



White Bear Lake Area Schools

Independent School District 624

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Dear District 624 Property Owner:

Enclosed please find information about the upcoming capital projects levy renewal for the White Bear Lake Area School District. This referendum will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 8. The enclosed information and its specific content are being mailed to you as a property owner in District 624.

As the tax impact information inside will show, this is a renewal of a levy already in place. **This is not a tax rate increase.**

A successful levy will help meet ongoing and increasing needs, with the funds being used in the following ways:

- **Safety and security:** The capital projects levy allows the district to maintain and increase safety and security measures and equipment throughout the district.
- **Technology and related services:** The capital projects levy allows the district to provide classroom technology, software and computers for students. Related services include the maintenance of equipment and technology staff.
- **Textbooks, curriculum materials and equipment, and musical instruments:** The capital projects levy allows the district to purchase textbooks, curriculum materials and equipment, and musical instruments according to our curriculum replacement cycle.
- **Transportation:** The capital projects levy allows the district to purchase buses and vans to maintain its fleet for student transportation.

The capital projects levy approved by the voters in 2013 is expiring. Failure to renew the levy would result in a \$2.6 million gap in revenue. This loss of revenue would require the district to reduce purchases for safety and security measures and equipment throughout the district, classroom technology and equipment, curriculum and instruments, and buses and vans for student transportation.

The district has earned its reputation as a good steward of your tax dollars. Our district has received excellence in financial reporting awards from both the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association for more than 20 consecutive years. We are proud that when recently surveyed, our community rated the district's financial management well above the industry norm, putting us in the top quarter of suburban districts.

As a school board, we are committed to being open and transparent with our constituents when it comes to the decisions we have made. Information about the district's finances and the upcoming levy referendum renewal can be found on the district's website. The Capital Projects Levy page of the district's website (which can be found directly at [www.isd624.org/CapitalProjectsLevyRenewal](http://www.isd624.org/CapitalProjectsLevyRenewal)) contains levy-related communication pieces and information, including a video of information shared at Community Informational Meetings hosted earlier this fall.

Please feel free to contact Superintendent Kazmierczak at (651) 407-7563 or [wayne.kazmierczak@isd624.org](mailto:wayne.kazmierczak@isd624.org) if you have additional questions or comments about what the local community wants from and for our local schools.

Sincerely,  
Your District 624 School Board

Scott Arcand, Vice-Chair  
Deb Beloyed, Treasurer

Kathleen Daniels  
Jessica Ellison, Chair

Marge Newmaster  
Chris Streiff-Oji

Angela Thompson, Clerk



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## Notice of Special Election

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Leading Minds to Learning, Hearts to Compassion and Lives to Community Service



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 624  
(WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the State General Election in and for Independent School District No. 624 (White Bear Lake Area Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION RENEWAL OF EXPIRING CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION	
The School Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to renew its existing capital project levy authorization which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed capital project levy authorization will be in the amount of 2.208% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy will raise approximately \$2,590,309 for taxes payable in 2024, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded by the approved capital project levy authorization during that time period is approximately \$25,903,090. The additional revenue from the proposed capital project levy authorization will provide funds for upgraded safety and security; technology and related services; the purchase of textbooks, curriculum materials and equipment, and musical instruments; and the purchase of buses and vans for student transportation. The project has received a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.	
Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 624 be approved?	
<input type="radio"/>	YES
<input type="radio"/>	NO
BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.	

**VOTING REGULATIONS**

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated at right for the precinct in which he/she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 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 place on election day.

Dated: July 11, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Angela Thompson  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 624  
(White Bear Lake Area Schools)  
State of Minnesota

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

Voter registration, absentee voting and early voting information is available on the county election websites listed in the next column.

**TAX IMPACT**

Passage of this referendum would extend an existing capital projects referendum that is set to expire. If the ballot question is passed, the expiring levy will be renewed at the same tax rate as the exiting levy. This is not a tax rate increase.

The annual dollar amounts for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the school district are as shown in the table below.

