

2024 NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Shakopee Public Schools Capital Projects Levy Renewal Request

Shakopee Public Schools' current Capital Projects Levy, often referred to as a 'technology levy' or 'safety & technology levy', was approved by voters in 2015 for ten years.

This levy is scheduled to expire at the end of the 2025-26 school year, unless voters approve to continue the **same levy**, at the **same tax rate** and **same terms** for another ten years.

If renewed, the levy will continue to provide:

- Enhanced safety and security for all schools.
- Direct support for student learning and quality instruction.
- Tools students use for learning today, and leading tomorrow.



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SHAKOPEE, STATE OF MINNESOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 720 NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION:

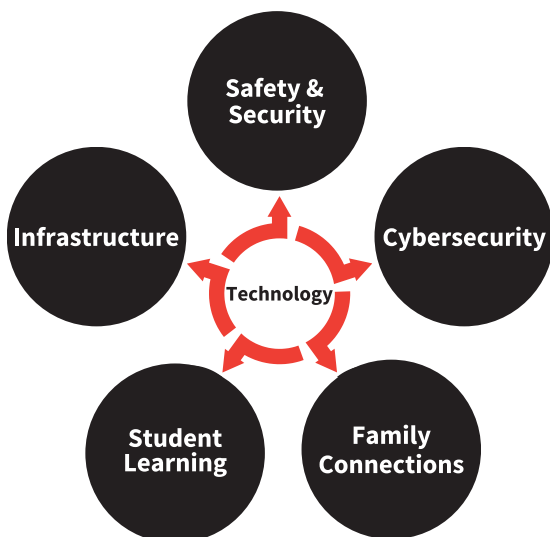
SHAKOPEE, MN 55379
1200 SHAKOPEE TOWN SQUARE
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 720



RENEWAL

CONTINUATION. The Capital Projects (Safety & Technology) Levy passed in 2015 was for a period of ten years.

Renewing the *Safety & Technology Levy* would be **continuing** the **same levy**, at the **same tax rate** and **same terms**, for another ten years.



DISTRICT RESOURCES



Voting Information

Scan the QR code or visit mnvotes.org

Absentee/early voting:

September 20, 2024-November 4, 2024

General Election:

November 5, 2024

Visit City Hall or the Scott County Government Center for additional election details.



Levy Information

Scan the QR code or visit ShakoTechRenew.org to learn more about the current levy's use.

UPCOMING FALL COMMUNITY FORUM

Join Superintendent Mike Redmond and School Board members at the next Fall Community Forum.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Shakopee High School – Studio Theater

(enter through Main Entrance). No RSVP required. All are welcome.

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**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.

WHAT DOES THE LEVY SUPPORT?



11+ buildings, 1.7+ million square feet of space and over 350+ acres of land

are secured using Raptor Visitor Management, security cameras, communications systems, badge/lock devices and more.



If renewed, the Safety & Technology Levy will continue to provide revenue for technology devices, infrastructure and student support. Examples include:

- 1:1 devices that allow each and every student access to real-world learning experiences.
- Use of Canvas, Seesaw and Infinite Campus to monitor and track student progress.
- Communication programs to support over 80 languages spoken by families in the district and other tools used by educators and staff to enhance student learning.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT PROPERTY TAXES?

The levy renewal will be accomplished with no tax rate increase to property owners as a whole, and no tax rate increase for any specific type of property ownership. If approved, the levy authorization at the current tax rate of 5.837584 percent (net tax capacity of the school district) will fund approximately \$6,215,800 the first year of the ten-year renewal (2026-27 school year through the 2035-36 school year).



Access an online tax calculator provided by PMA Securities, LLC.
bit.ly/SPSTaxCalculator2024

VOTE NOVEMBER 5



VOTE EARLY BY MAIL

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you.

For more information, visit mnvotes.org.



VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON

September 20, 2024-November 4, 2024 (Monday-Friday)

In-person voting will also be open until 7:00 p.m. on October 29 as well as from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 26, November 2 and November 3. Locations will also be open until 5:00 p.m. on November 4.

For more information, visit mnvotes.org.



VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Find your polling location at mnvotes.org.



POLLING PLACES

The precincts and polling places for this election are those designated by the cities, towns or counties located in whole or in part within the School District for the statewide general election.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote in said election at the polling places so designated. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024. A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

