

Ranger Nation Strong Foundation

Investing in Crosby-Ironton Schools



Rick Aulie, Superintendent

Fall 2026

Our Vision

Empowering students for lifelong success.

Our Mission

Learning Through Relationships.



Passage of 2025 Operating Referendum

- \$1.5 Million / Year (\$1,500/student) for 10 years
- On a \$400,000 House - 300/month
 - New Seasonal/Recreation Tax law - \$157/month (-\$143)
- Seasonal Tax Base Replacement Aid (one time) - \$348,000



Referendum **Approved**

What does that mean?



- ✓ Restore the **district's fund balance** to 7% or higher. (26/27 - 9%)
- ✓ Maintain **manageable class sizes**. (low to mid 20's)
- ✓ **Attract and retain talented staff**. (11 new hires)
- ✓ **Sustain elective courses** and provide **adequate classroom supplies and materials** for teachers.
- ✓ **Preserve student support services**.
- ✓ Keep our **buildings and grounds** safe, clean, and well maintained.
- ✓ Continue offering a **wide variety of extracurricular programs**.
- ✓ **Provide stability** so that educators can focus on instruction instead of responding to constant cuts.

Crosby-Ironton Strategic Plan Winter & Spring - 2026

1. Parents, Families, Staff, Student Input Sessions
2. Hundreds of surveys
3. 5 Community Input Sessions
4. Focus Areas of Crosby-Ironton Schools
 - ✓ Student Achievement
 - ✓ Staff & Student Support
 - ✓ Communication, Outreach, Marketing, Recruitment
 - ✓ Finance
 - ✓ Facility



PERMANENT SCHOOL TRUST FUND



A photograph of several young students in a classroom. In the foreground, a girl with glasses and a denim vest is smiling at the camera. Behind her, other students are focused on their work. The image is used as a background for the top half of the advertisement.

EVERY MINNESOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IS PART OF A TRUST FUND.



STUDENTS FIRST.
IMPROVE THE TRUST.

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**ANNUALLY,
THE
PERMANENT SCHOOL
FUND AMENDMENT CAN
BRING**

\$596,569

**FOR TACONITE ASSISTANCE AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR TACONITE ASSISTANCE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

	BEFORE THE AMENDMENT	AFTER THE AMENDMENT	INCREASE
Aitkin	\$67,025.63	\$99,471.23	\$32,445.60
Chisholm	\$44,050.67	\$65,374.61	\$21,323.94
Cook County	\$30,049.73	\$44,596.13	\$14,546.40
Crosby-Ironton	\$66,929.51	\$99,328.58	\$32,399.07
Greenway	\$67,566.23	\$100,273.52	\$32,707.29
Grand Rapids	\$267,147.45	\$396,467.52	\$129,320.07
Nashwauk- Keewatin	\$37,920.07	\$56,276.32	\$18,356.25
Lake Superior	\$86,384.12	\$128,200.73	\$41,816.61
Ely	\$34,932.82	\$51,843.01	\$16,910.19
Hibbing	\$145,544.88	\$215,999.88	\$70,455.00
Mountain Iron-Buhl	\$39,791.36	\$59,053.46	\$19,262.10
St. Louis County Schools	\$126,595.41	\$187,877.40	\$61,281.99
Mesabi East	\$58,616.75	\$86,991.80	\$28,375.05
Rock Ridge	\$159,830.09	\$237,200.24	\$77,370.15



\$33 MORE PER
STUDENT
STATEWIDE



**NO NEW
TAXES**



**ELECTION DAY
NOV. 3**

Questions?

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