Referendum Market Value	Expiring Authority	Proposed Authority	Net Change
<b>Residential Homestead</b>			
\$100,000	-\$16	\$16	\$0
\$150,000	-\$28	\$28	\$0
\$200,000	-\$40	\$40	\$0
\$250,000	-\$53	\$53	\$0
\$300,000	-\$65	\$65	\$0
\$350,000	-\$77	\$77	\$0
\$400,000	-\$89	\$89	\$0
\$450,000	-\$101	\$101	\$0
\$500,000	-\$112	\$112	\$0
\$750,000	-\$182	\$182	\$0
<b>Commercial-Industrial</b>			
\$100,000	-\$20	\$20	\$0
\$250,000	-\$57	\$57	\$0
\$500,000	-\$125	\$125	\$0
\$1,000,000	-\$260	\$260	\$0
<b>Apartments and Residential Non-Homestead</b>			
\$250,000	-\$70	\$70	\$0
\$500,000	-\$140	\$140	\$0
\$1,000,000	-\$279	\$279	\$0
\$2,000,000	-\$559	\$559	\$0

**Sustainable investment**

The District's fiscal credibility is high. A recent community survey showed:

- 89% of respondents believe the community receives a good value from its investment.
- 80% of respondents believe we have spent past referendum revenue responsibly.
- Respondents rated the district's financial management well above the industry norm, putting us in the top quarter of suburban districts.

**COUNTY ELECTION WEBSITES:**

Ramsey County - [www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting](http://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/elections-voting)  
Anoka County - [www.anokacountymn.gov/220/Elections-Voter-Registration](http://www.anokacountymn.gov/220/Elections-Voter-Registration)  
Washington County - [www.co.washington.mn.us/667/Elections](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/667/Elections)

**POLLING PLACES**

The polling places and combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places shall be as follows:

<b>ANOKA COUNTY</b>	
City of Lino Lakes P1	Lino Lakes Senior Center 1189 Main St.
City of Lino Lakes P4	Lino Lakes City Hall 600 Town Center Pkwy.
City of Lino Lakes P6	Lino Lakes Fire Station #2 1710 Birch St.
<b>RAMSEY COUNTY</b>	
City of Gem Lake P1	Heritage Hall 4200 Otter Lake Rd.
City of Little Canada P2	Little Canada Elementary School 400 Eli Rd.
City of Maplewood P8	Ramsey County Library 3025 Southlawn Dr.
City of North Oaks P2	North Oaks Golf Club 54 East Oaks Road
City of Vadnais Heights P1	Vadnais Heights Commons 655 East Co. Rd. F
City of Vadnais Heights P2	Vadnais Heights Commons 655 East Co. Rd. F
City of Vadnais Heights P3	Vadnais Heights Commons 655 East Co. Rd. F
City of Vadnais Heights P4	Vadnais Heights South Fire Station 3595 Arcade St.
City of White Bear Lake W1 P1	Council Chambers (WBL City Hall) 4701 Highway 61 North
City of White Bear Lake W2 P1	Ramsey County Library – White Bear Lake 2150 Second St.
City of White Bear Lake W3 P1	Sunrise Park Middle School 2399 Cedar Ave.
City of White Bear Lake W4 P1	Golfview School Building 2449 Orchard Lane
City of White Bear Lake W5 P1	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church 1965 County Rd. E East
White Bear Township P1	Otter Lake Elementary 1401 County Rd. H2
White Bear Township P2	Lakeshore Players Theatre 4941 Long Ave.
White Bear Township P3	South Shore Trinity Lutheran 2480 South Shore Blvd.
White Bear Township P4	Heritage Hall 4200 Otter Lake Rd.
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>	
City of Birchwood Village	Birchwood City Hall 207 Birchwood Ave.
City of Hugo W1, P1	Hugo Fire Station 5323 140th Street North
City of Hugo W1, P2	Hugo City Hall 14669 Fitzgerald Ave. N.
City of Hugo W2, P3	Lions Park Building 5224 Upper 146th St. N.
City of Hugo W3, P5	Hugo Public Works Building 8220 140th St. N.