

FUTURE READY Schools FUTURE READY Students



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



SAINT PETER
SCHOOL DISTRICT 508



SAINT PETER — A PLACE WHERE LEARNING MATTERS

The title of this year's report points to our school district's focus on the future. Recent construction and remodeling efforts across the system have ensured that our physical spaces are relevant today and ready for changes over time. Just as important, though, is committing to innovative and rigorous learning experiences for all students as we help prepare them for their next levels of learning and life.

The information included in this report is intended to provide an overview of the school district and some of our most recent results and highlights. School district residents have high expectations for the public school system, and we work each and every day to see that these standards are met.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about any of our schools or programs, please feel free to contact me. I would love the opportunity to share more with you about our students, staff, and programs!

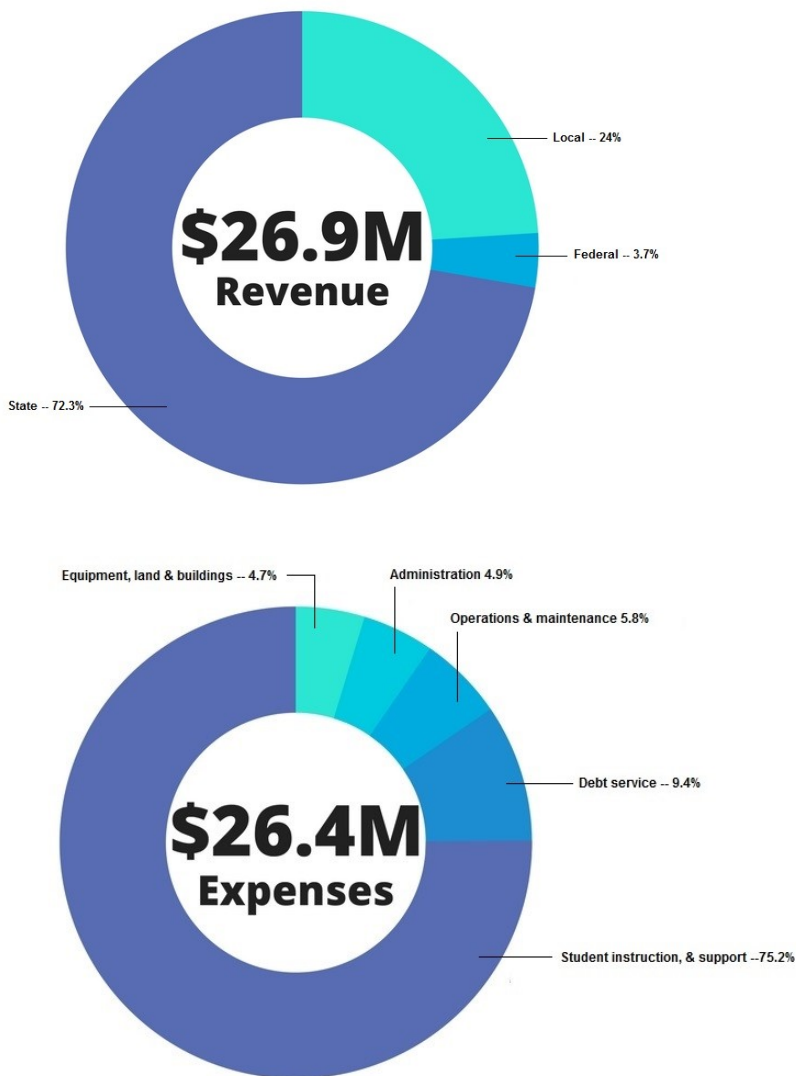
Paul Peterson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Saint Peter Public Schools are guided by a seven-member School Board that provides forward-thinking leadership to the public school system. The Board takes its fiscal responsibilities seriously, and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to be good stewards of public resources while simultaneously keeping an eye on the future.

The Saint Peter School District covers 120 square miles in portions of two counties (Nicollet & Le Sueur), two municipalities (St. Peter and Kasota), and seven townships (Lake Prairie, Oshawa, Traverse, New Sweden, Kasota, Washington, & Cleveland).

District 508 operates one community education site, one Early Childhood site, two elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one alternative school, and one site that provides services to students with special needs.



