

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION-CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY RENEWAL REQUEST:
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 720
SHAKOPEE, STATE OF MINNESOTA**



Notice is hereby given that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 720, Shakopee, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the question noted in the sample ballot below.

Dated: September 20, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD /S/

School District Clerk Tim Brophy, Independent School District No. 720
Shakopee Public Schools, State of Minnesota

SAMPLE BALLOT

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION ONE

**RENEWAL OF EXPIRING CAPITAL PROJECTS
LEVY AUTHORIZATION**

The Board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools) has proposed to renew its existing capital project levy authorization of 5.837584% times the net tax capacity of the school district, which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2025. The proposed tax rate is not being increased from the previous year’s rate. The money raised by the authorization will provide funds for the acquisition and maintenance of technology and technology systems, and to pay the costs of technology-related personnel and training. The renewed capital levy authorization will raise approximately \$6,215,800 for taxes payable in 2026, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$62,158,000.

☐ **YES**

Shall the renewal of the Capital Projects Levy Authorization by the Board of Independent School District No. 720 be approved?

☐ **NO**

**BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS
REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.**

The measure being placed before the voters on November 5, 2024 is seeking renewal of the exact same Capital Projects (Safety & Technology) Levy—the same ballot language, same tax rate and same terms as the current levy approved by voters in 2015.

The Safety & Technology Levy is about more than just iPads, MacBooks and devices. It's about direct support that is both easily visible and also out of plain sight. It includes the infrastructure, systems and professional support to enhance and provide quality student learning in a safe and productive environment.

The final year of revenue from the current levy will be collected in calendar year 2025 for use in the 2025-26 school year. If approved, funding for the new levy would start in the 2026-27 school year.