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Final Week: Vote 2023

- Encouraging staff and families to get out to the polls to vote
- Families: Share bond, levy and election information with neighbors and friends in the community
- Held our final Community Information Session last night
- All residents should have received our Vote 2023 mailer and our print Connect newsletter in the mail.
- Get to know the Board candidates – Ask staff and families to watch the League of Women Voters School Board Candidate forum



Capital Project Levy (Technology Project Levy) Sample Ballot



School District Question 3 Revoke and Replace Capital Project Levy Authorization for Technology

☐ YES
☐ NO

The board of Independent School District No. 833 (South Washington County Schools), Minnesota has proposed to revoke its existing capital project levy authorization in the amount of 1.820% times the net tax capacity of the School District and replace it with a new capital project levy authorization in the maximum amount of 2.668% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$5,000,000 for taxes first levied in 2023, payable in 2024, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$50,000,000. The proposed authorization will provide funds for the acquisition and installation of improved instructional technology, technology systems, and technology support staffing.

Shall the revocation of the existing capital project levy authorization and the replacement with a new capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 833 (South Washington County Schools), Minnesota be approved?

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

Question 3: Technology Projects Levy



What is a Technology Projects Levy?

A technology projects levy provides a dedicated funding stream for technology-related expenses. The technology levy supports nearly all facets of district operations, including: safety and security infrastructure, instructional and learning tools, networking and communications, and data management.

Tax Impact of the Technology Projects Levy

The technology projects levy asks voters to revoke and renew the existing technology levy, increasing the annual funding from \$2.8 million to \$5 million for the next 10 years.

- The tax impact is about \$3 per month on a median-valued home of \$409,000.
- The current technology projects levy is set to expire July 1, 2027.

Infrastructure and Security

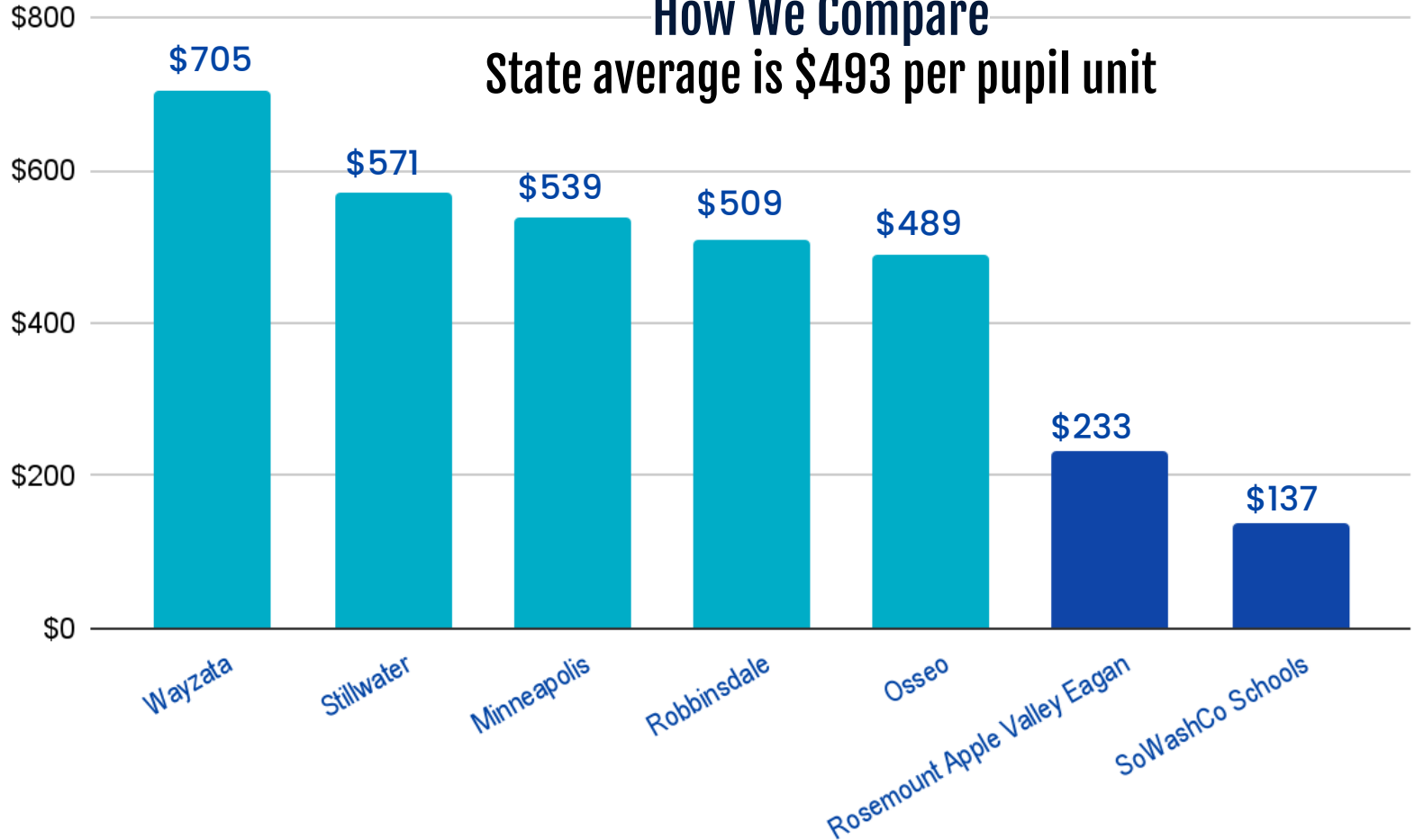
- Cybersecurity, cameras and transportation systems
- Network cabling, hardware and WiFi
- Building controls, HVAC and door access.
- Data privacy protections and data retention compliance
- Content filtering per Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- Cyber awareness training
- Data processing and storage systems
- Business software

