

SHAKOPEE

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VOTE NOV 3 2020

On November 3, 2020, Shakopee Public Schools residents will be voting on a school funding request for an operating levy to help the district:

- Maintain current programming and learning opportunities for students
- Attract, retain, and compensate our teachers
- Build a path to meet long-term financial goals

SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE 2020 LEVY

Shakopee is the only one of its neighboring districts without a voter-approved operating levy. The majority of Minnesota school districts rely on these levies to help fund their educational programs.

The district has already approved \$2 million in budget cuts, in addition to making the levy request.

State funding has not kept pace with inflation, there are unfunded mandates, and the district lacks a voter-approved levy for additional local support.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Independent School District No. 720, Shakopee, has proposed to increase its referendum revenue authorization by the following amounts for taxes payable in the years specified:

- \$400 per pupil for taxes payable in 2021;
- An additional \$300 per pupil for taxes payable in 2022;
- An additional \$200 per pupil for taxes payable in 2023;
- An additional \$100 per pupil, for taxes payable in 2024.
- The total tax increase of \$1,000 per pupil will continue for taxes payable in 2025 to 2030.

The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years, commencing with taxes payable in 2021, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 720 be approved?

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

The School Board unanimously approved a phased-in levy rather than ask for the full levy amount all at once.

Because the levy would be phased-in over time, the tax impact would be phased-in as well. In 2021, voters would actually see a net tax decrease due to building debt that is being paid off.

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VOTING INFORMATION Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020. Absentee/early voting begins September 18 and can be done in-person at various locations or by mail. Learn more about your voting location and options at www.mnvotes.org.

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