

# Putting Your Tax Dollars to Work

Due to construction projects coming in under budget and smart financial management, we are able to use some of the 2017 voter-approved bonds for additional **classroom updates in the areas of safety and technology.**

One example: new interactive display panels in classrooms that enable teachers to create collaborative, **engaging and hands-on learning experiences** for students.



The last few years have been challenging for many students and families, as we've navigated the changing dynamics of the COVID pandemic. Based on parent preference and student need, we are offering **additional mental health and classroom support** to students this fall, thanks to the short-term, one-time federal COVID-relief funds.



Our school district has received the Minnesota Department of Education School Finance Award for **timely, accurate, and sound financial reporting and management** every year since 2008!

In a recent community survey, 64% of respondents who offered **a grade on our financial management gave us an A or B.**



## Strong Schools = Strong Community

92% of recent community survey respondents strongly agree/agree that **strong public schools are directly linked to the well-being of our community.**



# Raider Pride



In 2021, Hastings Public Schools had a **95.6% graduation rate** - putting us in the top ten percent of all Minnesota school districts. Congratulations to our students and staff!



Our Marching Band has been **MN State Champions** 5 times since 2012. In addition, the show Choir has won numerous awards, including many grand champion awards, best vocals, best choreography, best band, and best male and female soloist.



In 2021-22 we had one conference championship team, two section championship teams, nine section champion individuals, two state championship individuals, four section coach of the year awards, and six NCAA/NAIA scholarship athletes.

In 2021-22 over **3,000 students enrolled in career preparation and academic options**. Student enrollment includes:



- College In the Schools
- Career & Technology Ed.
- Advanced Placement

Thanks to the generosity of our community, more than **\$195,000** in scholarship funds were awarded to 111 students in 2021-22.



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