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Vote November 2, 2021

On November 2, 2021, Roseville Area School district residents will vote whether to renew and increase local funding for our schools through our operating levy.

If approved by voters, this would simply renew an existing levy that is about to expire with no resulting tax increase.

Funds would be used to lessen major cuts, but would not be enough to address rising class sizes or prevent staff cuts across the district, reductions in student support services or ongoing cuts.

Question 2 is contingent on Question 1, which means that Q2 can only pass if voters first approve Q1.

Our voter-approved operating levy is currently one of the lowest of neighboring and comparable school districts.

The tax increase for the average homeowner (\$281,000 value home) would be about \$22 per month.

**School District Ballot Question 1
Approve Renewed Referendum Levy Authorization**

The school board of Independent School District No. 623 (Roseville Area Schools) has proposed to renew its referendum revenue authorization in the amount of \$972.09 per pupil, which expires at the end of taxes-payable year 2021. The renewed authorization amount of \$972.09 per pupil proposed in this ballot question would be first effective for taxes payable in 2022, and would increase annually by the rate of inflation as determined by statute, provided that actual referendum revenue authorization for any year would not exceed the statutory maximum for that year. This authorization would be applicable for ten years unless earlier revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the renewal of the referendum levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 623 be approved?

YES

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

The vast majority of Minnesota school districts rely on locally-approved levies to help fund school and classroom costs.

If voters do not approve Question 1, there would be significant financial repercussions, including cuts to staff and educational programs, rising class sizes, fewer student supports and deteriorating financial health for the district.

If approved by voters, there would be no tax increase for property owners.

**School District Ballot Question 2
Approve Increase in Referendum Levy Authorization**

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, the school board of Independent School District No. 623 has additionally proposed to increase the school district's referendum revenue authorization by \$905.00 per pupil, which would result in a total renewal-plus-increase authorization amount of \$1,877.09 per pupil. This authorization would be first effective for taxes payable in 2022, and would increase annually by the rate of inflation as determined by statute, provided that actual referendum revenue authorization for any year would not exceed the statutory maximum for that year. This authorization would be applicable for ten years unless earlier revoked or reduced as provided by law.

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the increase in the referendum levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 623 also be approved?

YES

NO

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

Because school funding is a shared partnership between the state and local communities, state law allows districts to ask voters to increase their levy.

The additional funding would be used to lower class sizes, invest in student mental health and social-emotional needs, expand Career Pathways options and maintain the district's financial stability.

Voting Information

Polls will be open 7am to 8pm on November 2. Your polling location is based on your residence. Visit mnvotes.org or call 651-628-6452 to find out where to vote. Early voting begins September 17 and can be done by mail or in person.

Early voting by mail

- Request an absentee ballot application by calling 651-628-6452 or visit isd623.org/levy2021 to download an application.
- Complete and return the application to Ramsey County, PO Box 64098, Saint Paul, MN, 55164.
- When you receive your ballot in the mail, complete it and mail it back in the envelope provided or hand it to the election judge at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville, 2180 N. Hamline Ave. Be sure your ballot is received before November 2 to ensure it is counted.

Early voting in person

- September 17-November 1: You can vote early in person at Ramsey County Elections Office, 90 Plato Blvd W, St Paul from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- October 26-November 1: You can vote early in person at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville, 2180 N. Hamline Ave:
 - Tues Oct 26-Fri Oct 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 - Sat Oct 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - Mon Nov 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Find additional early voting locations and hours at isd623.org/voting.

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