Source: District Financial Office



AA+/A+

District 508 was once again awarded a bond rating from Standard & Poor's of AA+/A+ Stable.



PLANS AFTER GRADUATION (SPHS Class of 2017)

71.1%	plan to attend 4-year college/university
15.5%	plan to attend 2-year college
3.1%	plan to attend technical college/trade school
3.1%	plan to join the military
24.7%	work (full-time or part-time)
5.2%	other (apprenticeship, other, or no response)

(Percentage is > than 100% as seniors could mark multiple responses)

Student Awards and Recognition

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Inducted 37 new members (grades 10-12) during May 2017 ceremony

GIRLS TRACK Katie Schilling, 4th place state 100-meter hurdles; Claire Nuessmeier 5th place in state high jump; Madison More, state qualifier in 1,600-meter run.

BOYS TRACK Mo Isaack, 2nd place state 300-meter hurdles; Ben Bode 3rd place state wheelchair discus and shot put; 4x400 relay (Abdikadir Mohamed, Mohamedaar Abdi, Jade Reicks & Mo Issack) 3rd place in state; Jade Reicks 7th place state 300-meter hurdles

SOFTBALL MN State Class 2A State Participant; Section 2AA champion, Kelli Hanson, MN Softball Coaches Association All-Star Game, Big South East Division runner-up.

BASEBALL: Section 2AA runner-up.

BOYS TENNIS Drew Elofson & Rafat Solaiman, 4th place in State Class A Doubles

BOYS GOLF Joey Wenner & Carter Doose, State Class 2A Tourney participants; Section 2AA team runner-up, Big South East division champs.

GIRLS GOLF Anna Amos, State Class 2A Tourney participant; Section 2AA team runner-up. Big South

East division champs.

ADAPTED BOWLING Nine MN State Tourney participants; Abigail Erickson, 2nd place state ASD singles; Kiersten Stierlen & Sabrina Kopischke 2nd place state PI doubles; Emma Soderlund & Evan Borgmeier, 6th place state PI doubles; state qualifiers—Mason Doherty, Austin Anderson, Lane Feder, Christopher Pena.

MOCK TRIAL SPHS & SPHS White teams both were Region 6 semifinalists.

WRESTLING Tony Putz, 6th place MN State 2A Wrestling Tourney.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Seventh 20-win season in eight seasons; MN Coaches Assn. Gold Academic Team Award (3.767 GPA); Kelli Hanson Academic All-State.

SPEECH MN State Speech Tourney - 12th place; Section 2A team third place; Lily Werner (Drama) 2nd in state; Ali Sandquist & Parker Baron (Duo) 6th at state; Rachel Quist (Storytelling) 7th at state; Connor Prafke (Discussion) 7th at state; state qualifiers—Eleanor Grinnell, Rafat Solaiman, Lauren Mayer, Sophia Lee & Isaac Peterson.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON State Champions, 10th place at Division 3 Nationals (Madison, WI)

VOLLEYBALL Big South East Division champions with 10-0 division record. Section 2AA, South Sub-Section runner-up.

GIRLS TENNIS Section 2A runner-up; Ali Sandquist & Liliana Elofson, State Class A Doubles participants; Big South Conference team champs.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Kenna Burmeister, State 1A 1-meter diving participant.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Izzy Lind, State CC Meet participant.

FFA/AG Gold National Chapter Award; SPHS Horse evaluation team (Shyanne Baynes-Rodning, Mari DeBlieck, Ethan Klaseus, Noah Klaseus & (alternate) Olivia Stevens), State FFA Degree recipients; Shyanne Baynes-Rodning & Jacob Pehrson, State FFA Degrees.

BAND Peter Stelter was selected as MME All-State Band for French horn

CHOIR Isaac Westphal was selected as MME All-State Choir



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Fine Arts/Academic Co-curricular activities offered to SPHS/MS students

ONE-ACT PLAY: Section 2A, Sub-Section 7 runner-up and Section 2A fifth-place finisher



FREE!!!

For the second straight year, all SPPS students got a free Activities' Pass for home Saints events/games & that will continue in 2017-18.



