

OUR COMMITMENT: *To continue to serve our students and community as best we can with the resources available.*

WHICH PATH FORWARD?

REQUEST AND OBTAIN A VOTER APPROVED

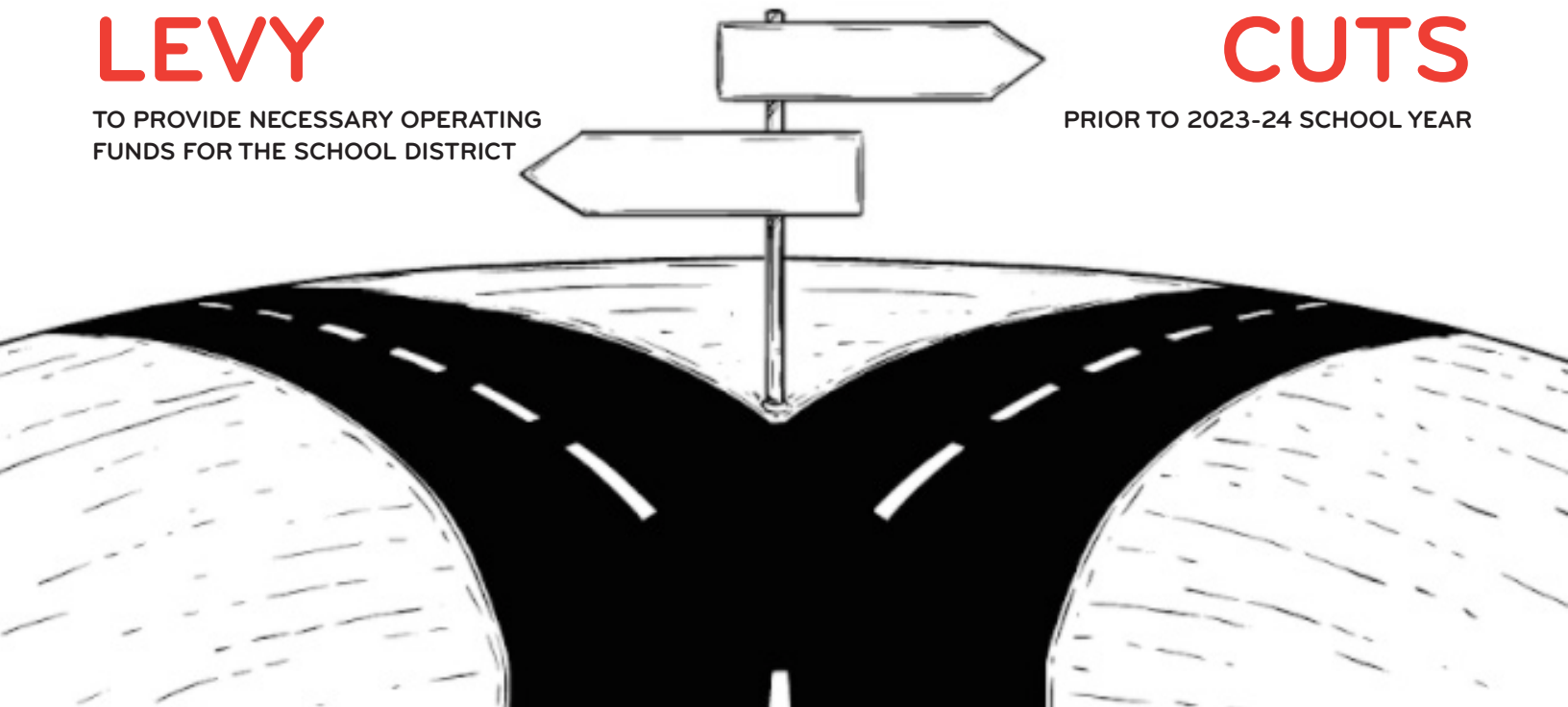
**OPERATING
LEVY**

TO PROVIDE NECESSARY OPERATING
FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$5,082,419 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL

**BUDGET
CUTS**

PRIOR TO 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



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THE PATH AHEAD

Shakopee Public Schools provides services and learning opportunities that are competitive with other districts in the metro area while receiving less operating revenue. With \$7.45M in budget cuts, prior to the 2021-22 school year, the continuation of providing such services becomes more challenging. Since 2003, per pupil funding from the State has not kept pace with inflation. Lack of insufficient federal funding for important programs in services for students with special needs (Special Education) and English Learners has also impacted the operating budget.

