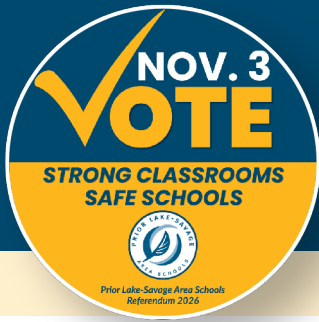




Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools Referendum 2026

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026



September 18: Absentee Voting Begins • October 16: Early Voting Begins

Get the facts before voting on November 3

Residents of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools will be asked to vote on **two** referendum questions. This fact sheet explains what each question would fund and why the questions appear on the ballot.

WHY ARE THESE QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT?

PLSAS has experienced a growing gap between available revenue and the cost of maintaining current school operations.



State funding has not kept pace with inflation.

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Student enrollment has declined, reducing revenue.



Less revenue available for our schools.



Since 2024, PLSAS has reduced **\$12.25 million** from its budget.



Based on current financial projections, the district is on track to face a significant financial shortfall and could enter statutory operating debt within 2-3 years without additional funding.

WHAT WILL VOTERS BE ASKED TO DECIDE?

QUESTION 1



OPERATING REFERENDUM LEVY

An operating levy provides funding for the day-to-day costs of operating schools.

FUNDING WOULD SUPPORT:

- ✓ Teachers and support staff
- ✓ Minimizing future staffing reductions
- ✓ Daily school operations
- ✓ Stabilizing the budget to keep school programs
- ✓ Improving academic performance & test scores

PURPOSE

Provide additional local funding to help maintain current school operations and lessen the amount of future budget cuts needed.

QUESTION 2



CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

ONLY TAKES EFFECT IF QUESTION 1 & 2 PASS

A capital projects levy provides dedicated funding for specific long-term needs.

FUNDING WOULD SUPPORT:

- ✓ School safety improvements
 - Secure student entrance at Prior Lake High School
 - Security window film at all schools
 - Expanded surveillance cameras
- ✓ Curriculum and textbooks
- ✓ Replacing aging technology infrastructure that supports learning
- ✓ Ongoing upkeep of schools
- ✓ Maintaining playgrounds with inclusion

PURPOSE

Maintain safe schools and the facilities, technology, and instructional resources that support learning.



SHARED STEWARSHIP

PLSAS continues to reduce expenses and operate efficiently so available resources can support classrooms, students, and staff.

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS AT A GLANCE

Question 1 OPERATING REFERENDUM LEVY

Purpose	Day-to-Day School Operations
Additional First-Year Revenue (Estimated)	\$10.27 MILLION
Length	10 Years
Tax Impact \$525,000 average home	\$46 PER MONTH Annual inflationary adjustments apply in years 2–10.

Question 2 CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY *Only takes effect if Question 1 & 2 pass*

Purpose	Maintain & improve safe schools and reliable learning infrastructure
First-Year Revenue (Estimated)	\$3.8 MILLION
Length	10 Years
Tax Impact	TAX NEUTRAL* *Question 2 is tax-impact neutral in year one due to planned debt reduction off setting the tax increase. Question 1 must pass in order for Question 2 to apply.

CALCULATE YOUR ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Every home value is different. Find out exactly what this referendum means for your household by entering your home's value into the tax calculator at plsas.org/referendum—or simply scan the QR code to access it instantly on your phone.



IF QUESTION 1 IS APPROVED

- Provides approximately \$10.27 million in additional operating revenue in the first year.
- Helps support current educational programs and day-to-day operations.
- Allows Question 2 to take effect.



IF QUESTION 1 IS NOT APPROVED

If additional local funding is not approved, PLSAS would need to make budget reductions beyond the current estimates for next year due to declining enrollment.

That could include:

- class sizes
- elective offerings
- walking distances
- extracurricular activities
- student programs

VOTING INFORMATION



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday,
November 3, 2026

Polls are open

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS

September 18, 2026

EARLY VOTING BEGINS

October 16, 2026

For voting info and polling locations, visit MNVotes.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR LEARNING



Capital projects levy funding would support the aging technology systems that keep schools operating.

- Updated Wi-Fi
- Network equipment
- Servers
- Required instructional technology

The district is **not** expanding student devices. Beginning in 2026/27, elementary students will actually use fewer iPads than in previous years.

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