

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:  
Strong Schools,  
Strong Communities  
Please Vote on or before Nov. 5.**



**A Message from Sara Daley, School Board Member**

When our school succeeds, the community succeeds.

The Lewiston-Altura public schools are the hub of our communities. It is where the action is. On any given day, including summer and weekends, there is something happening at our elementary and high schools. Our students are busy learning, our teachers are busy teaching, sports are being played, music is being performed, art is being created, and community members are having meetings or exercising, or attending events. Our school buildings and grounds have served our communities well for many, many generations of Lewiston and Altura community members.

The Lewiston-Altura school district is one of our community's largest employers. The schools bring a workforce to the community who buy or rent housing, work, and shop at local businesses, and pay the taxes that provide the public services and amenities in our towns.

Our Lewiston-Altura students consistently provide invaluable service to our community. A sampling of what they've done in the last year includes gathering thousands of items for the food shelf, painting the park pavilion, providing the set up and take down at the Wednesday night farmers market, volunteering at the Fools Five Road Race, serving meals to seniors, helping with citywide beautification projects, and picking up trash along the highways. In our churches, students have served, provided music, and helped to care for and lead the younger children. And in our school, our Lewiston-Altura students have entertained the community during school plays and musical performances. They have provided a wonderful program honoring our Veterans. Our student athletes have brought so much joy and community pride to so many at all our Cardinal sporting events.

Unfortunately, state funding has not kept pace with the operational needs of our district and the hard use and age of our buildings is showing. Following the nearly successful operating levy and bond referendum in 2023, the community spoke, and the school board listened. On the November 5th ballot there will be two questions related to the Lewiston-Altura school district. Question one is asking for a Levy for Learning with an ask to renew the \$52/pupil operating levy and increase the operating levy by \$708 per pupil. Question two is a Bond for Basics with an ask for a building bond for \$19.95 million for classroom upgrades, mechanical and electrical system upgrades, and safety and security improvements.

When our community has a need for their help, the students at Lewiston-Altura step-up. Now the students need the community to support them to receive high-quality education in updated facilities in their community. When our school succeeds, our community succeeds. Please vote on or before November 5th.

**Levy for Learning. Bond for Buildings. Learn more at [www.lewalt.k12.mn.us](http://www.lewalt.k12.mn.us)**