

Capital Projects Levy OVERVIEW

June 3, 2024

"It is a great day to be a SABER!"



EVERY KID IS MY KID

Compelling Vision

It is our moral imperative to change until all of our systems measurably work for each and every student.

Our focus must be on ensuring each **member of our organization** maintains **high expectations** and provides **unwavering support** for each of our student learners.

It is our responsibility to make sure each and every student receives **quality core instruction** and develops **agency** when it comes to their own learning.

A Capital Projects Levy is commonly referred to as a ‘technology levy’ or ‘tech levy.’

SAFETY

Internet Safety, Cybersecurity, Physical Safety, etc.

&

CRITICAL SUPPORT

Technology is embedded everywhere in student learning



Community Conversation

Thought Exchange Initial Feedback

**SAFETY &
CRITICAL
SUPPORT**

Common ground

Importance of school safety

Regardless of their views on technology, all respondents agreed on the importance of school safety. They want to ensure that their children are safe at school, both physically and emotionally. They praised the school district for its efforts to keep students safe, but also suggested areas for improvement, such as stricter enforcement of bullying policies and better communication with parents about safety issues.

NEW Feedback This Year

AI supported Q&A

What areas of **instructional technology**, **internet safety** and **general school safety** are the most important to you? *Why? What is the district doing well in these areas and what areas can be improved?*

Top 5 Common Themes - Technology 2024

Community Thought Exchange

1. Instructional Technology:



Various benefits of students having access to devices = enhanced learning



Opps: Ensure there isn't reliance but yet integration of technology, consistent use of learning platforms and resource for family monitoring

2. Internet Safety



Noticeable support of safe online behavior



Opps: Provide additional resources on dangers and digital stewardship, consequences of inappropriate use and greater software safety controls



“Communication and teaching new technologies impacts the district’s quality of instruction. Our kids need to be prepared for the world.”

Top 5 Common Themes Cont'd

3. General School Safety:



Good physical security procedures, positive School Resource Officer partnership



Opps: Consistent safety procedures within the school and across the district, additional emergency preparedness efforts, streamlined communication procedures for serious incidents and greater bullying prevention support

4. School Communication



Inclusion of updates in and school use of Canvas and Infinite Campus



Opp: More consistent use of Canvas for general communication, greater transparency on student progress through platforms

5. School Environment



Educated and supportive staff, variety of enrichment opportunities



Opps :Consistent technology procedures in classrooms and use of family communication tools (IC, Canvas, Seesaw), technology integration with student behavior I(for families)

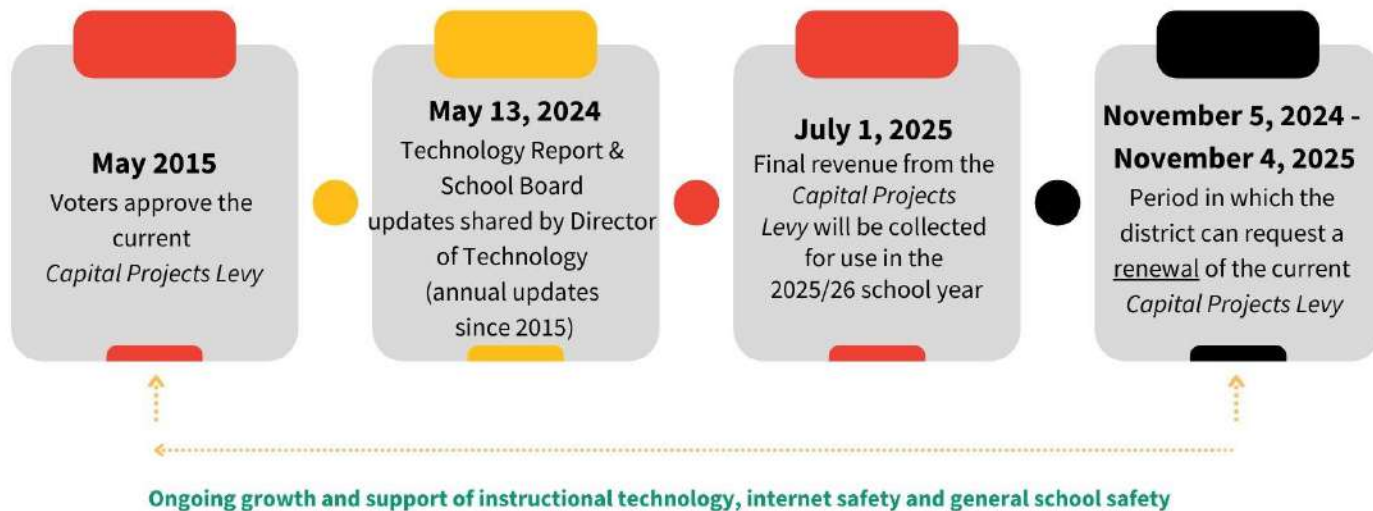
Capital Projects Levy– Background Information

