

Lake Superior School District – Senate File 1638

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Ensuring Educational Infrastructure for the Future

The Lake Superior School District #381 has a long-standing commitment to providing quality education to students in Silver Bay and Two Harbors. In November 2021, district residents approved a \$44.1 million investment to modernize our three schools. These upgrades address critical health, safety, and educational needs. The following lists our 3 schools, when they were built, the year of the renovation preceding 2021, and the focus of our current building projects.

William Kelley School- built in 1958 (177,942 sq ft), renovation 2003 (9,778 sq ft)

- Controlled entrance, fire alarm, boiler replacement, HVAC unit from 1958, LED lighting, classroom & flex space, asbestos abatement floor & ceiling, kitchen, pool filtration & structure, ADA accessibility

Minnehaha Elementary- built in 1960 (64,025 sq ft), last renovation 1979 (42,565 sq ft)

- Controlled entrance, add sprinkler system, boiler, kitchen, HVAC, LED lighting, roof, classroom & flex space, windows, playground, staff parking, ADA accessibility

Two Harbors High School- built in 2005 (190,100 sq ft), last renovation 2018 (900 sq ft)

- Controlled entrance, pool filtration, LED lighting, student support center

Two Harbors & Silver Bay Bus Garages- both built in the 1970s

- New garages, office, restroom, insulation, doors, paving

Challenges Faced

While the referendum was designed to be levy-neutral and sustainable for at least 20 years, rising construction costs and inflation have placed financial strain on the project. Without relief, the district continues to face challenges completing these essential improvements without significant value engineering or postponing portions of the project..

Request for Action

We urge you to support SF 1638 to provide critical tax relief for the school construction projects in the Lake Superior School District. By reducing the financial burden caused by rising costs, this legislation will help ensure students have access to safe, modern learning environments while honoring the investment made by local taxpayers.



William Kelley School Alumni at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- New Music Wing



Minnehaha Elementary secured entrance, no stairs, ADA Accessibility



Two Harbors High School Student Support Center Counselors/Registrar