



# Pennoyer

School District 79

# PENNOYER SCHOOL DISTRICT 79

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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### Mission Statement

Why do we exist?

INSPIRE AND EMPOWER  
ALL STUDENTS  
TO THRIVE

### PENNOYER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

**Mrs. Sheila Wachholder**  
President of the Board  
End of Term 2025

**Mr. Phillip LaPalermo**  
Vice President of the  
Board  
End of Term 2023

**Mr. David Tarjan**  
Secretary of the Board  
End of Term 2025

**Mrs. Maria Salvador**  
End of Term 2023

**Mr. Gary Mohr**  
End of Term 2025

**Mr. Dan Theberg**  
End of Term 2023

**Mr. Luca Parisi**  
End of Term 2023

CURRENT ENROLLMENT **447** STAFF MEMBER **55**

SERVING  
PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

PENNOYER  
NUMBERS

**437** LAST YEAR  
ENROLLMENT

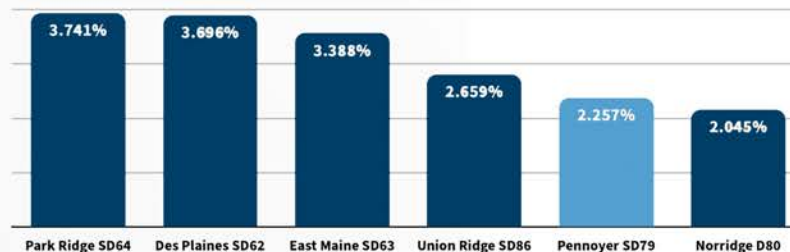
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SPENDING  
PER STUDENT  
**\$6,403**

**21.4**  
AVERAGE  
CLASS SIZE  
**STUDENTS**

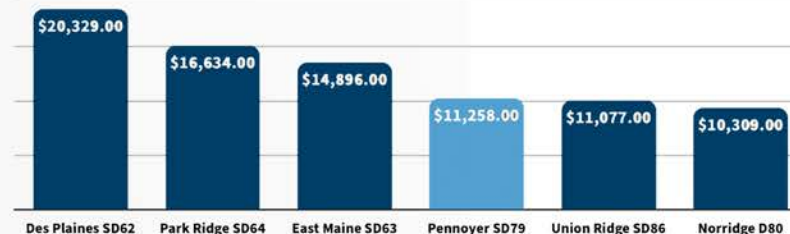


## DISTRICT FINANCES

### 2020 SCHOOL TAX RATES



### 2020 OPERATING EXPENSE PER PUPIL



To learn more about Pennoyer School, please  
attend one of our Community Open Houses:

#### IN PERSON

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5 @ 7:00PM  
THURSDAY, OCT 18 @ 7:00PM

#### VIRTUAL

THURSDAY, OCT 13 @ 10:00AM

Please visit our website for more information:  
<https://pennoyerschool.org/referendum>





Dear Pennoyer Community,

As I begin my 7th year serving as your district superintendent, I reflect on how special the small community feeling that Pennoyer School provides for our students and families and how proud I am to be a part of this.

Throughout these past 7 years we have improved our curriculum, sustained a 1:1 technology learning environment for our students and continued quality programming even during a pandemic. I am also proud of the Board's commitment to the students and staff safety with the over \$1.7 million dollars in capital project that directly impact the safety and security of our school while still leveraging \$3.8 million dollar HVAC and air quality projects without raising taxes.

We are now at a critical point with our 67 year old building that is in need of capital improvements and learning space updates to meet today's standards in education. We hope to keep our Pennoyer family thriving by providing our students with learning spaces that will continue to support their learning needs now and in the future.

I hope our community comes out and votes on November 8. Please feel free to reach out at any time or attend one of our upcoming Open Houses.

Sincerely,

*Kristin A. Kopta*

Kristin A. Kopta, Ed.D  
Superintendent

## WHY DOES PENNOYER NEED A 7.9 MILLION DOLLAR REFERENDUM?

Pennoyer SD79 will have a referendum question on the November 8 ballot that would fund improvements and updates to current infrastructure, classrooms, ADA upgrades and programming space such as STEAM, Maker Spaces, and our Media Center. These improvements will impact our current learners as well as our future students.

### Aging Facility

This bond would provide funding for capital improvements needed to maintain Pennoyer School for future generations.

- We cannot continue to pay for capital projects out of our reserve funds.
- We need to ensure our entire school is ADA accessible.
- Systems that would be upgraded/improved and brought to date are: gym & MPR HVAC, bathrooms & water fountains, building fire alarm, ADA upgrades to include an elevator.

### Capacity and Learning Environments

To

- Renovate/update and relocate the Science Lab to the lower level and make a STEAM lab to align with today's curriculum.
- Renovate/update and relocate the Media Center to the first floor to increase functionality and provide additional space for a maker space
- Renovate/update and relocate the locker rooms to the courtyard for closer proximity to the Gym.
- Flexible learning environments



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

\$7.9 Million =

\$20 per month on a \$250,000 home (20 years)

The \$7.9 million will provide the District with bond funds to update and improve current infrastructure, classrooms, ADA upgrades and programming space such as STEAM, Maker Spaces, and our Media Center.

