

Sample Ballots

On November 7, Prior Lake-Savage Area School (PLSAS) District residents will vote on two school funding requests to address the district's growing enrollment and maintain educational quality:

Question 1: Bonds to add space for our growing enrollment

Question 2: Operating levy increase to fund staff and operations for our growing enrollment



School District Question 1

Approval of School District Bond Issue

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$109,300,000 to provide funds for a phased program of acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the acquisition of land for and the construction and equipping of a new elementary school facility; the construction and equipping of a new alternative learning center facility; the construction and equipping of classroom additions to various school sites and facilities; the repair, renovation, remodeling, upgrading, equipping and construction of expansions, additions and improvements to various school district sites and facilities districtwide; the construction of cafeteria, kitchen and serving area expansions and improvements to various school facilities; the acquisition and installation of technology systems and infrastructure in various school facilities; the construction of new entrances, vestibules and secure entries at various school facilities; and the completion of parking lot, pavement and traffic flow improvements at various school sites?

YES NO

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

Bond funds for major construction projects require voter approval.

This request is nearly \$20 million less than the failed request from 2016.

If approved by voters, the tax impact on a \$300,000 home would be less than \$10 per month.

Nearly all Minnesota school districts rely on locally approved operating referendum revenue to help fund their educational programs.

The increase would provide additional operating funds needed to hire staff, equip and operate the new schools and spaces in question one.

If approved by voters, the tax impact on a \$300,000 home would be less than \$11.50 per month.

More building and classroom space is being requested to address the district's growing enrollment, with more than 2100 new students expected in the next ten years.

Funds would be used to address enrollment, safety and academic needs by building a new elementary school, providing new space for the Bridges Area Learning Center, adding on to almost all schools and addressing traffic and high school entrance safety concerns.

Even with this increase, the school district would still have one of the lowest locally approved operating levies in the area.

These funds pay for educational programming, teachers and other staff, instructional and classroom materials, utilities and transportation costs.

School District Question 2

Revoking Existing Operating Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing operating referendum revenue authorization of \$673.97 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$923.97 per pupil. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, commencing with taxes payable in 2018, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the school district's existing operating referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 719 be approved?

YES NO

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