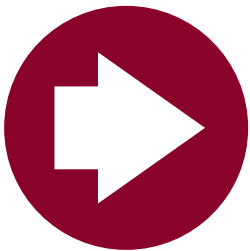




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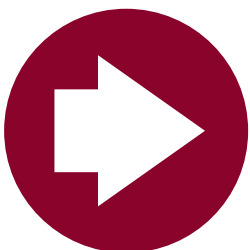
2026 ELECTION INFORMATION

Two Important Topics on Your Ballot:



Permanent School Fund Amendment

On the ballot this fall is a constitutional amendment to improve how Minnesota's Permanent School Fund supports students, schools, and communities, without increasing existing taxes or costing Minnesotans more money. *See reverse side for more details.*



School Board Election

Three board positions are open for election, and the following individuals have filed to run for school board:

- Mike Belz
- Jill Christenson
- Andi Courneya
- Claire Luger
- Curt Rebelein, Jr.
- Sean Thomas

Election Day: November 3, 2026

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND AMENDMENT



WHAT IS THE MINNESOTA PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Minnesota's Permanent School Fund was established when Minnesota became a state in 1858. It was created to support public education through revenues generated from school trust lands and investments held for the benefit of Minnesota students.

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

The proposed constitutional amendment would increase the proceeds from the fund that are provided to schools, allowing Minnesota to distribute up to 4.5% (increased from the current 2-2.5%) of the Permanent School Fund's average value each year to public schools.

WHAT WILL VOTERS SEE ON THE BALLOT?

“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?”

IMPORTANT!

In Minnesota, constitutional amendments require a majority of all voters participating in the election to vote yes. **If a voter leaves the question blank, it counts as a no vote.**

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS

1

THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT RAISE TAXES

The proposal simply updates how annual distributions are calculated. It does not increase property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, or any other tax.

2

THE FUND REMAINS DEDICATED TO EDUCATION & EVERY DISTRICT WILL BENEFIT

Funding would continue to be distributed to ALL school districts, charter schools, and tribal schools throughout Minnesota.

3

THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BROAD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

A nonpartisan task force unanimously recommended modernizing the distribution formula. The proposal then received strong bipartisan support in both the Minnesota House and Senate before being placed on the ballot.

LEARN MORE: www.mnpsfamendment.org