

2018 MPS Strong Referendum SAMPLE Ballot With Explanations

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Special School District No. 1 (Minneapolis Public Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by **\$485.00 per pupil.** The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for seven years beginning with taxes payable in 2019, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Special School District No. 1 be approved?

YES NO

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

\$485 per pupil
would result in approximately
\$18 million annually to
MPS and students

**Both questions
approved by voters
would result in:**

About \$11 per month*
tax increase on a median valued
home in Minneapolis.

\$30 million
new annual funding for
MPS and its students.

*Find the specific amount
for your property value at:
www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Special School District No. 1 (Minneapolis Public Schools) has proposed a **capital project levy** authorization in the amount of 2.249% times the net tax capacity of the school district to provide funds for the **purchase, installation, and maintenance of software applications and technology equipment, and for training and directly related personnel costs.**

The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$12,000,000 for taxes payable in 2019, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for seven years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$84,000,000.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Special School District No. 1 be approved?

YES NO

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Also called a
"tech levy"
(No new technology proposed)

Funding from the tech levy would
free up general funds currently
funding technology to be used
in other student initiatives.
No new technology is proposed.