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OPTIONS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION FORMULA CHANGES TO LIMIT REVENUE DISPARITIES

Statutory Directive

Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 127A.51, reads as follows:

Section 127A.51 Statewide average revenue.

By October 1 of each year the commissioner must estimate the statewide average adjusted general revenue per adjusted marginal cost pupil unit and the disparity in adjusted general revenue among pupils and districts by computing the ratio of the 95th percentile to the fifth percentile of adjusted general revenue. The commissioner must provide that information to all districts.

If the disparity in adjusted general revenue as measured by the ratio of the 95th percentile to the fifth percentile increases in any year, the commissioner shall recommend to the legislature options for change in the general education formula that will limit the disparity in adjusted general revenue to no more than the disparity for the previous school year. The commissioner must submit the recommended options to the education committees of the legislature by January 15. (emphasis added)

For purposes of this section and section [126C.10](#), adjusted general revenue means:

(1) for fiscal year 2002, the sum of basic revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivision 2; supplemental revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivisions 9 and 12; transition revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivision 20; referendum revenue under section [126C.17](#); and equity revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivisions 24a and 24b; and

(2) for fiscal year 2003 and later, the sum of basic revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivision 2; referendum revenue under section [126C.17](#); and equity revenue under section [126C.10](#), subdivisions 24a and 24b.

Background

The October 2006 calculations under Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 127A.51, given in the table below, show an increase in the projected ratio of the 95th percentile to the fifth percentile of adjusted general revenue from 1.202 in FY 2006 to 1.242 in FY 2007. While the 1.242 ratio projected for FY 2007 is lower than in any year between FY 1992, when these calculations were initiated, and FY 2001, it exceeds the ratio computed for FY 2006 and therefore triggers the statutory requirement for the commissioner to “recommend to the legislature options for change in the general education formula that will limit the disparity in adjusted general revenue to no more than the disparity for the previous school year.” Preliminary calculations for FY 2008, based on November 2006 forecast data, (reflecting November 2006 operating referendum results), show a further increase in the projected ratio of the 95th percentile to the 5th percentile

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Estimated General Education Revenue Per Weighted ADM																										
BASIC + SUPPLEMENTAL + TRANSITION + REFERENDUM + EQUITY REVENUE																										
TRANSITION REVENUE IS EXCLUDED AFTER FY 2003																										
	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007										
STATE AVERAGES:	3,390	3,398	3,416	3,476	3,541	3,891	4,003	3,980	4,247	4,511	4,688	4,942	5,088	5,185	5,411	5,715										
PERCENTILES:	1ST	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,150	3,205	3,440	3,550	3,530	3,740	3,964	4,078	4,604	4,611	4,614	4,820	5,057									
	5TH	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,150	3,205	3,469	3,577	3,530	3,740	3,964	4,309	4,604	4,611	4,614	4,856	5,108									
	10TH	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,150	3,205	3,488	3,591	3,530	3,762	4,029	4,418	4,611	4,644	4,693	4,930	5,209									
	20TH	3,050	3,050	3,054	3,150	3,222	3,570	3,717	3,744	4,029	4,302	4,465	4,643	4,715	4,863	5,129	5,385									
	30TH	3,056	3,070	3,154	3,182	3,329	3,727	3,828	3,845	4,101	4,343	4,518	4,715	4,845	4,997	5,246	5,522									
	40TH	3,177	3,174	3,189	3,349	3,453	3,814	3,913	3,879	4,140	4,404	4,569	4,792	4,968	5,103	5,339	5,641									
	50TH	3,244	3,257	3,303	3,428	3,507	3,860	3,953	3,897	4,194	4,487	4,635	4,874	5,051	5,194	5,419	5,775									
	60TH	3,373	3,383	3,377	3,471	3,526	3,893	4,001	3,972	4,271	4,525	4,688	4,971	5,137	5,304	5,544	5,805									
	70TH	3,552	3,561	3,561	3,537	3,583	3,949	4,093	4,060	4,418	4,651	4,825	5,096	5,333	5,403	5,624	5,903									
	80TH	3,611	3,626	3,637	3,628	3,645	4,074	4,217	4,203	4,473	4,719	4,873	5,209	5,434	5,484	5,690	5,961									
	90TH	3,901	3,930	3,972	3,960	4,009	4,326	4,402	4,334	4,579	4,926	5,071	5,356	5,478	5,519	5,742	6,183									
	95TH	4,181	4,124	4,124	4,109	4,162	4,502	4,684	4,611	4,805	5,025	5,191	5,462	5,570	5,603	5,837	6,343									
	99TH	4,839	4,797	4,686	4,676	4,724	5,058	5,131	5,057	5,260	5,471	5,559	5,893	5,977	5,967	6,138	6,596									
DOLLAR GAPS:	90TH TO 10TH	851	880	922	810	804	838	811	804	817	897	653	745	834	826	811	974									
	95TH TO 5TH	1,131	1,074	1,074	959	957	1,033	1,108	1,081	1,065	1,061	882	858	959	989	981	1,234									
	99TH TO 1ST	1,789	1,747	1,636	1,526	1,519	1,617	1,581	1,527	1,520	1,507	1,481	1,290	1,366	1,353	1,319	1,539									
RATIOS:	90TH TO 10TH	1.279	1.289	1.302	1.257	1.251	1.240	1.226	1.228	1.217	1.223	1.148	1.162	1.179	1.176	1.165	1.187									
	95TH TO 5TH	1.371	1.352	1.352	1.304	1.299	1.298	1.310	1.306	1.285	1.268	1.205	1.186	1.208	1.214	1.202	1.242									
	99TH TO 1ST	1.587	1.573	1.536	1.484	1.474	1.470	1.445	1.433	1.406	1.380	1.363	1.280	1.296	1.293	1.274	1.304									

