

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools



SAMPLE BALLOT

APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUE AND CAPITAL PROJECT TECHNOLOGY LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The School Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools) has proposed a project for a phased program of acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the acquisition of land for and the construction and equipping of a new elementary school facility and a new alternative learning center facility; and the repair, renovation, remodeling, upgrading, equipping and construction of expansions, additions and improvements to various school district sites and facilities districtwide. To provide funds for this portion of the project costs, the School Board has proposed to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$129,000,000. The projects to be funded by the bond issue have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

To provide funds for the technology portion of the project costs, to be used for the acquisition and installation of improved instructional technology and technology systems, devices, hardware, software, and school security and safety enhancements, and to pay the costs of technology-related personnel and training, the School Board has proposed a capital project technology levy authorization in the amount of 4.075% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed capital project technology levy will raise approximately \$2,125,000 for taxes payable in 2017, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded by the capital project technology levy authorization over that time period is approximately \$25,000,000.

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

Shall the issuance of the general obligation school building bonds and the capital project technology levy authorization proposed by the School Board of Independent School District No. 719 be approved?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT
QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR
A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

This request combines two different funding streams to address the needs presented by the district's growing enrollment: space for students, technology for teaching and learning and security for schools.

Only referendum plans that have been approved by the Department of Education can come before voters.

Funds would help maintain the district's technology plan, including student and staff devices; software programs that support students, teachers and families; technology infrastructure; and technology support staff.

If approved, the tax impact on the district's average homeowner (\$300,000 value home) would be less than \$31 per month.

Two new schools would be built to help with overall enrollment growth: an elementary building and an Area Learning Center.

Every school would receive additions or upgrades to address its specific growth-related issues – including classrooms, gyms, cafeterias and other spaces.

Enhanced security systems would be installed at all schools.

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is one of the few metro area school districts that does not currently have this voter-approved levy authority to support technology-related expenses.

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