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TWO LEVY RENEWAL QUESTIONS - November 5, 2019
General Election - Spring Lake Park School District

On Tuesday, November 5, the Spring Lake Park Schools community will be asked to vote on two no-tax-increase school funding renewals, the Levy for Learning and the Capital Projects Levy.

The "Official Notice of a Special Election" on the reverse side of this required mailing contains legal language specified by Minnesota statutes. Below, in more user-friendly language, is information to help you learn more about these levies.

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BALLOT QUESTION 1

Question 1 is a no-tax-increase renewal of the expiring operating levy, or Levy for Learning.

- This levy funds teachers and educational support staff positions, generating \$1.28 million annually.
- This levy was first approved by voters in 2002 and was renewed in 2011.

BALLOT QUESTION 2

Question 2 is a no-tax-increase renewal of the expiring capital projects levy.

- This levy funds essential technology systems for classrooms, school operations and the district's safety and security systems, generating \$1.325 million annually.
- This levy was approved by voters in 2011.

Levies Fund Essentials, Renewals Maintain Current Funding

Each levy is an important part of the overall budget. The funds have allowed the district to lower class sizes, provide for innovative, personalized learning and programs, as well as provide for and maintain current and reliable technologies for classrooms, operations and security.

By state law, each of these levies must be renewed to keep funding that is already in place.

Sound Financial Management Rises to the Challenge

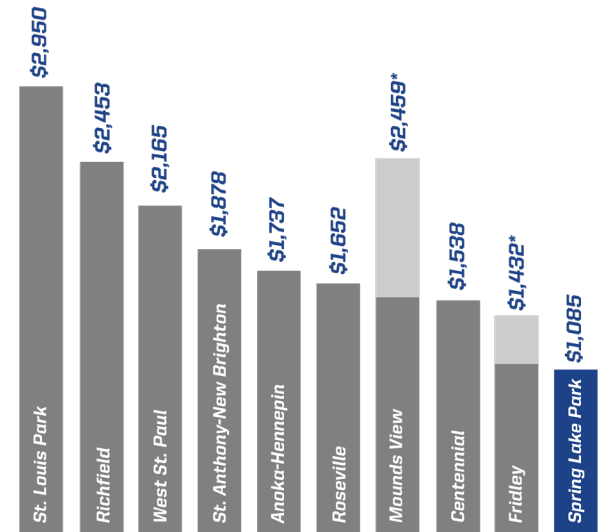
While the gap between inflation and school funding has grown, Spring Lake Parks Schools has maximized its use of resources while maintaining a balanced budget and appropriate fund balance.

Ours is one of the only districts in the metro area that has not had to increase class sizes or reduce programs in recent years. Right now, we are positioned to manage funding challenges with our existing resources — including levy resources — without having to make any reductions.

We Remain Below Most Districts in Voter-Approved School Funding

Compared to other metro school districts, our voter-approved funding from districts residents is among the lowest.

Of 40 metro districts, 38 have approved higher funding per student through their voter-approved levies than our district. Our combined levies are below the metro average by \$1,132 per student.



*Indicates districts with proposed new levy funding requests this fall

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (SPRING LAKE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 16 (Spring Lake Park Public Schools), Anoka County, Minnesota, in conjunction with the statewide general election on November 5, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
APPROVAL OF RENEWED REFERENDUM LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The school board of Independent School District No. 16 (Spring Lake Park Public Schools) has proposed to renew a portion of its referendum revenue authorization in the amount of \$193.98 per pupil, which expires at the end of taxes-payable year 2019. The renewed authorization amount of \$193.98 per pupil proposed in this ballot question would be first effective for taxes payable in 2020, and would be applicable for ten years unless earlier revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the renewal of the referendum levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 16 be approved? YES NO

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM FUNDS AN EXISTING OPERATING REFERENDUM AT THE SAME AMOUNT PER PUPIL AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The tax impact of School District Ballot Question 1 for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District is shown in the table below:

Year Taxes are Payable		2020	2020	
		Expired Authority	Renewed Authority	NET CHANGE
Revenue per Pupil Unit		-\$193.98	\$193.98	\$0.00
Est. Operating Referendum Revenue		-\$1,238,911	\$1,279,414	\$40,503
Est. Market Value Tax Rate		-0.02402%	0.02336%	-0.00066%
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Operating Referendum Levy Only		
Residential, Homesteads, Apartments, and Commercial-Industrial Property	\$100,000	-\$24	\$23	-\$1
	125,000	-30	29	-1
	150,000	-36	35	-1
	175,000	-42	41	-1
	200,000	-48	47	-1
	225,000	-54	53	-1
	250,000	-60	58	-2
	300,000	-72	70	-2
	350,000	-84	82	-2
	400,000	-96	93	-3
	450,000	-108	105	-3
	500,000	-120	117	-3
	600,000	-144	140	-4
	700,000	-168	164	-4
	800,000	-192	187	-5
	900,000	-216	210	-6
	1,000,000	-240	234	-6
1,250,000	-300	292	-8	
1,500,000	-360	350	-10	
2,000,000	-480	467	-13	

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for many property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

Voting Information

Precinct 1: Woodcrest Elementary School, 880 Osborne Road NE, Fridley, MN

(for school district residents in the cities of Fridley and Spring Lake Park)

Precinct 2: National Sports Center - The Welcome Center, 1750 105th Ave NE, Blaine, MN

(for school district residents in the city of Blaine)

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the date of said election.

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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2
APPROVAL OF RENEWED CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The School Board of Independent School District No. 16 (Spring Lake Park Public Schools) has proposed the renewal of an existing capital project levy authorization, continuing funds to provide for and maintain technology systems for classroom and school operations and the district's safety and security systems. The proposed capital project levy authorization will be in the amount of 2.96% times the net tax capacity of the school district, providing approximately \$1,326,633 for taxes payable in 2020, 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 over that time period is approximately \$13,266,330. If approved, this authorization will renew the school district's existing authorization scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2019, and will not increase the tax rate.

Shall the renewal of the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 16 be approved? YES NO

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM EXTENDS AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY AT THE SAME TAX RATE AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

The tax impact of School District Ballot Question 2 (capital projects levy) for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District is shown in the table below:

Year Taxes are Payable		Expired	Renewed	NET CHANGE
		2019	2020	
Type of Property	Taxable Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Capital Project Levy Only		
Residential, Homestead	\$100,000	-\$23	\$23	\$0
	125,000	-31	31	0
	150,000	-40	40	0
	175,000	-48	48	0
	200,000	-57	57	0
	225,000	-65	66	1
	250,000	-74	74	0
	275,000	-83	83	0
	300,000	-91	91	0
	400,000	-125	126	1
	500,000	-157	158	1
Commercial/ Industry+	1,000,000	-354	355	1
	\$250,000	-\$86	\$86	0
	500,000	-186	187	1
	750,000	-287	288	1
Apartments and Residential, Non-Homestead	1,000,000	-387	389	2
	2,000,000	-790	792	2
	\$150,000	-\$59	\$59	0
	300,000	-118	118	0
	500,000	-197	197	0
	1,000,000	-393	394	1

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the proposed capital projects levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net tax increase for many property owners.

+ For commercial-industrial property, the estimates above are for property in the City of Spring Lake Park. The tax impact for commercial-industrial property in other municipalities in the school district may be slightly different, due to the varying impact of the Twin Cities Fiscal Disparities program.