of adjusted general revenue to 1.254. The increases in the ratio of the 95th percentile to the 5th percentile of adjusted general revenue for FY 2006 and FY 2007 are attributable to the increase in the referendum allowance limit from 18.6 percent to 26 percent of the general education formula allowance enacted by the 2005 Legislature, which, together with annual inflationary increases in referendum allowance limits and new referendum elections, have increased the high end of the revenue distribution more rapidly than the low end has been increased through changes in the basic formula and the equity revenue formula. Because the projected ratio of the 95th percentile to the 5th percentile of adjusted general revenue is higher in FY 2008 than in FY 2007 and because FY 2007 will be nearly completed before any potential changes could be enacted, the options prepared for this report were analyzed using the funding formulas in effect for FY 2008 and later, and data as of the November 2006 budget forecast.

Current Equity Revenue Formula

The current equity revenue formula for FY 2006 and later has five components:

- 1) a flat allowance of \$13 per pupil unit for districts whose referendum revenue per pupil unit falls below the regional (metro or nonmetro) 95th percentile,
- 2) a variable amount, ranging up to \$75 per pupil unit on a sliding scale, depending on the gap between the district's referendum revenue per pupil unit and the regional 95th percentile (all districts without any referendum revenue are ineligible for this component of the equity revenue);
- 3) an additional amount for districts with low referendum revenue per pupil unit (below 10% of the state average referendum revenue per pupil unit - estimated at \$67 for FY 2008), equal to the amount by which the district's referendum allowance falls below 10% of the state average, but not to exceed \$100,000 per district;
- 4) an additional amount for districts in the 7 county metro area, equal to 25% of the amount computed for the three components above; and
- 5) a flat allowance of \$46 per pupil unit for districts whose referendum revenue per pupil unit falls below the regional 95th percentile or \$23 per pupil unit for districts whose referendum revenue per pupil unit falls at or above the regional 95th percentile.

Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Duluth are ineligible for the first four components of equity revenue, but are eligible for the fifth component. School districts with no referendum revenue are ineligible for the sliding scale component of equity revenue (#2 above), but are eligible for the other four components. The exclusion of Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Duluth from receiving the first four components of equity revenue does not contribute to the gap between the 95th and 5th percentiles of adjusted general revenue, because all three districts have moderate referendum revenue allowances, falling in between the 95th and 5th percentiles. The exclusion of districts with no referendum revenue from receiving the sliding scale component of equity revenue directly does contribute to the gap between the 95th and 5th percentiles of adjusted general revenue, and has also stimulated several districts to hold referendum elections seeking a \$1 per pupil unit referendum allowance in order to qualify for an additional \$75 per pupil unit of equity revenue.

Options to Limit Revenue Disparities

The simplest and most cost-effective method of reducing the disparity among districts in adjusted general revenue, without reducing revenue for districts at the 95th percentile or above, is to adjust the equity revenue formula to target additional funds to the lowest revenue districts.

Six options for modifying the equity revenue formula were considered. All six options would begin by targeting additional revenue to the districts with the lowest adjusted general revenue per pupil unit by allowing districts with no referendum authority to receive the sliding scale revenue. However, because that would not be sufficient to reduce the disparity ratio to the FY 2006 level, further changes would be needed to target additional revenue to low revenue districts. Three approaches were considered to do this:

1. increasing the referendum allowance used to drive the low referendum revenue component while leaving the sliding scale component essentially unchanged;
2. increasing the maximum allowance for the sliding scale component while leaving the referendum allowance used to drive the low referendum revenue component essentially unchanged; and
3. increasing the maximum allowance for the sliding scale component and eliminating the low referendum revenue component.

Two variations were simulated for each of these three approaches. The first variation would retain most of the current equity formula structure, including the references to the 5th and 95th percentiles of referendum authority per Adjusted Marginal Cost Pupil Unit (AMCPU), the calculation of the low referendum component based on a percent of state average referendum authority per RMCPU, and the "per AMCPU" basis for calculating sliding scale and flat grant revenues. of the equity formula, and adjust the formula parameters and eligibility for revenue.

The second variation would restructure the formula to make the calculations simpler and more predictable by making the following changes:

- Sliding scale and flat grant revenues are based on referendum authority per RMCPU rather than referendum authority per AMCPU.
- The 5th percentile of referendum revenue per AMCPU is replaced with zero.
- The 95th percentile of referendum revenue per AMCPU is replaced with 29% of the basic formula allowance, without regard to region.
- The low referendum basis is changed from 10% of state average referendum authority per RMCPU to a percent of the basic formula allowance.

In addition, all of the options considered would:

- calculate low referendum revenue before sliding scale revenue to eliminate a quirk in the current formula that causes referendum plus equity revenue per pupil to decrease slightly as referendum authority increases from \$1 to about \$60 per pupil unit,
- eliminate the \$100,000 cap on low referendum revenue, and
- provide hold harmless revenue to districts that would otherwise receive less than they do under current law.

