



## *St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School*

*Education for the Heart, Mind and Soul*

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### WHERE DOES THIS MONEY GO?

The money you pay for your child to attend St. Paul's will go to many different areas within the school. Around one quarter pays for the books which make up our curriculum here at St. Paul's. About one half now goes to pay for a resource teacher, on site all day, who makes it possible for math to be taught in smaller groups, allows our principal a few hours of administrative time each week, and provides remedial help for our students. The final quarter is divided up into various other necessities such as technology, testing and synodical subscriptions and the various paper products that we consume every year.

### ISN'T SOMETHING MISSING?

Actually, **a large portion of what it costs to run our school is missing!** Perhaps you noticed that our classroom teachers are not in the equation above (salaries, health insurance, etc.), nor are the costs of running the facility (utilities, maintenance, property insurance, etc.). That's because those items are currently paid through the offerings you and the rest of our congregation bring to the Lord. That's why our member cost is lower than the non-member costs. Even non-members are asked to pay less than 1/3 of the total cost of education. Thank you for supporting the school along with everyone else in our congregation through regular offerings. **Our regular weekly offerings are a massive part of keeping our school operating at its current level!**

### SO, WHAT IS THE BIG PICTURE?

It costs roughly \$5400 plus your fees per student here at St. Paul's <sup>1</sup>. That might sound high. But on average, North Fond du Lac's Public School System spends around \$11,500 per student, hovering around the state average for Wisconsin. The WELS Average is around \$8000 <sup>2</sup>. God has certainly blessed us here allowing us to offer such a high-quality education for a fraction of what others spend. That's due in large part to the time and talents of our congregation. If we crunch the numbers, that means general fees covered about 13% of the total cost of operations here and **the church covered the remaining 87% of operational costs**. What an amazing blessing the Lord has showered down upon our church and school through the stewardship of His people. **May the Lord continue to bless our efforts in the years to come as we prize Christian Education.**

### SOME NUMBERS TO CONSIDER<sup>2</sup>

District Average Member Tuition = \$1005.00	District Average Non-member Tuition = \$2794.00
Synod Average Member Tuition = \$2039.00	Synod Average Non-Member Tuition = \$3700.00
Current Member Tuition at SPLS = \$784.00	Current Non-Member Tuition at SPLS = \$1500.00

<sup>1</sup> figured off best guess of 2020-2021 budgetary numbers

<sup>2</sup> 2018-2019 school Statistical numbers on wels.net