



SAUK CENTRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REFERENDUM

SCHOOL. COMMUNITY. OPPORTUNITIES.

FACT SHEET

The Sauk Centre Public School Board calls for a special election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, to renew existing technology levy and authorize general obligation bonds not to exceed \$26,450,000 for facility improvements.

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WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT?

QUESTION 1 | Technology Levy | Renewal

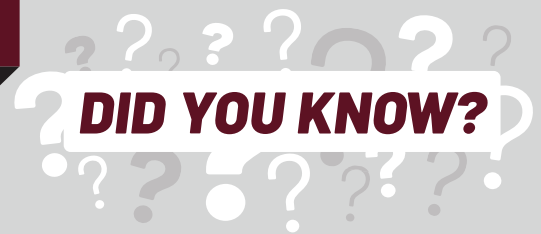
This levy provides a dedicated source of technology funding for our school district. If approved by voters, these dedicated funds would continue to provide our students and staff with the support and technology infrastructure needed to maximize classroom learning as well as continue with safety and security in our buildings.

- ▶ Continues the current Technology Levy that was approved six years ago and is expiring after this year.
- ▶ Because this would be **a renewal of the current technology levy that is in place - there would be no additional tax impact.**

QUESTION 2 | Building Bond | \$26,450,000

The bond project is primarily focused on repurposing and reimagining the learning environments and takes fiscal advantage of being completed with other already scheduled infrastructure projects.

- ▶ ADA-accessibility improvements to existing restrooms in the secondary building
- ▶ The construction and equipping of an early childhood center, storm shelter, and outdoor projects yard at the elementary school
- ▶ Remodeling and improvements to the existing elementary school library and computer lab
- ▶ Remodeling and improvements to create learning communities at the elementary school
- ▶ The remodeling and equipping of the elementary school special education suite, the addition of a sensory room at that site, subdividing existing elementary classrooms to create smaller classrooms and break-out areas
- ▶ The construction and equipping of a learning commons in the secondary building
- ▶ The remodeling and equipping of the media center, staff lounge, career and technical education spaces
- ▶ The construction and equipping of a new cafeteria and storm shelter at the secondary school building
- ▶ Remodeling and improvements to create a culinary arts learning space with break-out areas
- ▶ Renovations to the existing science lab to create classrooms and storage areas.
- ▶ Upgrades and improvements to lighting, boilers, water distribution systems, the central clock and public address system
- ▶ The construction of roofing repairs and improvements at the elementary school and auditorium



MN AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

- This tax credit reduces burden for agricultural property owners on existing and future school building bonds.
- Ag2School is a 60% automatic tax credit for property taxes payable in 2022 and 70% in 2023 and beyond provided to all ag property.
- The Ag2School credit **will result in the State of Minnesota paying a significant portion of the total bond project cost.**



AGE OF OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Our secondary school hasn't changed since it **was built in 1964 - over 55 years ago**, yet the world and education is vastly different today.



PLAN INPUT FROM MANY STAKEHOLDERS

- This plan was driven by input directly received from District leadership, teachers, staff, students, and community members over an 18 month period.
- Input gathered through meetings, workshops, and surveys.

TAX IMPACT

VISIT WEBSITE FOR TAX IMPACT ON ALL PROPERTY TYPES

- Commercial / Industrial
- Agricultural Homestead
- Agricultural Non-Homestead
- Seasonal Recreational Residential



TAX CALCULATOR: HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

- Grab your tax bill and visit the website to find your tax impact using our tax calculator

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BOARD APPROVED ON JULY 19, 2021

(voter approval not needed)

TECHNOLOGY LEVY BUILDING BOND

(voter approval needed)

RESIDENTIAL MARKET VALUE	LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE (HEALTH & SAFETY)		QUESTION 1	QUESTION 2	BOTH QUESTIONS	
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	ANNUAL		ANNUAL	MONTHLY
\$50,000	\$12	\$1	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$4
100,000	29	2	0	108	108	9
125,000	41	3	0	150	150	13
150,000	52	4	0	191	191	16
* 175,000	63	5	0	232	232	19
200,000	74	6	0	273	273	23
250,000	97	8	0	355	355	30
300,000	119	10	0	438	438	37
400,000	164	14	1	602	603	50
500,000	205	17	1	755	756	63

* \$175,000 is the average estimated market value: Ehlers, District financial advisors

STREETER SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH...

Student Opportunities



Students need opportunities to personalize learning in their areas of interest. In order to become successful, students need opportunities to practice skills - problem solving through group collaboration or practical opportunities with businesses and organizations in our community. Modernizing our career pathway spaces (industrial technology, engineering, agriculture, and consumer science); providing small and large group collaborative learning areas; and reimagining classrooms provide opportunities for real-world and authentic engagement in student learning and lead to greater success in school and beyond.

Relevant Facilities



Are we educating students for our past or their future? Our secondary school hasn't changed in 55 years, yet the world we are preparing students for is vastly different today. Updating our facilities will help prepare students to be successful future-ready graduates and life-long learners. Reimagining our facilities will help expose Sauk Centre students to the relevant learning experiences needed to refine their skills in areas such as communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving - the skills numerous studies have shown are required for success in the 21st Century.

Fiscal Responsibility



Assessments of our schools show that we have sound structures that will be viable for the next 30-50 years. Like our homes, however, routine replacement and upgrading of the building systems and learning environments help protect the community's investment in Sauk Centre schools. Many communities spend considerable money to tear down older schools and build new ones. Through good maintenance and upkeep, we are able to replace outdated equipment and update our current facilities for significantly less cost. While this is a significant investment, the long-term savings are a tremendous value to our taxpayers and community.

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NOVEMBER 2 VOTE...



ACCESS INFORMATION QUICKLY

Use your smartphone camera to scan QR code or visit www.isd743.org/ref21



Stay updated on District social media



Contact the District
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Attend a Referendum 2021
Open House & Tour
at High School Cafeteria
Thur, Sep 30 @ 5 - 7:30pm
Tue, Oct 12 @ 5 - 8pm



Make a plan to vote on
November 2, 2021.
Polls are open 7am - 8pm.
More voting info on
www.isd743.org/ref21