Options Summary

In summary, all options considered would:

- eliminate the penalty for having no referendum authority,
- calculate low referendum revenue before sliding scale revenue,
- eliminate the \$100,000 cap on low referendum revenue, and
- provide hold harmless revenue to districts that would otherwise receive less than they do under current law.

Options 1.1 to 1.3 retain the current-law references to the 5th and 95th percentiles of referendum authority per AMCPU, the current-law reference to a percent of state average referendum authority per RMCPU, and the "per AMCPU" basis for calculating sliding scale and flat grant revenues.

Options 2.1 to 2.3 all include these changes from current law:

- sliding scale and flat grant revenues are based on referendum authority per RMCPU rather than referendum authority per AMCPU.
- the 5th percentile of referendum revenue per AMCPU is replaced with zero
- the 95th percentile of referendum revenue per AMCPU is replaced with 29% of the basic formula allowance, without regard to region.
- the low referendum basis is changed from 10% of state average referendum authority per RMCPU to a percent of the basic formula allowance.

The additional changes from current law for each option are as follows:

Option 1.1--The low referendum guarantee is increased from 10% of the state average referendum allowance to \$241 per RMCPU.

Option 1.2--The low referendum guarantee is left at 10% of the state average referendum allowance, but maximum sliding scale revenue per AMCPU is increased from \$75 to \$259.

Option 1.3--The low referendum guarantee is eliminated, and maximum sliding scale revenue per AMCPU is increased from \$75 to \$319.

Option 2.1--The low referendum guarantee is set at 4.3% of the basic formula allowance.

Option 2.2--The low referendum guarantee is set at 1.5% of the basic formula allowance, and maximum sliding scale revenue per AMCPU is increased from \$75 to \$213.

Option 2.3--The low referendum guarantee is eliminated, and maximum sliding scale revenue per AMCPU is increased from \$75 to \$280.

Summary Statistics and District By District Impacts

The table below shows the FY 2008 statewide impact of each of the six options discussed above. The appendix provides a district-by-district spreadsheet showing the FY 2008 current law general education revenue per adjusted marginal cost pupil unit (AMCPU), and the change in general education revenue per AMCPU for each district under each of the six options.

	Current Law	Option 1.1	Option 1.2	Option 1.3	Option 2.1	Option 2.2	Option 2.3
Low Referendum Guarantee	67.46	241.23	67.46	0.00	214.90	74.61	0.00
Maximum Sliding Scale Revenue/AMCPU	75.00	75.00	258.52	318.81	75.00	213.10	279.95
Metro Bottom of Sliding Scale Range	179.18	179.18	179.18	179.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Metro Top of Sliding Scale Range	1,443.72	1,443.72	1,443.72	1,443.72	1,442.46	1,442.46	1,442.46
Nonmetro Bottom of Sliding Scale Range	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nonmetro Top of Sliding Scale Range	1,616.35	1,616.35	1,616.35	1,616.35	1,442.46	1,442.46	1,442.46
Disparity Ratio Basis: 5th Percentile	5,115.49	5,337.92	5,348.19	5,351.86	5,303.54	5,309.90	5,313.00
Disparity Ratio Basis: 95th Percentile	6,416.67	6,416.36	6,428.82	6,432.92	6,374.85	6,382.51	6,386.22
Disparity Ratio:	1.254	1.202	1.202	1.202	1.202	1.202	1.202
Equity Revenue	91,270,151	113,880,882	188,319,870	214,640,676	105,274,238	155,538,645	182,073,485
Hold Harmless Revenue	0	69,286	376	3	4,403,495	1,690,804	1,690,089
Equity Revenue Plus Hold Harmless	91,270,151	113,950,169	188,320,246	214,640,679	109,677,733	157,229,448	183,763,574
Revenue Increase Over Current Law	0	22,680,018	97,050,095	123,370,528	18,407,582	65,959,298	92,493,423

All six of the options reduce the disparity ratio to the FY 2006 level of 1.202. The first three options, based on the current formula structure, have higher cost than the last three options because the 95th percentiles are higher than 29% of the formula allowance, especially for the non-metro region. As a result, only 15 districts receive minimum equity revenue under the first 3 options, while 26 districts receive minimum equity revenue under the last 3 options. More districts with minimum equity revenue leads to lower 95th percentile revenue levels for calculating the disparity ratio. There are no “losers” under any option because of the hold-harmless provision.

Note that the first three options use different combinations of a) the low referendum guarantee and b) maximum sliding scale revenue per AMCPU. Comparing these approaches, option 1.1 has the highest low referendum guarantee, the lowest sliding scale revenue, and the lowest revenue increase over current law. Revenue increases under option 1.1 are relatively small because they are concentrated on districts with low referendum revenues. Under options 1.2 and 1.3, more equity revenue goes to districts with moderate levels of referendum revenue.

The same relationships exist when we compare the last three options.

