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August 5, 2025
Mr. Willie Jett, Commissioner
State of Minnesota
Department of Education
400 NE Stinson, Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Dear Commissioner Jett,

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 123B.63, Independent School District #2125 respectfully submits, for "Review and Comment," our proposal for a capital project levy to the Minnesota Department of Education.

The funds generated by this authorization will be used for the improvement of school sites and facilities. This includes the purchase and maintenance of software, school buses, and transportation vehicles; investments in technology and technology systems; and expenses related to technology personnel and training. Additionally, the levy will support the maintenance of school district buildings and grounds, as well as the acquisition of curriculum, textbooks, and instructional materials.

This capital project levy would represent a new funding authority for the district. The proposed levy is expected to generate approximately $650,000 in taxes payable in 2026, which would be the first year of the ten-year authorization. The projected tax rate is 3.236% of the district's net tax capacity.

The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and will be the only question related to the district's levy authority on the ballot. The Board of Education of ISD #2125 approved the resolution related to this capital project levy at its meeting held on Monday, August 4, 2025.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 123B.71, and the requirements outlined in the Minnesota Department of Education's Review and Comment checklist, the supporting documentation is enclosed for your review.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration of our application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (507) 418-7530.

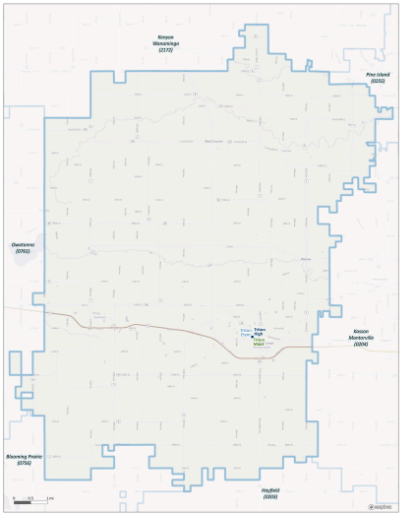
Sincerely,

Luke Lutterman
Superintendent
Triton Public Schools

1. Geographic Area and Population to be served.

Grade	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
ECSE	22	27	16	22	16	33	18	20	18	22	20
PreK	88	71	76	69	67	66	70	58	61	60	58
K	66	70	59	63	50	47	70	65	55	57	64
1	67	70	71	59	62	52	50	70	65	55	57
2	67	66	73	79	58	67	52	48	70	65	55
3	87	69	69	64	80	53	69	52	48	70	65
4	65	93	69	68	62	75	51	69	52	48	70
5	77	68	85	68	70	62	76	53	69	52	48
6	86	72	65	86	65	74	62	75	53	69	52
7	83	88	76	63	88	67	72	62	75	53	69
8	85	82	91	78	62	79	69	72	62	75	53
9	87	83	80	79	80	63	77	69	72	62	75
10	89	87	83	78	79	74	64	77	69	72	62
11	84	79	83	79	72	70	74	60	77	69	72
12	78	81	74	83	76	67	70	70	60	77	69
	1131	1106	1070	1038	987	949	944	920	906	906	889

The district's geographical area covers approximately 215 square miles in rural Dodge County, Minnesota. The total population within the school district boundaries is 6,828.



2. Existing School Facilities

   A comprehensive list of existing facilities by year constructed, their uses, and an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within the school district boundaries and adjacent school districts.

   Triton Public Schools currently operates one facility PreK-12th Grade

Facility	Address	City	Sq Ft	Age
Triton Schools Campus (Prek-12)	813 W Hwy Street	Dodge Center, MN	286,000	54 Years

   After consolidation, Triton Schools closed the following buildings: Dodge Center Elementary (1997), Claremont Elementary (1997), West Concord Elementary (1997), and West Concord Middle School (2009).

   In November 2008, the Triton School Board publicly disclosed plans to consolidate middle school operations at the Dodge Center facility, and as part of that move, construct a 19,710 square-foot addition dedicated to classrooms and related middle school space in Dodge Center.

