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Planning for the Future in a Time of Uncertainty

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WHAT IF??

What if the state, due to reduced revenue collections, can't live up to school funding at the anticipated levels?

What if any "pre-covid" projections we've been doing until this point are actually a "best case" scenario.

How can we plan, strategize and be nimble without causing undue alarm?

How can we stand united?

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Governor's order to close schools

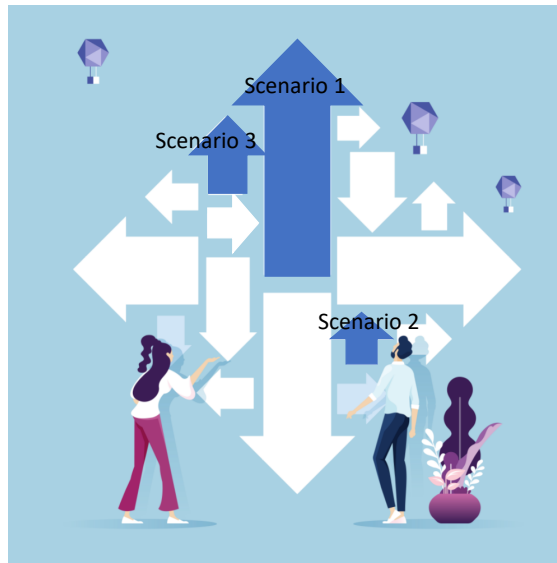


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Can we bring clarity to the complicated?



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Where we go next.




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From surplus to 'tsunami': Pandemic dims bright forecast for Minnesota's budget

By Jessie Van Berkel Star Tribune | APRIL 6, 2020 — 7:53PM



A month ago, Minnesota leaders were debating how to use an anticipated \$1.5 billion surplus. On Monday, they were facing a radically different picture of hiring freezes, potential deficits and plummeting revenue brought on by the COVID-19 crisis.

"We are waiting for a tsunami of revenue to not show up," state economist Laura Kalambokidis warned a Senate working group Monday.

Frans said it's possible the Walz administration could ask legislators in May or later to approve a supplemental finance bill that includes some spending cuts, but it's too soon to tell. It depends on the updated revenue and economic forecast coming Friday and how much of the state's reserves they need to use, he said.

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Operational Considerations and Budget Implications Related to COVID-19 – Expenditures

Expenditures Listed by Object Code

100 Personnel Services – Salaries

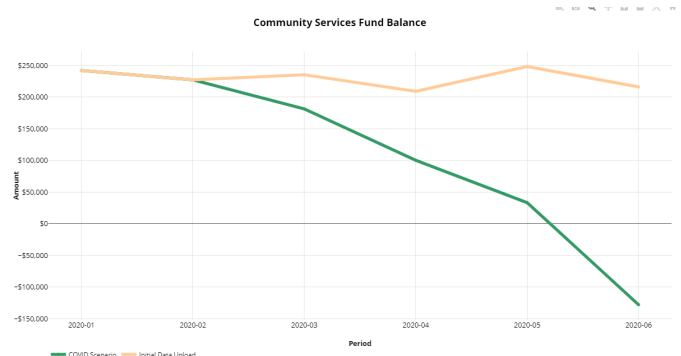
- ☐ Impact of wages paid to employees during the shutdown period
- ☐ Potential loss of good employees during the closing period
- ☐ Overtime pay impact – net reduction?
- ☐ Supplemental contracts – coaches, club sponsors, department chairs, committees
- ☐ Hiring of additional health staff in the future?
- ☐ Reduction in substitute costs

200 Personnel Services – Employee Benefits

- ☐ Medical Insurance – impact to 19-20 claims if self-insured; impact to future rate increases
- ☐ Unemployment Compensation – increased costs depending on how wages are handled for employees who are not working

300 Contracted Professional & Technical Services

- ☒ No Spring Activities transportation costs
- ☒ No Spring Activities Officials
- ☒ Contracted Substitutes savings
- ☐ Additional cost for online professional development – assisting staff with how to support students in this new environment



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Approach

Rochester

Scenario 1 – PreCovid, 2% Basic
Formula Increase

Scenario 2 – Best Case, 1% Basic
Formula Increase

Scenario 3 – Worst Case, 0% Basic
Formula Increase

Westonka

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For consideration: If there is a reduction in funding, for how many years do we think it could last.

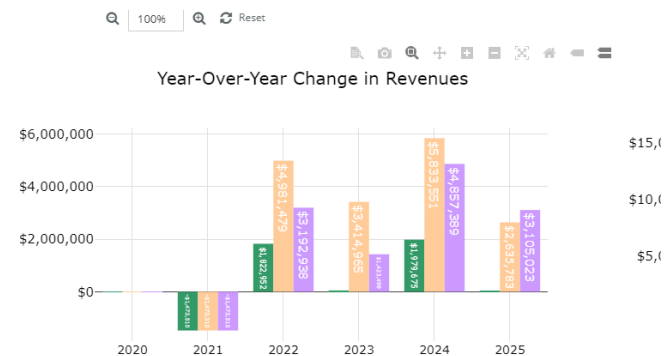
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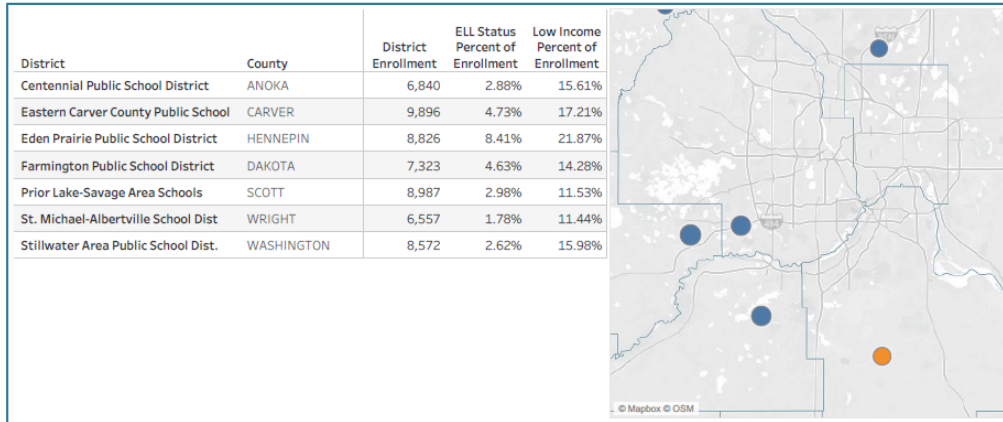
2020	Scenario	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$9,981,479	Worst Case Scenario of 0% funding increases JC 4.8.20	\$0	\$-1,473,510	\$1,822,952	\$48,400
\$6,511,479	Pre-COVID	\$0	\$-1,473,510	\$4,981,479	\$3,414,966
\$2,731,479	COVID - Best Case	\$0	\$-1,473,510	\$3,192,938	\$1,423,496

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Farmington Public School District Economic Profile

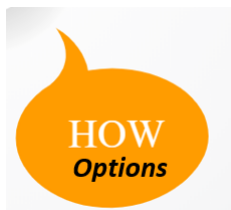
Financial benchmarking allows districts to analyze their condition, comparing their data to defined metrics to inform decision makers.



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Solutions and Ideas



- Balancing class size and resources
- Formula Revenue increase?
- Federal COVID stimulus revenue
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Total number of school and work days
- Use of reserves, state and local
- Is there opportunity for efficiencies with what we've learned about remote teaching?
- Wait for posting of open positions
- Debt refinancing
- Bond ratings
- MASBO as a resource
- District leaders/mentors experience with similar challenges.

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