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Athletic co-curricular activities offered to SPHS/MS students during the school year

ACHIEVEMENT

93.6%

**Five-year
SPHS
graduation
rate**

State Average = 80.6%

Source: MN Dept. of Education data

3 National Merit Scholarship honorees

Saint Peter High School had three students earn honors for their participation in the National Merit Scholarship program.

KAREN CHEN, a 2017 SPHS graduate, was named a 2017 National Merit Scholarship finalist.

SHANNIE RAO, a member of the Class of 2018, is a 2018 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, one of 16,000 out of the 1.6 million students taking part in the competition. She is now competing to be a finalist in the prestigious contest.

LILLY ANDERSON, a member of the Class of 2018, was named a Commended Student for the 2018 National Merit Scholarship contest, placing her among the top 50,000 out of the 1.6 million competitors.



ACT scores shine! Saints continue to score above state averages

SPHS seniors' ACT scores have consistently been at or above the state averages for all five areas (composite, English, math, reading & science) and they were again this year:

SPHS Class of 2017 ACT scores (Composite)

SPHS	22.2
State Average	21.5

(English)

SPHS	21.6
State Average	20.4

(Math)

SPHS	22.3
State Average	21.5

(Reading)

SPHS	22.3
State Average	21.8

(Science)

SPHS	22.1
State Average	21.6

Source: ACT testing information

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STUDENT Enrollment

High School (Grades 9-12)693
Middle School (Grades 5-8)675
North Elementary (Grades 2-4)479
South Elementary (Grades K-1)315
DISTRICT K-12 TOTAL 2,162

School Readiness100
Early Childhood Special Ed.73
Early Childhood Family Ed.53

Source: District Data

17:1 RATIO



Saint Peter students, throughout their educational careers, continue to benefit tremendously from a district-wide 17:1 student-to-teacher ratio during their time attending classes in District 508.

More than **42%** of Saint Peter teachers have master's degrees.

District 508 employs **292** staff, which includes full-time and part-time employees.

Source: MN Department of Education, District Data

\$41.2K

**In contributions
for scholarships**

Made by the St. Peter-Kasota Dollars for Scholars Chapter to 61 members of the SPSHS graduating class of 2017. Those contributions were made possible through generous donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals.



Source: Dollars for Scholars data

COMMUNITY & FAMILY EDUCATION

Serving lifelong learners

ADULTS



Serving adults through:

Adult Basic Education (GED, Diploma, English Language Classes, and Citizenship Preparation), ECFE Parent Education, Adult Enrichment Classes, Aquatics, Special Events and Programs.



YOUTH



Serving youth through:

ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education), School Readiness Preschool, School Age Care (SAC), Youth Enrichment Classes, Summer VIP Program (Volunteer in the Park), Aquatics, Special Events and Programs.



Over 20 community organizations & businesses support the mission of Community & Family Education through partnerships.



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Thank you Saint Peter!



Saint Peter Public Schools are entering a new era with the opening of the new Saint Peter High School building in the fall of 2017 along with the repurposing of three other buildings (South Elementary, North Elementary, and Saint Peter Middle School).

Special thanks to the residents of District 508 for making a major investment in education and making this great community an even better place to live.

SAINT PETER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Stay in touch!

District 508 Office - 507-934-5703
Early Childhood Ctr. (Pre-K) - 934-4211
South Elementary (K-1) - 934-2754
North Elementary (2-4) - 934-3260
Middle School (5-8) - 934-4210
High School (9-12) - 934-4212
Community & Family Ed. - 934-3048
WEBSITE - www.stpeterschools.org



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What's going on at St. Peter Schools?

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OCTOBER 2
School Board study session

OCTOBER 16
School Board meeting

OCTOBER 19-20
MEA Break

NOVEMBER 3
SPHS Marching Band Concert

NOVEMBER 7
School Board election

NOVEMBER 10
Special School Board meeting

NOVEMBER Nov. 16-18
SPHS Fall Musical

NOVEMBER 20
School Board meeting

DECEMBER 4
School Board study session

DECEMBER 11
SPHS Choir Concert

DECEMBER 14
South Elementary Concert at SPHS theater

DECEMBER 15
5th & 6th grade Band/Choir Concert

DECEMBER 19
7th & 8th grade Band/Choir Concert

DECEMBER 18
School Board Meeting