

A Smart Investment for Duluth's Future

During over 100 community meetings, including thousands of public comments, residents told the Duluth School Board what they wanted from the Long Range Facilities Plan. Their messages were:

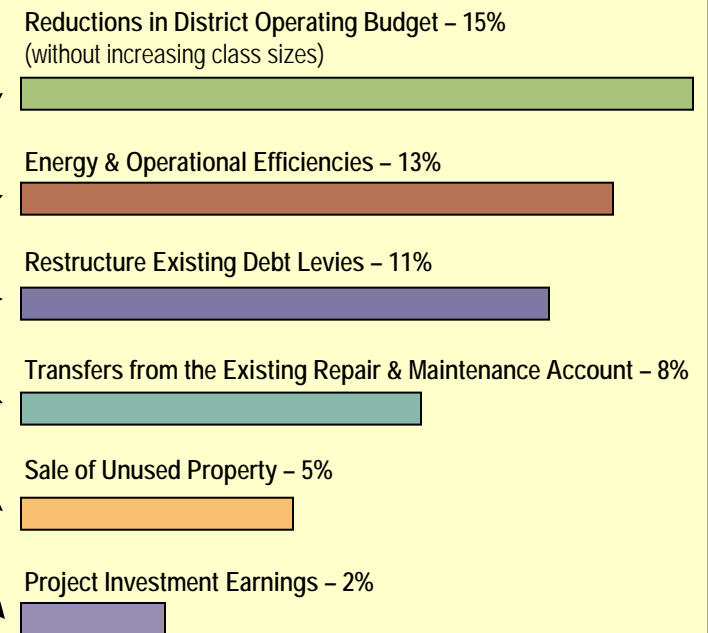
- *After two decades of debate, it is time to move forward with a plan for consolidating and upgrading Duluth's schools.*
- *We need to meet 21st century standards if we expect our students to be prepared for the challenges they will face in the future.*
- *Choose the best plan — not just the cheapest plan.*

The School Board heard these messages. The Long Range Facilities Plan will modernize classrooms, make our buildings safer and more secure, and fix nearly 1,600 deficiencies found in our schools. And, more than \$2 in improvements will occur for every \$1 of new taxes.

FINANCING THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

More than half of the cost of the Long Range Facilities Plan – \$293 million – will be paid for with savings and efficiencies

\$158 million



By using current revenue sources and investing in efficiencies, the additional cost to taxpayers for the Long Range Facilities Plan is \$135 million dollars — only 46 percent of the cost of the plan. That is about \$9/month for the average homeowner to fund the improvements our children need.