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On November 6, Saint Paul residents will be able to vote on a school funding request to increase the district's operating levy.

Sample Ballot

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 Revoking Existing Operating Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, has proposed to revoke the school district's existing operating referendum revenue authorization of \$704.52 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1179.52 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2019, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES
- NO

Shall the school district's existing operating referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increase in revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, be approved?

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

This increase in the operating levy would generate approximately \$18.6 million per year to fund investments in schools and student needs at all grade levels.

If approved by voters, the estimated tax impact on the average homeowner would be about \$11 per month.

The majority of Minnesota school districts rely on voter-approved operating levies to help fund school staff and operating costs.

While SPPS is the second largest school district in Minnesota, it has one of the lowest operating levies in the area.