Teaching and Learning

- Classroom technology
- Technology support and repair services
- Educational and instructional software
- Student and teacher devices
- Digital and media literacy training

How We Compare

State average is \$493 per pupil unit



Question 3: Technology Project Levy

WHAT IS A CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY?

A technology projects levy provides a **dedicated funding stream** for technology-related expenses, including cybersecurity, instructional software, business software (for Finance, Human Resources, Accounts Payable, etc.), and technology repair.

- Supports nearly all facets of district operations, including: safety and security infrastructure, instructional and learning tools, networking and communications, and data management.

The state of Minnesota does not provide school districts with categorical funding for technology; most districts rely on capital projects levies for technology project funding.

Question 3: Frequently Asked Questions

Don't you already have a Technology Projects Levy?

In school finance, there are two types of levies:

- **Operating levies** are voter-approved levies that provide funding for classrooms, instruction and other school operating costs.
- **Capital projects (technology) levies** are approved by voters to provide funding dedicated for technology-related expenses, including cybersecurity, instructional software, business software and technology repair.
- Voters approved SoWashCo Schools' operating levy in 2021, but the capital projects (technology) levy failed by less than 100 votes.
- The current capital projects levy was approved by voters in 2017, and is set to expire in 2027.
- The request for Question 3 is to revoke and renew the current capital projects levy that was passed in 2017 with additional funding to address technology related to safety.

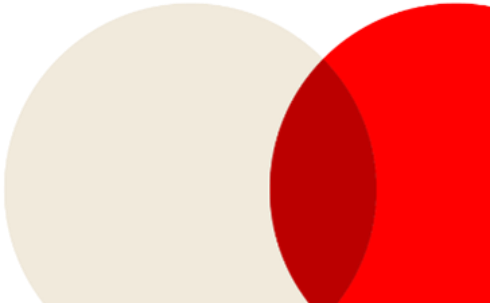
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Question 3: Frequently Asked Questions

What if the Technology Projects Levy Fails?

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BONDS FOR BUILDINGS



Question 1:

Safety and security enhancements and expansions and renovations at secondary schools. (Approx. \$160 Million total)

- Construct new secure entry at Park and Woodbury high schools, and Cottage Grove, Lake and Woodbury middle schools
- Planned addition at East Ridge High School and renovations at Park and Woodbury high schools
- Planned expansion of Oltman Middle School and renovations at Woodbury Middle School

BOND QUESTION 1 DETAILS

+ Safety & Security Enhancements

+ Renovations for High Schools

+ Expansion/Renovations for Middle Schools



Question 2:

Addresses elementary school space at schools projected to exceed capacity; renovations for bathrooms at five elementary schools. (Approx. \$40 Million total)

- Elementary school additions at Bailey, Grey Cloud, Pine Hill and Red Rock elementary schools
- Construction of additional bathrooms at schools only containing a single set/four stalls: Crestview, Hillside, Pine Hill, Pullman and Royal Oaks elementary schools

BOND QUESTION 2 DETAILS

+ Elementary School Additions

+ Elementary Bathroom Renovations

+ Question 2 Contingency

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Questions?



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