



FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY 2020 LEVY RENEWAL



FRIDLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REFERENDUM FAST FACTS

On November 3, Fridley Public Schools residents will be asked to renew an existing Capital Projects Levy.

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY?

The Capital Projects Levy is a renewable, voter-approved levy that was first authorized by Fridley voters in 2002. The district relies on the Capital Projects Levy to help maintain its buildings and continue to ensure that students and staff have the most up-to-date, adequate technology for teaching and learning. This Capital Projects Levy is set to expire in 2021.

WHAT WILL THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

MAINTAINING & CARING FOR AGING BUILDINGS



The average age of our district buildings is nearly 60 years. The Capital Projects Levy provides much-needed funding to allow for the maintenance and care of our aging buildings.

The Capital Projects Levy provides funding for modern and up-to-date technology for our students and staff.

Examples of projects funded by this levy include:

- Repairing/replacement of sections of building roofs and floors
- Enhancing building security and efficiency of resources through replacement of windows and doors, HVAC systems
- Modifications and installations that enhance the safety and security of all schools and buildings
- Renovating lab casework and classroom/building spaces to better meet the current needs of students

KEEPING PACE WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY NEEDS



Whether learning in school or at home, students rely on up-to-date technology to access instruction and connect with their teachers and peers.

With increasing demand to meet current needs and personal learning styles of students, the Capital Projects Levy allows the district to maintain modern technology infrastructure and provide up-to-date computers and learning devices for students. The district uses funding from the Capital Projects Levy to:

- Provide technology learning devices to students, and technology teaching devices to teachers
- Improved technology infrastructure to support online teaching and learning

LEVY RENEWAL

If passed, the levy will go into effect in 2022 and will be applicable for 10 years.

In a 2019 Fridley Community Survey,

89% AGREE



Our schools are
a good investment
in the **FUTURE** of our children.



FACTS

- This is not a new levy. This is a renewal of an existing levy that has been in place since 2002.
- No salaries, benefits, supplies or travel are paid from these funds.
- School districts are not funded 100 percent by local taxes. According to the 2019-20 FPS budget, 16 percent of the district's budget comes from local revenue, while 81 percent comes from state revenue and 3 percent from federal revenue.
- Fridley Public Schools' General Fund does not have the ability to fully support maintenance of facilities.



DID YOU KNOW?

The average age of Fridley Public Schools buildings is nearly 60 years old.

Fridley Middle School, which originally served as Fridley High School, was built in 1954. At age 66, it is the district's oldest building.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this a new levy?

No, this is not a new levy. This is a request for continuation of funding already in place. The current Capital Projects Levy, most recently passed in 2011, will expire in 2021. This is a renewal of an existing levy and not a new tax.

Why does the district need a Capital Projects Levy?

Funding from the Capital Projects Levy allows the district to continue to perform regular and priority maintenance work in its buildings, which average 60 years old in age. In addition, the levy funds technology devices for students and staff and technology infrastructure that supports teaching and learning.

What happens if the levy is not approved?

If the levy is not approved, the district will lose the funding it needs to support the maintenance of its aging buildings, and the funding needed to ensure that students and staff have adequate technology to access learning and teaching.

HOW CAN I VOTE?

 **VOTE BY/OR ON TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

VOTE BY MAIL

Apply for an Absentee Ballot no later than 10 days before Election Day. For the General Election, your ballot will count as long as it is postmarked on or before Election Day (Nov. 3).

VOTE IN PERSON

Vote In Person on Election Day

Fridley has 12 polling locations which will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early Voting by Absentee Ballot

Complete an Absentee Ballot Application and receive your ballot by mail. You must return your ballot to Fridley City Hall or the Anoka County Government Center in person by 3 pm on Election Day. You cannot drop your ballot off at your polling place on Election Day.

For more information on voting in the General Election, please visit www.mnvotes.org or the City of Fridley website at: www.ci.fridley.mn.us



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SAMPLE BALLOT

School District Question 1

Renewal of Expiring Capital Project Levy Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 14 (Fridley Public Schools) has proposed to renew the school district's existing capital project levy authorization of 5.47% times the net tax capacity of the school district.

The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to cover costs related to deferred maintenance and renovation projects at various sites and facilities, technology devices, and technology infrastructure.

The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$1,016,000 for taxes payable in 2022, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years.

The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$10,160,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

Shall the renewal of the capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 14 be approved?

YES

NO

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