APPENDIX -- OPTIONS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION FORMULA CHANGES TO LIMIT REVENUE DISPARITIES

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T											
						OPTION 1.1					OPTION 1.2					OPTION 2.1					OPTION 2.2										
	CURRENT		LAW		EQUITY		EQUITY		EQUITY		EQUITY		EQUITY		FROM		FROM		FROM		OPTION 1.1		OPTION 1.2		OPTION 1.3						
	AMCPU	REVENUE	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	= C-B	= D-B	= E-B	= F-B	= G-B	= H-B	= I/A	= J/A	= K/A	= L/A	= M/A	= N/A					
TOTAL	917,721	912,70,151	113,950,169	188,320,246	214,640,679	109,677,733	157,229,448	183,763,574	22,680,018	97,050,095	123,370,528	18,407,582	65,959,298	92,493,423	25	106	134	20	72	101											
1 AITKIN	1,483	295,782	539,790	554,842	560,285	491,532	494,538	502,652	244,008	259,061	264,503	195,751	198,757	206,871	165	175	178	132	134	139											
2 3MINNEAPOLIS	38,483	1,770,227	1,770,227	1,770,227	1,770,227	1,770,227	1,770,227	1,770,227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
3 HILL CITY	376	44,063	136,719	140,531	141,890	115,907	122,276	127,296	92,656	95,468	97,828	71,844	78,214	83,233	247	257	260	191	208	222											
4 MCGREROR	509	101,962	184,702	189,867	192,120	171,315	170,277	172,351	82,741	87,905	90,159	69,533	68,315	70,389	163	173	177	136	134	138											
5 3SOUTH ST. PAUL	3,654	383,675	383,675	736,651	888,673	383,675	614,078	735,355	0	0	379,994	504,998	0	230,403	351,680	0	104	138	0	63	96										
6 1ANOKA-HENNEPIN	47,294	5,503,541	5,503,541	11,744,178	13,796,128	5,503,541	9,465,994	11,511,552	0	0	6,240,637	8,292,587	0	3,962,453	6,008,411	0	132	175	0	84	127										
7 1CENTENNIAL	7,983	944,528	2,036,190	2,395,112	944,528	1,607,382	1,955,736	0	0	1,091,662	1,450,585	0	663,855	1,011,208	0	137	182	0	83	127											
8 1COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	3,335	322,412	322,412	601,045	692,786	329,686	554,538	663,381	0	0	278,633	370,374	7,274	232,126	340,969	0	84	111	2	70	102										
9 1FRIDLEY	2,970	324,111	324,111	663,186	774,732	324,111	429,104	505,725	0	0	339,075	450,421	0	104,993	181,614	0	114	152	0	35	61										
10 1ST. FRANCIS	7,115	984,926	984,926	2,309,824	2,745,157	984,926	1,805,636	2,323,136	0	0	1,224,898	1,740,221	0	820,700	1,248,200	0	186	247	0	0	115	175									
11 1SPRING LAKE PARK	5,328	591,771	1,225,263	1,433,670	591,771	909,494	1,090,752	0	0	633,492	841,899	0	317,723	498,981	0	119	158	0	60	94											
12 1DETROIT LAKES	2,974	356,014	356,136	798,266	943,521	356,014	666,939	823,753	122	0	442,252	587,507	0	310,925	467,739	0	149	198	0	105	157										
13 1FRAZEE	1,198	151,550	436,266	448,429	452,768	404,731	402,288	406,198	284,715	296,879	301,217	253,181	250,738	254,647	238	248	251	211	209	212											
14 1PINE POINT	74	9,759	26,808	27,555	27,822	26,295	25,215	24,960	17,049	17,796	18,063	16,536	15,456	15,201	232	242	245	225	210	206											
15 1BEMIDJI	5,143	555,404	555,780	1,173,124	1,375,974	555,404	1,018,803	1,243,210	376	0	617,720	820,570	0	463,399	687,806	0	120	160	0	90	134										
16 1BLACKDUCK	749	148,576	271,971	279,583	282,894	247,223	248,998	253,779	131,006	134,318	150,422	105,203	105,203	165	175	179	132	134	140												
17 1KELLHED	308	44,696	96,984	100,587	114,232	74,865	85,990	101,477	52,288	55,891	63,169	41,294	56,781	170	181	226	98	134	184												
18 1RED LAKE	1,530	35,200	35,200	102,190	124,089	134,690	0	0	66,990	88,889	99,490	0	0	0	44	58	65														
19 1SAUK RAPIDS	4,287	352,956	1,560,781	1,604,298	1,619,819	1,385,055	1,417,382	1,455,211	1,207,825	1,251,342	1,266,863	1,032,099	1,064,426	1,100,255	282	292	295	241	248	257											
20 1FOLEY	1,947	240,464	252,094	547,975	648,964	240,464	462,177	571,127	111,630	307,511	408,500	0	221,713	330,663	6	158	210	0	114	170											
21 1ORTONVILLE	520	49,541	49,582	111,046	49,541	72,376	85,453	52	0	46,311	61,505	0	22,835	35,912	0	89	118	0	44	69											
22 1ST. CLAIR	726	76,829	264,311	271,681	274,309	227,149	246,095	247,480	187,483	197,480	198,482	120,631	150,321	169,266	258	268	272	166	207	233											
23 1MANAKATO	8,007	908,171	908,568	1,975,917	2,326,549	908,171	1,652,728	2,022,993	397	0	1,067,746	1,418,378	0	744,557	1,114,822	0	133	177	0	93	139										
24 1COMFREY	177	11,839	11,871	15,313	16,445	13,852	19,326	22,106	32	0	3,474	4,406	1,743	7,487	10,267	0	20	26	0	10	42										
25 1SLEEPY EYE	711	90,152	258,789	266,004	268,578	240,893	238,915	240,953	168,637	178,426	178,426	150,471	152,321	150,801	237	247	251	212	209	212											
26 1SPRINGFIELD	672	70,934	70,982	147,682	172,876	70,934	123,259	149,491	48	76,748	101,942	0	52,325	78,557	0	114	152	0	76	117											
27 1NEW ULM	2,425	273,420	273,550	592,792	697,662	273,420	497,318	608,439	130	0	244,242	319,372	0	223,898	335,019	0	132	175	0	92	138										
28 1BARNUM	756	94,470	124,080	216,529	256,621	103,707	183,390	226,925	29,610	0	122,059	162,151	9,237	88,920	132,455	39	161	214	12	118	175										
29 1CARLTON	665	69,353	69,407	143,230	167,483	71,823	131,827	160,873	54	0	73,877	98,130	2,470	62,474	91,520	0	111	148	4	94	138										
30 1CLOQUET	2,870	372,785	765,916	807,683	804,234	658,301	739,623	918,520	393,131	0	497,898	661,449	285,516	366,838	545,735	137	173	178	230	234	222										
31 1CROMWELL	348	40,551	952,301	1,668,694	1,904,802	952,301	1,413,758	1,651,423	0	0	716,394	952,501	0	461,458	699,122	0	68	90	0	44	66										
32 1CASS LAKE	1,241	146,700	151,686	248,420	248,772	186,519	205,428	240,556	304,987	317,580	322,072	239,819	258,518	273,856	246	256	260	193	208	221											
33 1PILLAGER	874	116,489	318,226	327,098	330,263	314,154	300,014	296,295	201,737	210,610	213,774	197,665	183,525	179,804	231	241	245	226	210	206											
34 1REMER	594	67,881	67,909	148,401	174,848	67,912	128,481	157,801	28	0	80,520	106,967	31	160,600	89,920	0	136	180	0	102	152										
35 1MONTEVIDEO	1,754	198,280	198,382	430,533	506,806	198,280	306,043	422,130	102	0	232,253	308,526	0	218,740	223,850	0	147,763	176	0	84	128										
36 1NORTH BRANCH	4,569	369,566	1,663,266	1,709,640	1,726,108	1,545,899	1,534,718	1,548,632	1,293,074	1,340,074	1,356,614	1,293,074	1,304,074	1,176,331	1,165,155	1,179,066	283	293	297	257	255	258									
37 1RUSH CITY	1,161	146,798	422,498	424,377	438,479	392,051	389,624	393,379	275,700	287,480	291,681	291,681	291,681	291,681	291,681	0	100	70,470	0	211	211		209	212							
38 1RANDOLPH	582	82,255	194,818	281,281	331,448	128,508</td																									

