators, counselors, nurses, clerical staff</li> <li>Reduce opportunities and support for struggling students</li> <li>Reduce coordination of student testing and assessment, and support services for students and families</li> <li>Eliminate school-based alternatives to out-of-school suspension</li> </ul>	\$ 1,285,798
	<b>Facilities/Operation</b> = 8% 9% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate as many as 15 custodians and groundskeepers</li> <li>Close Oak-Land Junior High swimming pool</li> <li>Increase electrical efficiencies beyond current measures (ie. parking lots and outdoor lighting)</li> <li>Reduce cleaning and supply budgets</li> </ul>	\$ 912,208
	<b>Learning Environment</b> = 6% 7% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a four day week and consider reducing total time students are in school</li> <li>Adjust building temperatures (66 degrees during the winter, 79 degrees during the summer)</li> </ul> <i>Calendar changes would also impact charter and non-public students</i>	\$ 680,178
	<b>Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development</b> = 5% 6% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce budget to implement strategic plan initiatives, and purchase new curriculum, classroom supplies and materials, and replacement materials for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses</li> <li>Delay curriculum and technology purchases</li> <li>Reduce curriculum and technology support staff and/or charge capital budget as possible</li> <li>Reduce professional development and training opportunities for staff</li> </ul>	\$ 647,506
	<b>General Administrative Services</b> = 5% 6% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase chargebacks to Community Education and Food Service budgets, which would lead to increased fees for school age care, enrichment classes, school lunches, etc.</li> <li>Reduce services, equipment and other business functions of the district: including auditing, communications, professional memberships, training, hiring</li> <li>Reduce support staff and/or reorganize departments at Central Services</li> </ul>	\$ 612,543
	<b>Transportation</b> = 3% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate transportation for all students (grades K-12) living within two miles of their school, with no special considerations for hazardous conditions (highways, railroad tracks, etc.) or fee for service options. This will result in earlier bus pick up times and later drop off times for all students.</li> <li>Eliminate transportation for students attending St. Croix Valley Area Learning Center</li> </ul> <i>Transportation changes would also impact charter and non-public students</i>	\$ 306,463
	<b>Activities</b> = 3% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate funding for 7th and 8th grade athletics</li> <li>Eliminate high school athletics supply budgets, resulting in more fund-raising through booster clubs, etc.</li> <li>Increase fees at the high school (athletic fee increases of up to \$95 per sport, concert ticket prices, etc.)</li> <li>Reduce the number of junior high and high school clubs and reduce activity budgets</li> </ul>	\$ 273,554
	<b>Security</b> = 2% of cuts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate contract for private security at Stillwater Area High School</li> <li>Eliminate contracts for school resource officers at both junior highs</li> </ul>	\$ 190,000

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\*Modified May 23, 2013 to reflect Legislative action

**Total \$ 11,012,025**  
**\* \$ 10,112,025**