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**Princeton School Board Approves November Referendum Focused on
Student Success and Career Readiness**

*The ballot proposes a single question to invest in updated learning spaces and
technology needs.*

PRINCETON, MINN. — The Princeton School Board unanimously voted to authorize a one-question referendum that voters will consider on **Tuesday, Nov. 4**. The proposed referendum invests in critical updates to school facilities and provides funding for technology—ensuring students have the tools and spaces they need to succeed in an ever-changing world.

If approved by voters, the referendum will:

- Invest **\$49.14 million** to replace career and technical education spaces, renovate outdated classrooms, and update aging infrastructure.
- Implement a **\$750,000/year capital projects levy** (tech levy) to support essential classroom technology, including devices, software, infrastructure, and training.

The referendum proposal is the result of nearly two years of collaboration between the district and a community task force. Their work took a close look at each school building while gathering feedback from staff, students, and residents. Their input helped align the proposed investments with community priorities of growing hands-on learning opportunities, improving safety and accessibility, while minimizing taxpayer impact.

If the referendum is approved, the owner of an average-valued home in the district - approximately \$350,000 - would see a property tax increase of about **\$15/month**, beginning in 2026.

"We are able to say that this referendum reflects the values of our community because of the detailed work that's been done by the task force," Board Chair Deb Ulm stated. "This is about giving our incredible students and staff the tools they need to thrive. We're talking about modernized classrooms and career-focused programs so all Princeton students can realize their full potential."

District residents will vote on the referendum on **Tuesday, November 4**. Early voting begins **Friday, September 19**. Superintendent Pat Devine will be providing a series of community meetings leading up to the election.

"It's really important for everyone in the community to fully understand what is on the referendum and to ask questions," Superintendent Devine added. "There will be many opportunities to ask about the referendum in person and we are very grateful to everyone who brought us to this point. It has truly been a community-wide effort."

The district is developing a website with FAQ's and a tax impact calculator at isd477.org/referendum which will be released soon. The community meeting schedule will be published on the website and on the district's social media channels.

Below are several additional ways to get in touch with the district regarding the proposed referendum. Someone will respond within 24-hours of when a question is submitted.

- Fill out the connect form at isd477.org/referendum
- Send an email to election@isd477.org
- Give us a call at 763-389-7257

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