- The voters in Shakopee **approved** the school district's current *Capital Projects Levy* on May 5, 2015.
- The final year of revenue from the current levy is collected in calendar year 2025 for use in the 2025-26 school year.
- A renewal of the current levy can be done at the earliest– November 2024, or the latest– November 2025.
- Director of Technology gave a 2024 Technology Update at the May 13, 2024 school board meeting.
- The 2024 Technology Update is a continue of previous Technology Reports
 - Tech Levy promises report card and other information

[2015 Fact Sheet](#)

[2015 Funding Sheet](#)

Capital Projects Levy– Background Information



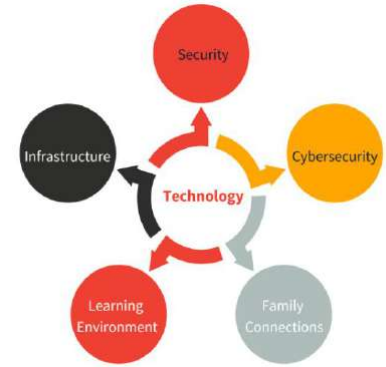
[2015 Fact Sheet](#)

[2015 Funding Sheet](#)

RENEWAL

CONTINUATION. The *Capital Project Levy* passed in 2015 was for a period of ten (10) years.

Renewing the *Capital Projects Levy* would be continuing the same *Levy* for another ten (10) years.



Capital Projects Levy– Background Information

SAMPLE BALLOT LANGUAGE:

Renewal of Expiring Capital Project Levy Authorization

The board of independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to renew its capital project levy authorization expiring after taxes payable in 202X in the maximum amount of XX% times the net tax capacity of the school district to provide funds for the acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of software and technology and the acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of School District facilities, infrastructure, furnishings, and equipment. The proposed tax rate is not being increased from the previous year's rate. The proposed renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$XXXX for taxes first levied in 20XX, payable in 20XX, and will be authorized for XX years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$XXX.

Shall the renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

Yes No

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

Capital Projects Levy– Background Information

RENEWAL OF CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY (TECH LEVY)

Projected \$6,215,800 in revenue in FY27

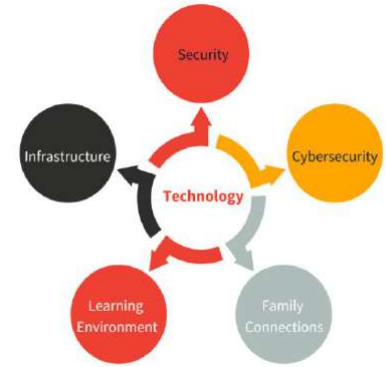
(2026-27 school year)

If levy is not successfully renewed, **budget impacts will be felt across the district** (i.e. need to pay for technology services, cybersecurity, video security, curriculum/software, etc. from other revenue sources).



RENEWAL

Per the current preliminary plan to propose a renewal at the present terms, the *Capital Projects Levy* would support the continuation of the district's safety and critical support efforts in various areas of technology with no increase to taxpayers.



Capital Projects Levy– Planning & Communication

Planning in Motion

- Monthly **Capital Projects Levy Constructive Feedback** Committee meetings
 - First meeting held in April (2024), additional meetings held 1-2x a month (Committee approved by the School Board on April 22, 2024)
 - Includes consultative support from Finance & Operations, Communications and Instructional Technology Departments as well as Legal Counsel and PMA Securities.
- *Communications Plan and Election Timeline* (draft form)
 - Shorter in duration
 - Very focused messaging

Capital Projects Levy– School Board Actions

If November 5, 2024 is selected an election date, what does the School Board need to do to have the renewal included on the *General Election* ballot?

- Review Capital Project Levy final plan and details
- Pass a resolution at the June 24, 2024 regularly scheduled School Board Meeting
- Receive updates on an informative Communications Plan
 - Will include School Board *Community Forums* in the fall

