

How can the state measure all kids on the same academic scale WHEN STATE ACADEMIC FUNDING IS NOT EQUAL?

WE HAVE A DREAM FOR

- Education funding in Minnesota to ensure equal access and opportunity for ALL students regardless of what community they live in
- Minnesota legislators to put ALL Minnesota kids first and honor their primary constitutional responsibilities of supporting a “general and uniform system of public schools”

WE HAVE A PROBLEM

- The state property tax system penalizes communities for having more residential property than commercial property
- To generate the same amount of funding for their schools, communities with less commercial properties, like SSP, could pay nearly 4 times more than taxpayers in their neighboring communities who have more businesses
- Home ownership is not an indication of ability to pay taxes

WEST ST. PAUL



For Example,

If a WSP homeowner pays \$10 in school taxes, the WSP school district gets enough money to buy a whole pizza (or more services for their students).

SOUTH ST. PAUL



However,

Due to the unfair school funding, if a SSP homeowner paid the same \$10 in school taxes, the SSP School District would only be able to buy about 27% of a pizza (thus less services for students).

Annual Cost per \$100,000 of Operating Referendum Revenue for a \$250,000 Home



WE NEED A SOLUTION TO

- Decrease the property tax burden on the homeowners of South St. Paul to due to the lack of a strong commercial tax base.
- Create a tax bill that provides both short and long-term property tax relief.