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	CURRENT LAW	EQUITY PLUS	EQUITY HOLD	EQUITY LAW																		
	AMCPU	REVENUE	HARMLESS	= C-B	= D-B	= E-B	= F-B	= G-B	= H-B	= I-A	= J/A	= K/A	= M/A									
270	1HOPKINS	9,185	211,262	211,262	211,262	211,262	211,262	211,262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
271	1BLOOMINGTON	12,303	1,178,877	1,178,877	2,180,648	2,510,667	1,178,877	1,790,604	2,112,075	0	1,001,772	1,331,791	0	611,727	933,198	0	81	108	0	50	76	
272	1EDEN PRAIRIE	11,221	907,597	907,597	1,409,096	1,574,748	907,597	1,200,937	1,358,547	0	501,499	667,151	0	293,340	450,951	0	45	59	0	26	40	
273	1EDINA	8,834	674,059	674,059	969,328	1,067,167	674,059	674,059	0	295,270	393,108	0	0	0	0	33	44	0	0	0		
276	1MINNETONKA	8,832	623,944	623,944	796,393	853,909	623,944	654,148	686,892	0	172,449	229,965	0	0	30,204	62,948	0	20	26	0	3	7
277	1WESTONKA	2,644	202,188	202,188	291,723	321,398	217,147	313,966	360,833	0	89,535	119,210	14,958	111,778	158,645	0	34	45	6	42	60	
278	1ORONO	2,977	248,800	401,601	452,019	248,800	248,800	248,800	248,800	0	152,801	203,220	0	0	0	0	51	68	0	0	0	
279	1OSSEO	25,195	2,609,368	5,140,964	5,973,962	2,609,368	4,361,101	5,237,190	0	2,531,596	3,364,594	0	1,751,733	2,627,822	0	100	134	0	70	104		
280	1RICHFIELD	4,697	418,348	418,348	722,760	823,160	418,348	589,630	682,875	0	304,413	404,812	0	171,283	264,527	0	65	86	0	36	56	
281	1ROBBINSDALE	15,323	1,652,104	1,652,104	3,351,776	3,911,076	1,652,104	2,635,314	3,162,786	0	1,699,672	2,258,972	0	983,211	1,510,683	0	111	147	0	64	99	
282	1ST. ANTHONY-NEW	1,967	208,594	418,229	487,196	208,594	208,594	208,594	208,594	0	209,636	278,603	0	0	0	0	107	142	0	0	0	
283	1ST. LOUIS PARK	5,002	115,064	115,064	115,064	115,064	115,064	115,064	115,064	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
284	1WAYZATA	11,388	769,051	907,165	953,774	769,051	769,051	769,051	769,051	0	138,114	184,723	0	0	0	0	12	16	0	0	0	
286	1BROOKLYN CENTER	1,849	270,846	270,846	651,668	776,786	270,846	492,642	611,068	0	380,822	505,940	0	221,796	340,222	0	206	274	0	120	184	
294	1HOUSTON	1,515	181,471	181,520	407,053	481,145	181,471	224,217	266,522	49	225,562	299,674	0	42,746	85,051	0	149	198	0	28	56	
297	1SPRING GROVE	380	26,209	26,275	35,667	38,795	26,209	26,209	26,454	66	9,458	12,546	0	0	245	0	25	33	0	0	1	
299	1CALEDONIA	961	94,830	194,921	188,390	219,104	94,830	158,475	190,396	91	93,560	124,274	0	63,645	95,566	0	97	129	0	66	99	
300	1LACRESIDENT	1,631	175,862	371,137	435,244	175,862	304,966	370,451	118	195,275	259,382	0	129,104	194,589	0	120	159	0	79	119		
306	1LAPORTE	296	29,168	107,723	110,727	73,646	90,204	100,299	78,555	81,558	82,630	44,478	61,037	71,130	265	276	279	150	206	240		
308	1NEVIS	613	79,993	147,076	187,253	222,487	107,549	155,339	192,724	67,085	107,260	142,494	27,556	75,546	112,731	109	175	232	45	123	184	
309	1PARK RAPIDS	1,904	207,484	207,616	404,710	517,279	207,484	349,346	423,693	132	233,226	309,795	0	141,862	216,209	0	122	163	0	74	114	
314	1IBRAHAM	1,027	123,182	123,223	276,499	326,852	123,182	234,333	288,839	41	153,317	203,470	0	111,151	165,657	0	149	198	0	108	161	
316	1GREENWAY	1,413	125,596	125,765	229,563	263,664	125,596	198,422	234,522	169	103,967	138,068	0	72,826	108,926	0	74	98	0	52	77	
