



ISSUE: Inequitable Levy Funding

In Minnesota, school districts receive funding through a variety of aid and levies which are set by the legislature. However, while traditional districts can expand on their budgets through funding from local levies, chartered public schools (which for funding purposes are school districts) are excluded from this process because they are not legally eligible to receive any funding from property taxes.

Funding from local levies can make a huge difference in providing schools with the funding needed to give students the experiences and supports they need and deserve.

The fact that families who choose to send their students to chartered public schools pay the same local taxes as families who choose to send their students to traditional public schools, yet do not receive the same funding, creates a substantial gap in the resources available for chartered public-school students.

Chartered public-school students and their families as taxpayers deserve the same funding as students who attend traditional public-schools. Local levies should follow the student to whatever public-school the student and family chooses.

STATUTORY REFERENCE: MN Statutes 126C.10 and 124E.09

POLICY SOLUTION: Equal Levy Funding for Charter Schools

- **Provide chartered public schools with equal per pupil levy funding raised through local levies.**

** The per-pupil amount would be based on the levies from the enrolled charter school student's residential district's levies.*

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