

# Minneapolis Public Schools 2008 Strong Schools Strong City Referendum

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## Referendum Oversight Committee

The Referendum Oversight Committee is charged with monitoring and ensuring referendum funds collected each year are used as intended and promoted: on essentials including early grade literacy, math, science, textbooks and classroom technology, and that half of the funds are dedicated to manage class size. The purpose of this independent body is to enhance transparency and credibility and ensure the public that referendum dollars are being spent as promised.

## Role of the Committee

The committee will convene annually to review reports on the revenues and expenses from the levy. They will be responsible for asking all of the questions they need to ask in order to be satisfied that the district has been “true” to the message of the referendum and accurate in accounting of the moneys. Upon approval, the Referendum Oversight Committee will issue a concise report certifying the district’s use of referendum funds.

## Financial Expertise of Committee Membership

While the full composition of the committee is in the process of forming, the district has attained commitments from two financially qualified professionals to serve as co-chairs of the Referendum Oversight Committee, Jay Kiedrowski and John Gunyou. Both are former Finance Commissioners for the State of Minnesota; Kiedrowski served under DFL Governor Rudy Perpich and Gunyou served under Republican Governor Arne Carlson.



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**Jay Kiedrowski** has decades of experience in public service and the private sector and currently serves as a senior fellow with the Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Kiedrowski was an executive at Norwest/Wells Fargo from 1987 to 2004. Prior to 1987, Kiedrowski was Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for the State of Minnesota under Governor Rudy Perpich. He was the Budget Director for the City of Minneapolis under Mayors Hofstede and Fraser. He started his career working for the Minnesota Senate in urban and tax research. Kiedrowski holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical/industrial engineering and a master's degree in public affairs, both from the University of Minnesota. He also completed Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management executive development program and Columbia University's financial strategies program. He earned a Doctor of Education in leadership from St. Mary's University of Minnesota in June 2005. He serves as an advisory board member of the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs and Carlson School of Management; a member of the Minnesota State Board of Investment Advisory Council; a director of Project for Pride in Living, Inc.; a member of the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation; and treasurer of the Guthrie Theater Board. He is also active in the Twin Cities United Way Campaign.

**John Gunyou** has years of public service and private sector finance experience. He is currently the City Manager for the City of Minnetonka, and he previously served as the first finance director for the City of Minneapolis and was Governor Arne Carlson's finance commissioner. Gunyou was a partner with the largest economic consulting firm in the Rocky Mountains, ran Minnesota's original and largest Internet company, and was an executive with Minnesota Public Radio. Gunyou has degrees in finance and economics from the U.S. Air Force Academy, UCLA and the University of Colorado. He has taught at several universities, authored numerous articles and books, and writes political commentary for various news outlets.



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