

Vote November 8

TECH LEVY RENEWAL



Orono Public Schools 2022 Tech Levy Renewal

Funding for the next 10 years
to ensure Orono students are ready for the future

On November 8, 2022, Orono Public Schools residents will vote whether to renew the district's Technology Levy. Because this is a straight renewal, there would be **no tax increase** if approved by voters.

Why now?

The district is grateful for community support over the last 20 years. This technology levy was originally approved by residents in 2002, renewed in 2011 and is now up for renewal again. If not renewed by voters in November 2022, the **levy will expire** and the district will **lose \$1.2 million** annually in local funding.

What is the tax impact?

There is **no tax increase** if voters approve the levy, because it is a straight renewal of an existing locally approved levy.

What is the levy for?

If voters approve the levy renewal, it would provide a predictable and dedicated funding stream for:

Classroom learning and support



Tools and teacher training to support excellence in teaching and learning and ensure Orono students are future ready

Reliable access



Regularly updated networks, systems and software to support classroom teaching and learning

Security and technical support



A secure internet environment, campus security, visitor management systems and technology support staff

If voters **do not approve the renewal**, the levy will expire and the district would be faced with **\$1.2 million in annual budget cuts**, impacting teachers, programs and technology districtwide.

89% of Orono School District residents believe the ability for students to use computers and other technology effectively and efficiently is absolutely essential or very important.

(October 2021 community survey)



“This technology levy brings in critical funding that supports how our teachers teach and how our students learn.”

— School Board Chair Bob Tunheim

How do we compare?

TECHNOLOGY LEVY COMPARISONS, 2021-22

ANNUAL REVENUE

DISTRICT	TOTAL TECH LEVY	PER PUPIL
Hopkins	\$11,924,180	\$1,613
Eden Prairie	\$7,599,850	\$805
Bloomington	\$8,685,049	\$785
Edina	\$6,490,673	\$707
Wayzata	\$8,385,892	\$585
Minnetonka	\$6,916,127	\$568
Westonka	\$1,576,199	\$588
Orono	\$1,122,409	\$454

Finance facts

- Orono Public Schools **ranks in the top two percent** of all Minnesota school districts for its Aa2 long-term credit rating.
- The district has earned **Certificates of Excellence** in Financial Reporting for many years.
- 94% of residents believe they **receive a good value for their investment** in our schools.

Points of pride

According to a fall 2021 community survey of our residents:

94% rate the quality of Orono Public Schools as excellent or good

96% believe Orono Public Schools increase property values in the community



In 2022, *U.S. News and World Report* ranks **Orono High School #1** in Minnesota among traditional high schools

Where do I vote?

Because this is a general election, residents will vote at their regular polling location on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

Early voting begins September 23.

To find your polling location or learn more about voting, visit www.mnvotes.org.

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