



Get out and
VOTE!



MINNEAPOLIS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Learn about the 2024 MPS Technology Levy Ballot Question

On election day

Nov. 5 | 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

To locate your polling place or
get information, visit
vote.minneapolismn.gov

Early in-person

Begins Friday, Sept. 20

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/
voters/vote-early-in-person](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person)

By mail

It's easy to vote by mail, but
don't leave it to the last minute.

[vote.minneapolismn.gov/
voters/vote-by-mail](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-by-mail)



Learn more at
mps.schools.org/tech-levy



Español



Hmoob



Soomaali

2024 MPS Technology Levy SAMPLE Ballot

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION

REVOKING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION

The board of Special School District No. 1 (Minneapolis Public Schools) has proposed to revoke the School District’s existing capital project levy (also known as the tech levy) authorization in the amount of 2.249% times the net tax capacity of the School District and to replace that authorization with a new capital project levy authorization in the amount of 4.728% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$38,142,202 for taxes payable in 2025, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. A portion of this new authorization will replace the school district’s existing authorization of \$18,142,202 for taxes payable in 2025, which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2025. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$381,422,020. The revenue from the proposed capital levy authorization will provide funds for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of technology systems, technology equipment, technology infrastructure and security, and technology support staffing.

YES Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Special School District No. 1 be approved?
NO

By voting “YES” on this ballot question, you are voting for a property tax increase.

What is the impact of the proposed tech levy on taxes?

Residential Homestead	
Est. Market Value	Estimated Monthly Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$2
\$150,000	\$3
\$200,000	\$4
\$250,000	\$5
\$300,000	\$7
\$350,000	\$8
\$400,000	\$9
\$500,000	\$12
\$600,000	\$15
\$700,000	\$18
\$800,000	\$21

Commerical/ Industrial	
Est. Market Value	Estimated Monthly Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$2
\$250,000	\$7
\$500,000	\$15
\$1,000,000	\$31
\$2,500,000	\$78

Apartments and Residential Non-Homestead	
Est. Market Value	Estimated Monthly Tax Increase
\$250,000	\$8
\$500,000	\$15
\$1,000,000	\$30
\$2,000,000	\$60

Median home value

*The amounts shown in the table above are based on school district taxes for the proposed capital project levy only and do not include tax levies for other purposes.
**For commercial/industrial property, the estimates above are for property in the city of Minneapolis, including the estimated impact of the Twin Cities Fiscal Disparities program.

This election, MPS is asking Minneapolis voters to consider an increase in the amount of dedicated funding for technology by \$20 million annually to minimize cuts to other programs and services.

Why an increase?

Despite recent increases in state funding and budget reductions, the district's financial trajectory is not sustainable based on current expenditures and revenues. This is caused by several factors, including continued significant underfunding, especially by the federal government; the primary state general education funding formula not keeping up with inflation over the past 20 years; and increased costs in major spending areas.

This ballot question is one of several financial strategies to deliver on our commitment to students in a sustainable way. We're also continuing to

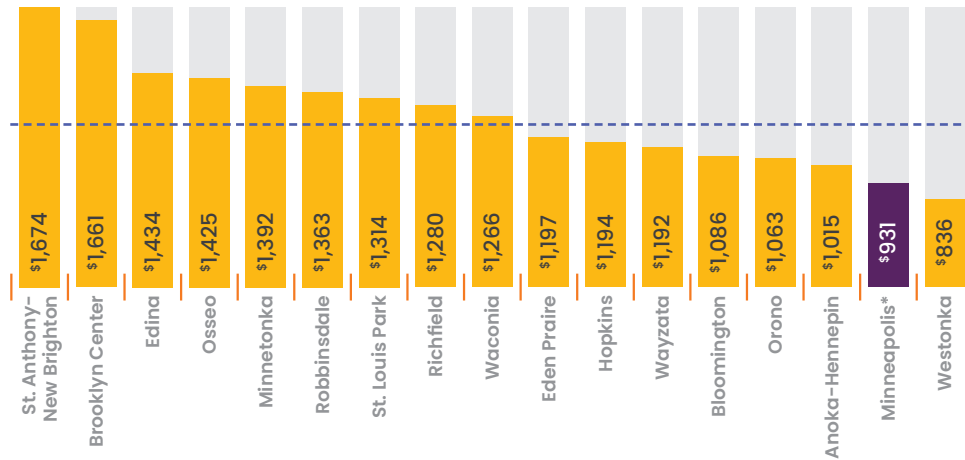
- reduce overall spending,
- advocate for school funding at state and federal governments,
- work to increase student enrollment, and
- analyze potential programmatic and operational changes.

How does the tech levy affect the budget?

Currently, MPS spends about \$20 million more annually on technology (including equipment, staffing, cybersecurity, online systems, instructional supports) than the funds available from our existing voter-approved tech levy.

This ballot question, if approved by voters, would increase funding from the tech levy so that the portion of our budget from our general fund that currently makes up the difference on technology expenses could instead be used for other purposes like educational programming and staffing. This would effectively minimize the amount of reductions needed by \$20 million.

How do Minneapolis school taxes compare?



Total school property taxes, payable 2024, on a home with an estimated market value of \$300,000.

Source: Hennepin County Final Taxes Payable 2024 Tax Rates.

*Minneapolis is calculated using tax rates for properties located in Watershed 2.

Not all districts listed.

Have you claimed your property tax refund?

If your household income for 2023 was less than \$135,410, you may qualify for the Property Tax Refund.

This program is intended to reduce the tax burden on homeowners.

The average refund was \$1,129

based on 2022 property taxes payable and 2021 incomes.

To determine eligibility and refund amounts, visit revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund

Learn more at mpschoools.org/tech-levy

