



# SAMPLE BALLOT

**On November 5, 2019, Eastern Carver County Schools residents will be able to vote on three school funding requests.**

The referendum requests, approved unanimously by the School Board, are based on months of study, input and research to manage growing enrollment and address aging buildings, budget pressures and academic needs.

Funds would help continue the strong academic preparation of our students, prevent cuts to programs and services, maintain class sizes and manage growing enrollment.

The majority of Minnesota school districts rely on locally approved operating levies to help fund their schools.

## Question 1 APPROVAL OF NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 112 (Eastern Carver County), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District's general education revenue by \$550 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2019 for taxes payable in 2020 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in the general education revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 112 (Eastern Carver County), Minnesota be approved ?

YES       NO

The tax impact for the average homeowner (\$350,000 value home) would be about \$22 per month.

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

Our district's levy is currently in the bottom half of neighboring and similar districts. These operating levies are a critical part of funding for schools across the state.

## Question 2 APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ISSUE

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 112 (Eastern Carver County), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$111,675,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, the completion of deferred maintenance repair projects at various school sites and facilities and the construction of a new elementary school and a new bus garage?

YES       NO

Question 2 is contingent on Question 1 – which means that Question 1 must pass before Question 2 can be approved by voters.

School districts must gain voter approval for funding to build and maintain their schools.

Funds would be used to address enrollment growth with a new elementary school, support deferred maintenance district wide and build a larger bus garage to better service and maintain the district's buses.

The tax impact for the average homeowner (\$350,000 value home) would be about \$14 per month.

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### Question 3 RENEWAL OF EXPIRING CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY FOR SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY

This simply renews a previously approved existing levy that is about to expire.

Funds would support school security systems, technology infrastructure and learning devices for students and staff.

The board of Independent School District No. 112 (Eastern Carver County), Minnesota has proposed to renew its expiring capital project levy authorization in the amount of 4.947% times the net tax capacity of the school district to provide funds for the acquisition and installation of security, technology, and teaching and learning capital improvements. 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 \$4,385,717 in the first year it is to be levied, 2019, for taxes payable in 2020, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$43,857,170. Shall the renewal of the expiring capital project levy proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 112 (Eastern Carver County), Minnesota be approved?

Funds would be dedicated for ten years to continue to support school security and technology.

YES  NO

There is no tax increase because this renews an existing levy.

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

## VOTING INFORMATION

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 5, 2019. Your polling location is based on your residence and may be different from previous elections. Visit [mvotes.org](http://mvotes.org) or call 952-556-6107 to find out where you vote.

### Vote early in person

Early voting begins September 20. You can vote early in person at the District Education Center, Welcome Center at 11 Peavey Road in Chaska from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, September 20-November 4 and on Thursday, October 24, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, October 26, 8 to 11 a.m.

### Vote early by mail

Request an absentee ballot by mail by calling 952-556-6107 or visit [www.district112.org/vote2019](http://www.district112.org/vote2019) to download the application.

### Learn more

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