



Hopkins Public Schools Referendum 2025

Securing our future together

What is a referendum?

A referendum is a citizen vote on an issue. In Minnesota, certain school district levies require voter approval through a referendum.

How do a bond and Capital Projects Levy differ?

- **Bond:** Raises funds to build or renovate facilities; cannot be used for general district operation or staff salaries.
- **Capital Projects Levy:** Allows districts to fund purchases like technology, cybersecurity, and curriculum over several years.

A district to invest in

- **82%** of residents agree Hopkins provides good value for taxpayer investment.
- **79%** of residents agree Hopkins Schools increases home values.
- **79%** of district residents trust the School Board and administration to further their children's education.
- Hopkins is a destination school district attracting students from 74 cities.
- 24 AP courses, 16 college credits from immersion, and award-winning arts and athletics prepare students for the future.

Community to vote on two questions on November 4

Hopkins Public Schools is conducting a referendum on Tuesday, November 4, with two ballot questions – a \$140 million bond to support safety and security upgrades and to modernize outdated facilities, and a Capital Projects Levy renewal to support technology infrastructure and cybersecurity updates. **If approved, this would cost the average taxpayer \$7 a month.**

Ballot
Question

1

Bond

Secure our future

Voters will decide on a \$140 million bond to improve Hopkins Schools facilities, including safety and security upgrades, infrastructure repairs, modernized classrooms, expanded career and technical education, special education and ADA improvements, and new or upgraded playgrounds, outdoor learning areas, athletic facilities, and parking lots.

Ballot
Question

2

Capital Projects Levy

Protect what we've built

Voters will decide on a renewal of the 2017 Capital Project Levy, which ensures that students have access to rich technology tools and learning opportunities. A levy renewal would continue to generate \$10 million annually for networking, infrastructure, cybersecurity, data protection, curriculum, and technology. A small portion would go towards increasing access to off campus learning and upgrades to our musical instrument inventory.

Low tax impact

Hopkins is committed to strong fiscal stewardship – balancing urgent facility needs with long-term financial responsibility. The tax impact for the average home in our district is approximately \$7 per month.

Estimated property value	Question 1 Monthly tax impact of bond	Question 2 Monthly tax impact of Capital Projects Levy
\$250,000	\$3	\$0
\$350,000	\$5	\$0
\$450,000	\$7	\$0
\$600,000	\$9	\$0

Calculate the exact tax impact for your family at HopkinsSchools.org/referendum.

Election Day is November 4, 2025!

Find your polling location
by scanning the QR code.





Question 1: Secure our future

Authorize a \$140 million bond to enhance school safety and modernize classrooms to better prepare students for the future.

Bond Projects



Safety and Security Enhancements

All sites will receive comprehensive security upgrades including cameras, alarms, controlled entry points, exterior lighting, hardware improvements, and fire suppression in data rooms.



Modernized and Expanded Learning Spaces

Several schools will add or remodel classrooms, gyms, music suites, and flexible learning areas. Hopkins High School will see an expanded Career and Technical Education (CTE) lab. The middle schools will add spaces where students can focus, work together, or take a break when they need it.



Accessibility and ADA Compliance

All schools will get ADA restroom renovations and single-user restrooms. Schools with older playgrounds will receive upgrades to meet accessibility standards and promote inclusivity.



Outside the Classroom

Sites across the district will see enhancements to outdoor spaces, including safer and more functional drop-off areas and parking lots, fitness playgrounds at the middle schools, and upgraded athletic facilities.

Question 2: Protect what we've built

Renew the 2017 Capital Projects Levy to strengthen schools with reliable technology, cybersecurity, and classroom tools, and to give students access to technology-rich experiences that support safe and effective learning.

Key Investments

- **Cybersecurity & Data Protection** – Funds 24/7 monitoring, multi-factor authentication, layered security, and drills to protect student and staff data from cyber threats.
- **Modern Learning Tools** – Provides one-to-one devices for secondary students, updated curriculum, and current classroom technology.
- **Technology Infrastructure** – Maintains and upgrades networks for reliable, secure internet.
- **Student Opportunities** – Expands transportation for field trips, internships, and mentorships.
- **Equity in Arts & Enrichment** – Updates musical instruments inventory and ensures full access to programs for all students.
- **Responsible Stewardship** – Manages rising tech and insurance costs without cutting programs, with transparent taxpayer reporting.

