

SPECIAL
REFERENDUM
EDITION

2019
MAY 14

strong schools.
safe schools.
successful students.

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Eden Prairie residents are proud of their schools.

To help maintain Eden Prairie Schools' commitment to inspiring each student every day, district residents are being asked to vote May 14, 2019 on a one-question bond funding proposal to improve school learning environments and enhance school safety through construction projects at all schools.



INSPIRING NEWS

EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
Inspiring each student every day

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A COMMUNITY VISION FOR **STRONG, SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS**

Eden Prairie Schools staff, parents and community members spent the last three years developing a long-term vision for academic programs and facilities to support student learning. Based on that public input, research and planning, the School Board is asking voters to consider a one-question bond referendum to:



Ensure more children are prepared for kindergarten by moving our 4-year-old preschool programs into all elementary schools, thus expanding access and strengthening the transition from preschool to elementary school. Preschool will remain a fee-based program.



Improve the middle school learning experience by moving 6th graders from the elementary schools to a more age-appropriate environment at a grades 6-8 middle school tailored to their academic and developmental needs.



Support greater academic achievement by redesigning many classrooms across the district to support a more flexible learning environment and personalized learning. Combined with our exceptional staff, these improvements would help students develop in-demand skills like collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking.



Improve safety and security across all schools by adding protective glass, lock-down equipment, internal communication systems and additional exterior security.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Schools) Hennepin County, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Schools), Hennepin County, Minnesota, on May 14, 2019, on the following question:

SAMPLE BALLOT

On May 14, 2019, Eden Prairie School District residents will be asked to vote on a one-question bond funding proposal to improve school learning environments and enhance school safety through construction projects at all schools.

This request is based on three years of planning, research and community input that resulted in a long-term vision for academic programs and facilities to support student learning.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BUILDING BONDS

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Public Schools) be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,900,000 to provide funds for the acquisition or betterment of school sites and facilities, including without limitation safety and security improvements at each school site, building additions or updates at the middle school and preschool levels, and Districtwide building updates to support personalized learning early-childhood through twelfth grade?

YES NO

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

Voters must approve bond funds needed to pay for major building and construction projects.

The goals of the construction projects are to: ensure more children are ready for kindergarten, improve the middle school experience, support greater academic achievement, and provide all schools with security improvements and flexible learning spaces.

The estimated tax impact for the average homeowner would be about \$6.50 per month (\$397,400 median value home).



VOTING INFORMATION

Polls will be open on May 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All voters will vote at one of the four combined polling locations noted on the next page. Early voting begins March 29, visit www.mnvotes.org for more information.

PARENT APPROVAL RATINGS

99%

believe our community receives a good value on its investment in our schools

98%

rate our teachers as excellent or good

97%

rate our quality of education as excellent or good

96%

trust the School Board to do what is right for our students

ELECTION DAY (MAY 14, 2019) COMBINED POLLING LOCATIONS

Visit www.mnvotes.org or call 952-975-7072 to find your polling location

City of Eden Prairie, Precincts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. City of Chanhassen, Precinct 1:
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie.

City of Eden Prairie, Precincts 4, 7, 8, 11, 12. City of Edina, Precincts 10c and 19c:
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

City of Eden Prairie, Precinct 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. City of Bloomington, Ward 3, Precinct 17:
Prairie Lutheran Church, 11000 Blossom Road, Eden Prairie.

City of Eden Prairie, Precinct 9, 10, 18, 19A, 19B:
Grace Church, 9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated January 7, 2019
By order of the School Board

School District Clerk

Independent School District No. 272
(Eden Prairie Schools)
Hennepin County, Minnesota



LEARN MORE

- Visit EPVote2019.org
- Email EPVote2019@edenpr.org
- Call 952-975-2498
- **Public Information Session:**
**April 9, 6 p.m. at Eden Prairie High School
Performing Arts Center**



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TAX COMPARISON CHART

We have the **second lowest total school property taxes** of neighboring and Lake Conference school districts - and will still be below the state average if voters approve this funding request.

What will it cost?
Voter approval of this referendum would give the School Board permission to issue \$39.9 million in bonds to fund construction and materials needed. The tax impact for the average homeowner* would be about **\$6.50 per month.**

*\$397,400 median home value

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Total School Property Taxes

Payable 2018, on a home with an estimated market value of \$397,400

