

Capital Projects Levy

June 24, 2024

"It is a great day to be a SABER!"



EVERY KID IS MY KID

Compelling Vision

It is our moral imperative to change until all of our systems measurably work for each and every student.

Our focus must be on ensuring each **member of our organization** maintains **high expectations** and provides **unwavering support** for each of our student learners.

It is our responsibility to make sure each and every student receives **quality core instruction** and develops **agency** when it comes to their own learning.

OVERVIEW

A Capital Projects Levy is commonly referred to as a ‘technology levy’ or ‘tech levy.’

SAFETY

Internet Safety, Cybersecurity, Physical Safety, etc.

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CRITICAL SUPPORT

Technology is embedded everywhere in student learning.

Capital Projects Levy– Background Information

- The voters in Shakopee **approved** the school district's current *Capital Projects Levy* on May 5, 2015.
- The final year of revenue from the current levy is collected in calendar year 2025 for use in the 2025-26 school year.
- A renewal of the current levy can be done at the **earliest– November 2024**, or the latest– November 2025.
- Director of Technology gave a 2024 Technology Update at the May 13, 2024 school board meeting.
- The 2024 Technology Update is a continuation of previous Technology Reports
 - Tech Levy promises report card and other information

[2015 Fact Sheet](#)

[2015 Funding Sheet](#)

Community Conversation

Thought Exchange Initial Feedback

**SAFETY &
CRITICAL
SUPPORT**

Common ground

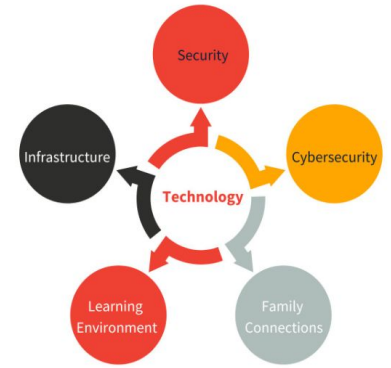
Importance of school safety

Regardless of their views on technology, all respondents agreed on the importance of school safety. They want to ensure that their children are safe at school, both physically and emotionally. They praised the school district for its efforts to keep students safe, but also suggested areas for improvement, such as stricter enforcement of bullying policies and better communication with parents about safety issues.

RENEWAL

CONTINUATION. The *Capital Project Levy* passed in 2015 was for a period of ten (10) years.

Renewing the *Capital Projects Levy* would be **continuing** the same *Levy* for another ten (10) years.

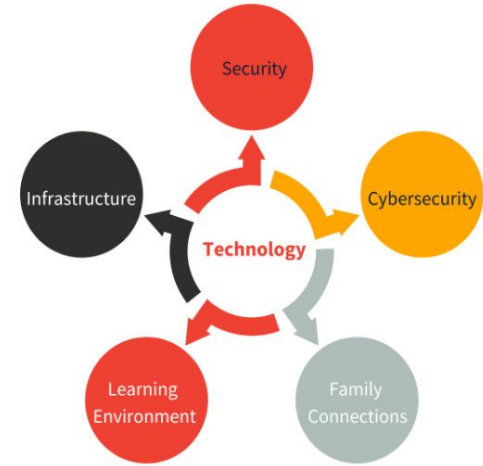


Capital Projects Levy– Background Information

RENEWAL OF CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY (TECH LEVY)

**Projected \$6,215,800 in revenue in FY27
(2026-27 school year)**

If levy is not successfully renewed, **budget impacts will be felt across the district** (i.e. need to pay for elements of school safety, technology services, cybersecurity, video security, curriculum/software, etc. from other revenue sources).



Capital Projects Levy– 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.

Capital Projects Levy– School Board Recommendation

It is recommended that the Capital Projects Levy renewal be added to the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot.

What does the School Board need to do at this evening's School Board Meeting to have the renewal included on the *General Election* ballot?

- Approve a resolution calling the Capital Projects Renewal election for November 5, 2024



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