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Vote Aug. 11

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St. Louis Park
Public Schools

6300 Walker St
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

PROUD PAST.
PREPARED FUTURE.

On August 11, 2026, St. Louis Park Public Schools
will ask voters to consider one question on the ballot.
The proposal includes funding to update aging
building systems and support the technology and
safety needs that help schools operate each day.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?



The proposal combines a one-time bond for
building improvements with a capital projects
levy that provides ongoing funding for
technology, safety, and security needs.

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POLLING LOCATIONS

WARD 1

- Precinct 1: Beth El Synagogue | 5225 Barry St. W.
- Precinct 2: Wat Thai Buddhist Center | 2544 Highway 100 South
- Precinct 3: St. Louis Park City Hall | 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.

WARD 2

- Precinct 4: St. Louis Park Recreation Center | 3700 Monterey Dr.
- Precinct 5: Vista Lutheran Church | 4003 Wooddale Ave. S.
- Precinct 6: St. Louis Park Municipal Service Center | 7305 Oxford St.

WARD 3

- Precinct 7: St. Louis Park Senior High School | 6425 33rd St. W.
- Precinct 8: Aquila Elementary School | 8500 31st St. W.
- Precinct 9: Lenox Community Center | 6715 Minnetonka Blvd.

WARD 4

- Precinct 10: St. Louis Park Middle School | 2025 Texas Ave. S.
- Precinct 11: Park Harbor Church | 1615 Texas Ave S.
- Precinct 12: Westwood Hills Nature Center | 8300 Franklin Ave. W.

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Annual increase based on home value.

For a home valued at approximately

\$400,000:

Estimated monthly increase:

about \$30

Estimated annual increase:

about \$360



\$360/year
\$30/month

SUPPORTING RELIABLE SCHOOL OPERATIONS

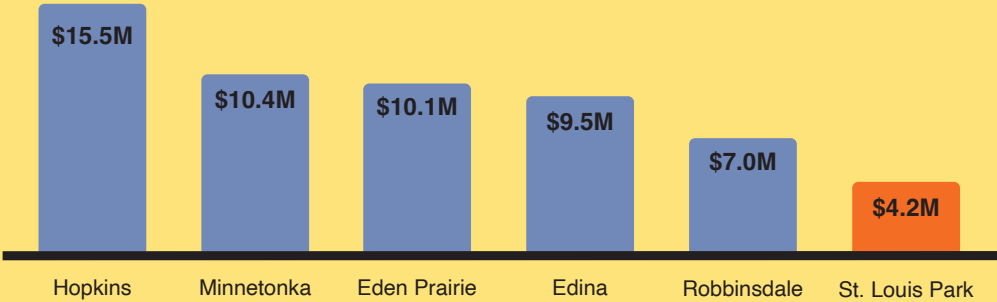
Our community continues to prioritize smart, sustainable investment
in schools and infrastructure. The chart compares annual capital
projects levy funding among neighboring districts, highlighting
significant differences in
annual investment levels.

At \$4.2 million annually,
St. Louis Park's funding
is notably lower than
surrounding districts such
as Hopkins (\$15.5M),
Minnetonka (\$10.4M),
Eden Prairie (\$10.1M),
Edina (\$9.5M), and
Robbinsdale (\$7.0M).

These levy funds support
essential building
maintenance, safety improvements, technology upgrades, and
long-term facility needs that directly impact students and staff.

Understanding how our district compares regionally helps
provide important context as we plan for the future and
continue conversations about maintaining high-quality learning
environments for all students.

Annual Capital Projects Levy Funding



IF NOT APPROVED

If the proposal is not approved, these
critical needs would still have to be
addressed. The District would need to
make budget adjustments, which may
impact staff, programs, and services.



THE BOILER GUY — KYLE GUSTAFSON

For most families, the school week starts Monday morning with backpacks, buses, and busy routines. For Building & Grounds Supervisor, Kyle Gustafson, getting ready starts earlier. On Sundays, Kyle checks the school boilers and building systems that help make sure schools are warm, safe, and ready to welcome students the next morning.

Kyle has spent 16 years working in schools and caring for the systems most people never see. During Minnesota winters, that often means checking boilers after hours, monitoring buildings in below-zero temperatures, and making sure schools are ready to open each day.

For Kyle, keeping the boilers running is personal.

“I think about the kids,” he said. “For some people, this is their safest place, and if we cancel school, they don’t have that. This is the most dependable place they have in their life.”

Service to schools runs deep in Kyle’s family. His father, whom Kyle describes as his role model, worked as a lead custodian for Richfield Public Schools for 33 years, and three generations of his family have served as boiler operators and custodians. Kyle continues that legacy in St. Louis Park Public Schools. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time outdoors with his 8-year-old daughter, riding his motorcycle, and ice fishing. But when Sunday arrives, Kyle always willingly sets aside his personal plans to make sure every student has a warm, safe school on Monday morning.

While families and staff may never see the early morning checks or late-night calls, Kyle’s work makes a difference every day. His commitment helps ensure our schools are ready to welcome, support, and inspire every student who walks through the door. **Thank you, Kyle!**

ONE QUESTION, TWO PARTS

\$50 MILLION BOND FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Addresses urgent facility needs, including replacing 70-year-old boilers at the middle and high school and other critical infrastructure improvements.

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY 10.127% FOR 10 YEARS

Provides about \$9.86 million each year to maintain and update safety, technology, and other critical systems across our schools.

Boiler Lifespan

Typically 30–50 years



Boilers at the middle school and high school are 70 years old

WHY NOW?

Many building, technology, and safety systems across the District are reaching (or have already exceeded) their expected lifespan.

Delaying replacement increases the risk of unexpected failures, costly emergency repairs, and disruptions to learning.



CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR ALL STAFF

Protecting student, staff and district information is part of keeping schools safe. As cyber threats become more common and more complex, St. Louis Park Public Schools is helping staff recognize risks and respond with confidence.

Through the district’s cybersecurity awareness training program, powered by Arctic Wolf, staff learn how to:

- Identify suspicious emails
- Understand how personal data can be used in scams
- Spot deepfakes and other misleading digital content
- Keep apps and district systems secure
- Recognize online risks that could affect students, staff or school operations

The proposed technology levy includes funding to continue this training, along with software and systems used across district buildings. Levy funds would also support secure entry systems, door hardware, cameras, alarms, communication tools and visitor management systems.



OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

School District Question I School Building Bonds; Technology Capital Project Levy Revoke and Replace

Shall the issuance of the general obligation school building bonds, revocation of the existing capital project levy authorization, and the new capital project levy authorization to proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 283 (St. Louis Park Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Passage of this referendum will result in an increase in your property taxes.

The board of Independent School District No. 283 (St. Louis Park Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, deferred capital maintenance projects and related capital improvements at various District facilities.

The board of Independent School District No. 283 (St. Louis Park Public Schools), Minnesota has also proposed to revoke its existing capital project levy authorization of 4.287% times the net tax capacity of the school district and to replace that authorization with a new authorization in the maximum amount of 10.127% times the net tax capacity of the school district.

The proposed new authorization will raise approximately \$9,860,228 for taxes first levied in 2026, payable in 2027, and will be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$98,602,280.

The proposed authorization will provide funds for security equipment, technology related personnel and training, and acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of software, technology, technology systems and infrastructure.