317	1DEER RIVER	1,090	138,061	396,673	407,732	411,677	368,843	366,071	369,333	258,612	237,616	230,782	228,010	231,273	237	247	251	212	209	212		
318	1GRAND RAPIDS	4,219	348,938	1,535,987	1,578,812	1,594,086	1,434,177	1,419,559	1,430,125	1,187,049	1,229,874	1,245,148	1,085,239	1,070,621	1,081,187	281	291	295	257	254	256	
319	1NASHWAUK-KEEWA	693	88,925	171,014	206,457	245,048	156,639	176,660	219,247	82,089	117,532	156,143	67,714	87,735	130,322	118	170	225	98	127	188	
323	2FRANCONIA	38	884	884	884	884	2,299	2,452	2,526	0	0	0	1,435	1,588	1,662	0	0	38	42	44		
330	1HERON LAKE-OAKAB	331	29,916	29,955	55,482	63,866	29,916	36,886	42,334	39	25,566	33,950	0	6,970	12,416	0	77	103	0	21	38	
332	1MORA	2,215	284,634	527,595	661,481	785,268	455,595	561,359	696,465	242,961	376,847	500,634	170,961	276,725	411,831	110	170	226	77	125	186	
333	1TOGILWIE	735	104,060	267,730	275,194	277,857	283,595	259,105	249,277	163,670	171,134	173,797	179,535	155,045	145,217	223	233	236	244	211	197	
345	1NEW LONDON/SPIC	1,831	213,913	213,989	473,357	558,568	213,913	390,491	479,109	76	259,444	344,665	0	176,578	265,196	0	142	188	0	96	145	
347	1WILLMAR	4,607	510,436	510,733	1,095,355	1,287,450	510,436	914,206	1,175,734	297	584,919	777,014	0	403,770	605,298	0	127	169	0	88	131	
356	1LANCASTER	219	17,480	17,513	28,739	32,428	17,480	17,480	33	11,259	14,948	0	0	0	51	68	0	0	0	0		
361	1INTERNATIONAL FA	1,401	144,914	144,914	297,239	347,286	144,904	263,771	320,585	110	152,435	202,482	1,600	118,967	175,781	0	109	145	1	85	125	
362	1LITTLEFORK BIG F	397	74,214	144,127	148,165	149,923	116,450	126,939	134,483	69,913	73,951	75,709	42,235	52,725	60,269	176	186	191	106	133	152	
363	1SOUTH KOCHICHII	408	69,358	148,204	152,368	154,185	97,350	122,822	138,286	78,846	83,010	84,827	27,992	53,464	68,928	193	203	208	69	131	169	
371	1BELLINGHAM	137	8,291	8,217	9,046	8,291	8,291	8,291	8,291	26	574	755	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	
378	1DAWSON	603	61,310	121,423	144,915	61,258	96,714	115,889	52	62,985	83,657	0	35,456	54,631	0	104	139	0	59	91		
381	1LAKE SUPERIOR	1,650	197,374	600,815	617,567	623,541	669,848	593,067	599,406	403,441	420,193	426,167	472,474	395,493	362,032	244	255	258	286	240	219	
390	1LAKE OF THE WOOD	670	85,841	159,279	199,198	236,436	141,682	169,806	210,673	73,438	113,357	150,595	83,965	124,832	110	169	225	83	125	186		
391	1CLEVELAND	479	49,535	97,572	101,759	118,907	49,535	80,627	97,040	37	52,224	69,372	0	31,092	47,525	0	109	145	0	65	99	
392	1ECECENTER	750	78,671	162,914	190,587	78,671	137,473	166,718	54	84,297	111,970	0	58,856	88,101	0	112	149	0	78	117		
394	1MONTGOMERY	1,276	175,272	464,442	477,392	481,725	445,926	432,432	289,170	306,738	306,463	270,654	257,160	227	237	240	240	212	202			
402	1HENDRICKS	168	15,550	24,469	34,036	15,550	25,793	30,762	19	13,919	18,486	0	10,243	15,232	0	83	110	0	61	91		
403	1IVANHOE	204	23,047	23,059	49,973	58,815	23,133	43,523	53,393	12	26,926	35,768	86	20,476	30,346	0	132	175	0	100	148	
404	1LAKE BENTON	241	16,763	16,804	23,085	25,148	16,763	16,763	16,763	41	6,322	8,385	0	0	0	0	26	35	0	0	0	
411	1BALATON	117	7,127	7,149	7,212	7,127	10,298	16,529	19,544	22	596	785	3,171	9,402	12,417	0	5	7	27	80	106	
413	1MARSHALL	2,528	315,983	451,423	478,765	480,962	306,085	236,301</td														