3. List of Capital Deficiencies

   Triton Public Schools operates its bus fleet. We have waited to purchase buses to keep our budget in line. Unfortunately, we are in a position where we cannot forego future purchases. We also utilize one-to-one technology for students and will use funds for devices, network infrastructure, curricular resources, upgrading outdated technology equipment, and addressing deferred maintenance. Funds will ultimately be utilized to maintain academic programming and provide staff with the technological tools to promote up-to-date teaching and learning practices.

4. Estimated Costs

Year	Buses & Vehicles	Technology	Software	Curricular Materials	Technology Personnel	Deferred Maintenance	Total
2026-27	$ 175,000	$ 100,000	$ 50,000	$ 100,000	$ 75,000	$ 150,000	$ 650,000
2027-28	$ 157,000	$ 50,000	$ 65,000	$ 100,000	$ 78,000	$ 200,000	$ 650,000
2028-29	$ 156,500	$ 100,000	$ 65,000	$ 150,000	$ 78,500	$ 100,000	$ 650,000
2029-30	$ 215,000	$ 100,000	$ 65,000	$ 50,000	$ 79,000	$ 141,000	$ 650,000
2030-31	$ 315,000	$ 100,000	$ 65,000	$ 80,000	$ 79,000	$ 11,000	$ 650,000
2031-32	$ 115,000	$ 125,000	$ 85,000	$ 175,000	$ 79,000	$ 71,000	$ 650,000
2032-33	$ 175,000	$ 125,500	$ 85,000	$ 155,000	$ 79,000	$ 30,500	$ 650,000
2033-34	$ 175,000	$ 125,500	$ 85,000	$ 155,000	$ 79,000	$ 30,500	$ 650,000
2034-35	$ 175,000	$ 125,500	$ 85,000	$ 155,000	$ 79,000	$ 30,500	$ 650,000
2035-36	$ 175,000	$ 125,500	$ 85,000	$ 155,000	$ 79,000	$ 30,500	$ 650,000

5. Specifications of the Source of Project Financing

The Triton School Board approved the submission of the Capital Levy Review and Comment at the Monday, August 4, 2025, School Board Meeting. The ballot language was also approved at the School Board Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025. Pending voter approval, implementation is scheduled for 2027. Financing the projects above is subject to a voter-approved levy under the guidelines for Capital Project Levy. The following table is the tax impact for our Capital Project Levy.

PRE-ELECTION ESTIMATES

Triton Public Schools, ISD #2125 — **July 29, 2025**

Estimated Tax Impact of Proposed Voter Approved Capital Project Levy

Annual Revenue FY 2026-27	$650,000		
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Tax Impact for Taxes Payable in 2026*	
		Annual	Monthly
Residential Homestead	$100,000	$20	$2
	200,000	54	5
	250,000	72	6
	300,000	89	7
	400,000	124	10
	500,000	158	13
Commercial/Industrial	$100,000	$48	$4
	250,000	135	11
	500,000	294	25
Agricultural Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	$10,000	$1.59	$0.13
	11,000	1.75	0.15
	11,500	1.82	0.15
	12,000	1.90	0.16
Agricultural Non-Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	$10,000	$3.17	$0.26
	11,000	3.49	0.29
	11,500	3.65	0.30
	12,000	3.81	0.32

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the proposed capital project levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the state Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will change the net tax for qualifying property owners.

** Average value per acre is the total estimated market value of all land & buildings divided by total acres. If the property includes a home, then the tax impact on the house, garage, and one acre of land will be calculated in addition to the taxes per acre, on the same basis as a residential home or non-homestead property. If the same property owner owns more than $3.8 million of agricultural homestead land and buildings, a portion of the property will be taxed at the higher non-homestead rate.

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Tax Impact 25d CPL $650,000 - Triton (Vote)

6. Document obligating the school district and contractor to comply: Not applicable.