

TECHLevy

RENEWAL 2024

Learning · Safety · Support

Overview

On Nov. 5, 2024, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 residents will vote on whether to renew the district's existing technology levy. The levy was originally approved in 2015 and provides about \$4.6 million per year for essential technology and related staff. The renewal of this levy will not increase taxes.

What will be on the ballot

Voters will decide on one question which, if approved, would renew an existing technology levy, providing about \$4.6 million per year for 10 years. Approval would allow the district to:

- ✓ Replace aging classroom technology equipment and devices for students and staff,
- ✓ Support learning technology programs like Schoology and Seesaw,
- ✓ Maintain school safety and security systems to protect student, staff and family data, and
- ✓ Maintain essential technology support staff for students and staff.

Because it's a renewal of an existing levy, there will be **no tax increase** if it's approved.

Voter information

You must be 18 years old and a resident of District 191 on **Election Day** to vote. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 5, 2024**. Your polling location is based on your residence and may be different from previous elections.

Voters are also able to **vote early or by absentee ballot starting on Sept. 20**. Early voting can be done by mail or in person.

Visit mnvotes.org to learn more about how to vote and to find your polling location.



TECH Transformation

Check out the latest edition of the Wayfinder magazine and read about how...

- teachers are using technology to support learning in elementary classrooms;
- Students are getting real-world experience and training in the BHS computer lab;
- Digital Learning Specialists are teaching students how to safely and responsibly navigate the online world, and;
- online classes have made education more accessible for adult learners



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Tax impact

Because this is a renewal of an existing levy, there would be **no tax increase** if it's approved.

If voters approve the levy

If renewed, this would provide about \$4.6 million in continuing funding for District 191 schools. These funds can only be used for specific technology-related expenses, such as individual learning devices (Chromebooks), instructional technology, cyber security software and related services, and technology support for staff members.

Over the past 10 years, because of the voter-approved technology levy, District 191 has been able to:



Provide Chromebooks or other learning devices to students, which ensures access to resources and class work for all students



Implement cybersecurity measures to protect against hackers, ransomware and other threats to student, staff and family data



Support learning technology programs, such as Schoology, Seesaw and WeVideo that allow students to access class content



Install and maintain a robust technology infrastructure to support learning activities across the district, including Digital Learning and technology that supports Pathways



Establish One91 Virtual Academy, an online school serving about 300 students, including dozens of students from around the state

Renewal of this levy will allow the district to continue this work, providing a safe, accessible and robust learning experience for all District 191 students.

If voters do not approve the levy

- ✘ District 191 would lose about \$4.6 million annually in funding for technology.
- ✘ The district would have to severely reduce or potentially eliminate its individual learning device program (student Chromebooks) and instructional technology (Schoology, Seesaw, WeVideo, Kami).
- ✘ Technology support staff would be reduced, leading to lower levels of service for classroom technology.
- ✘ The district's cybersecurity resources would be reduced, creating a greater risk of being the victim of a data breach or ransomware attack.

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