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	CURRENT	LAW	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS	FROM	OPTION 1.1	OPTION 1.2	OPTION 1.3	OPTION 2.1	OPTION 2.2	OPTION 2.3	OPTION 2.4	OPTION 2.5	OPTION 2.6	OPTION 2.7	OPTION 2.8	
	EQUITY	EQUITY	EQUITY	EQUITY	EQUITY	EQUITY	EQUITY	TO CURRENT	OPTION 1.1	OPTION 1.2	OPTION 1.3	OPTION 2.1	OPTION 2.2	OPTION 2.3	OPTION 2.4	OPTION 2.5	OPTION 2.6	OPTION 2.7	OPTION 2.8	
	AMCPU	REVENUE	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	HARMLESS	LAW	= C-B	= D-B	= E-B	= F-B	= G-B	= H-B	= I-A	= J-A	= K-A	= L-A	= M-A	
821	1MENAGHA	897	100,875	326,489	335,592	338,839	262,940	287,191	303,987	225,614	234,717	237,964	162,065	186,316	203,112	252	262	181	208	
829	1WASECA	2,177	232,508	232,669	487,756	571,552	232,508	396,087	480,056	161	252,548	339,044	0	163,579	247,548	0	117	156	0	
831	1FOREST LAKE	8,538	963,448	963,448	2,016,069	2,362,272	963,448	1,662,641	2,017,492	0	1,052,621	1,398,824	0	699,193	1,054,044	0	123	164	0	
832	1MAHOMEDON	3,545	340,552	340,552	613,262	727,033	340,552	444,788	515,084	0	290,711	386,481	0	104,236	174,533	0	82	109	0	
833	1SOUTH WASHINGT	19,365	1,908,099	1,908,099	3,614,151	4,175,723	1,908,099	3,040,001	3,615,506	0	1,705,052	2,267,624	0	1,131,902	1,707,407	0	88	117	0	
834	1STILLWATER	10,382	1,122,487	1,122,487	2,281,748	2,663,164	1,122,487	1,842,887	2,218,262	0	1,159,261	1,540,677	0	720,400	1,095,774	0	112	148	0	
836	1BUTTERFIELD	229	16,906	16,942	25,272	28,007	16,906	18,481	20,031	36	8,366	11,101	0	1,575	3,125	0	36	48	0	
837	1MADELIA	646	65,574	65,630	132,888	154,985	65,574	109,051	131,295	56	67,314	89,411	0	43,477	65,721	0	104	138	0	
840	1ST. JAMES	1,427	153,437	153,538	323,203	378,944	153,437	268,303	326,058	101	169,766	225,507	0	114,866	172,621	0	119	158	0	
846	1BRECKENRIDGE	988	125,001	359,835	369,868	373,446	333,826	331,810	335,035	234,835	244,867	248,445	208,825	206,810	210,034	238	248	251	211	
850	1ROTHSAY	234	5,375	5,375	5,375	5,375	5,375	5,375	5,375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
852	1CAMPBELL-TINTAH	154	3,553	3,553	3,553	3,553	3,553	3,553	3,553	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
857	1LEWISTON	880	86,287	86,372	170,614	198,292	86,287	133,333	158,866	95	84,327	112,005	0	47,046	72,579	0	96	127	0	
858	1ST. CHARLES	1,179	149,042	429,043	441,005	445,272	396,031	395,628	399,473	280,001	291,964	296,230	248,989	246,586	250,431	238	246	251	211	
861	1WINONA	4,114	94,616	243,532	245,507	246,165	94,616	94,616	146,916	150,891	151,549	0	0	0	36	37	0	0	0	
876	1JANNANDALE	2,096	218,510	218,684	451,100	527,453	218,510	369,134	446,129	174	232,590	308,943	0	150,624	227,619	0	111	147	0	
877	1BUFFALO	6,543	724,053	724,429	1,552,506	1,824,519	724,053	1,306,811	1,595,651	376	828,453	1,100,466	0	582,758	871,598	0	127	168	0	
879	1DELANO	2,506	287,632	630,066	742,521	287,632	523,898	641,860	133	342,234	454,889	0	236,266	354,228	0	137	182	0	94	
881	1MAPLE LAKE	1,116	118,168	118,246	246,523	288,664	118,168	176,334	226,734	78	128,355	170,496	0	70,143	108,566	0	115	153	0	
882	1MONTECILLO	4,627	576,324	716,818	1,318,975	1,562,865	592,895	1,115,857	1,380,266	140,492	742,651	986,541	16,571	539,533	803,942	30	161	213	4	
883	1ROCKFORD	1,863	348,519	654,380	673,235	699,076	614,996	604,531	626,876	305,861	324,716	350,557	266,477	256,012	278,357	164	174	188	143	
885	1ST. MICHAEL-ALBE	5,436	603,035	603,356	1,294,941	1,522,171	603,035	1,065,583	1,299,244	321	691,906	919,136	0	462,548	696,209	0	127	169	0	
