

Sample Ballot

On November 2, 2021, Prior Lake-Savage Area School (PLSAS) district residents will be asked to vote on a Technology Levy funding request for our schools. Funding would help provide students and staff with the tools, technology infrastructure and support they need to maximize classroom learning and enhance school safety and security.



Also known as a Technology Levy, it would provide a dedicated source of funding for technology-related needs, such as student and staff computers, online curriculum, communication tools and security systems.

School District Question Capital Project Levy Authorization for Technology

The board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed a capital project levy authorization in the amount of 4.765% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$3,500,000 for taxes first levied in 2021, payable in 2022, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$35,000,000. The proposed authorization will provide funds to increase technology access for students and staff through the acquisition and maintenance of student and staff devices, school safety and security, learning technology, technology support staff, network infrastructure and operational software.

YES Shall the capital project levy authorization to fund technology proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota be approved?

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

We are one of the only neighboring and comparable school districts without a Technology Levy, so our schools have less funding for up-to-date classroom technology and school security systems.

Funds would focus on three areas: Learning (devices, software, equipment, communication); Safety (school security systems and crisis management); Support (technology staff, network infrastructure).

Without the levy, our technology needs will compete with other classroom needs, putting pressure on our general operating budget.

If voters do not approve this levy request, we will have fewer devices, outdated security equipment, limited technology support and ongoing budget pressures.

The estimated tax impact would be less than \$17 per month for the average homeowner (\$400,000 value home).

Voting information

Polls will be open 7am to 8pm on November 2. Your polling location is based on your residence. Visit mnvotes.org or call 952-226-0010 to find out where to vote. Early voting begins September 17.

In-person early voting is quick and easy

All in-person voting prior to Election Day can be done in one stop at the Prior Lake-Savage Area School district offices, 4540 Tower St SE, Prior Lake, during the following hours:

Friday, Sept. 17 - Oct. 29: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16 & Saturday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26 & Wednesday, Oct. 27: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 1: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mail-in early voting has two steps:

1. Request an absentee ballot application by calling 952-226-0010 or visit www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/referendum to download an application.
2. Complete and return the application to: Elections Department, District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372.

When you receive your ballot in the mail, complete it and return it in the envelope provided. Be sure to allow enough time for the whole process so the ballot is received by Election Day.

Learn more

- Visit www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/referendum
- Email input@priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us
- Call 952-226-0814