891	1CANBY	647	71,036	71,076	151,556	177,997	71,036	128,284	156,548	40	80,520	106,961	0	57,248	85,512	0	124	165	0	
911	1CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI	6,186	799,770	1,582,221	1,863,885	2,213,476	1,374,127	1,584,044	1,966,462	782,451	1,064,115	1,413,706	574,357	784,274	1,166,692	126	172	229	93	
912	1MILACA	2,131	385,402	723,465	795,091	804,551	723,367	715,797	721,759	388,063	409,689	419,149	339,965	330,395	336,357	182	192	197	160	
914	1ULEN-HITTERDAL	330	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2071	1LAKE CRYSTAL-WE	913	87,925	88,018	171,543	198,986	92,194	162,740	196,889	93	83,618	111,063	4,269	74,815	108,944	0	92	122	5	
2125	1TRITON	1,271	144,869	144,932	316,098	312,327	144,869	270,677	332,065	63	171,229	227,458	0	125,808	187,196	0	135	179	0	
2134	1UNITED SOUTH CEN	964	95,196	95,284	189,217	220,069	97,019	170,891	206,650	88	94,021	124,873	1,823	75,695	111,454	0	97	129	2	
2135	1MAPLE RIVER	1,405	135,482	135,617	264,587	306,959	135,482	197,754	233,780	135	129,105	171,417	0	62,272	98,298	0	92	122	0	
2137	1KINGSLAND	877	103,815	103,848	231,357	273,249	103,815	199,644	246,042	33	127,542	169,434	0	95,829	142,227	0	145	193	0	
2142	1ST. LOUIS COUNTY	2,454	311,694	579,943	720,335	854,543	621,719	711,343	726,249	308,441	524,849	245,742	310,025	459,649	109	167	221	100	126	
2143	1WATERVILLE-ELY	1,125	125,903	125,973	271,771	319,669	125,903	231,105	281,465	70	145,868	193,766	0	104,202	155,562	0	130	172	0	
2144	1CHISAGO LAKES AR	3,991	458,676	458,856	1,005,520	1,185,120	458,676	848,658	1,041,015	182	546,844	726,444	0	389,982	582,339	0	137	182	0	
2149	1MINNEWAKA	1,404	142,931	143,051	290,397	338,792	142,931	251,474	304,377	120	147,466	195,861	0	108,543	161,446	0	105	140	0	
2154	1EVELETH-GILBERT	1,464	171,764	171,830	380,918	449,624	171,764	318,778	391,683	66	209,154	277,860	0	147,014	219,919	0	143	190	0	
2155	1WADEENA DEER CRB	1,266	163,534	332,666	380,946	452,372	303,780	325,606	404,314	169,132	217,412	288,838	140,246	162,072	240,780	134	172	228	111	
2159	1BUFFALO LAKE-HE	610	54,573	54,642	100,245	115,222	54,573	85,889	101,536	69	45,672	60,649	0	31,316	46,963	0	75	99	0	
2164	1DILWORTH-GLYNDA	1,519	176,396	552,849	568,264	573,761	463,023	492,479	514,746	376,453	391,868	397,365	286,627	316,983	338,350	248	258	262	189	
2165	1HINCKLEY-FINALAYS	1,218	156,045	289,648	362,105	429,789	206,060	257,792	308,701	334,033	282,998	333,403	237,444	101,747	152,656	226,953	110	169	225	
2167	1LAKEVIEW	670	75,238	75,274	161,773	191,515	75,238	123,780	162,036	36	87,535	116,277	0	57,542	86,798	0	131	174	0	
2168	1INREH	1,140	144,686	414,962	426,532	430,658	386,676	383,237	386,362	270,276	281,846	285,972	241,990	238,551	241,677	237	247	251	212	
2169	1MURRAY COUNTY	830	59,129	59,266	84,437	92,705	59,129	68,051	74,034	137	25,308	33,576	0	8,922	14,905	0	30	40	11	
2170	1STAPLES-MOTLEY	1,630	178,534	188,602	380,465	446,780	181,102	337,517	413,232	103	201,931	268,246	2,568	158,983	234,698	0	124	165	2	
2171	1KITTON CENTRAL	365	8,393	8,393	8,393	8,393	8,393	8,393	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2172	1KENYON-WAMANING	1,053	120,424	263,318	310,234	320,424	263,130	120,424	233,411	51	142,894	189,810	0	102,987	153,588	0	136	180	0	
2174	1PINN RIVER-BACKU	1,171	238,211	425,136	437,023	405,743	395,869	396,726	386,905	186,905	167,512	196,792	0	103,991	157,638	0	160	170	143	
2176	1WARREN-ALVARAD	553	12,719	12,719	33,848	36,096	19,144	231,137	96,385	77	101,454	134,752	0	60,952	93,046	0	109	144	0	
2180	1MACRAY	860	84,980	168,715	196,230	84,890	136,060	162,824	78,825	78	88,252									