In addition, Shakopee Public Schools is the only school district in the metro area without a voter approved operating levy.

There are only two paths forward for the district to address the current financial challenges:

LEVY PATH: A voter approved operating levy to provide necessary funding for the school district.

BUDGET CUT PATH: Make \$5,082,419 in budget cuts prior to 2023-24 school year and then make similar budget cuts every few years after that.

DID YOU KNOW?

78%

of May 2021 survey respondents noted that strong public schools are directly linked to strong property values.

\$1,886

Shakopee Public Schools receives \$1,886 less per pupil in annual revenue than the average for metro school districts.

WHAT WOULD THE OPERATING LEVY FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Levy dollars pay for educational programs and day-to-day operations of schools, including teachers and staff support.

QUESTION #1



Restore over 43 Teachers,
2 Counselors and
2 Paraprofessionals



Restore class size
targets to same as
2020-21 school year

QUESTION #2



Make additional
improvements to
class size targets



Shorten walking
distances for grades
9 - 12 to 1.5 miles



Eliminate projected
structural budget
deficits



Restore 5th Grade band, College
in the Schools/Concurrent
Enrollment Courses and ACT
student fee payments



Increase fine arts and
activities offerings

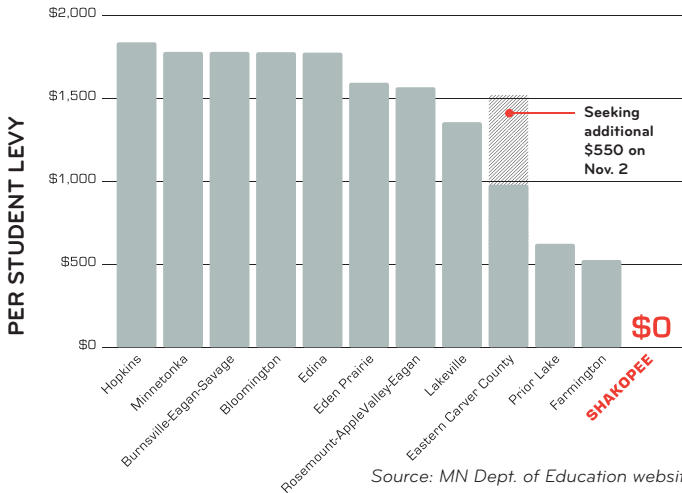


Improve compensation of
teachers and support staff
moving towards mid-range of
comparable districts



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VOTER APPROVED OPERATING LEVY COMPARISONS (2020-21)



WHAT IS THE TAX IMPACT?

HOME MARKET VALUE	QUESTION ONE 2022 Proposed Authorization	QUESTION TWO 2022 Proposed Authorization	TOTAL Questions One and Two
\$150,000	\$193.48	\$89.37	\$282.85
\$250,000	\$322.47	\$148.95	\$471.42
\$317,000 <i>Average household</i>	\$408.90	\$188.87	\$597.77
\$400,000	\$515.96	\$238.32	\$754.28
\$500,000	\$644.95	\$297.90	\$942.85

Source: Baker Tilly

84.36% of the operating budget is spent directly on student based items.

↓ \$318

An average priced Shakopee home (valued at approximately \$317,000) had a \$318 school tax decrease in 2021.

DISTRICT COMPARISON OF STUDENT-BASED EXPENDITURES

DISTRICT	STUDENT BASED	OTHER
BLOOMINGTON	84.55%	15.45%
SHAKOPEE	84.36%	15.64%
ISD 191	82.45%	17.55%
ISD 196	82.02%	17.98%
FARMINGTON	82.00%	18.00%
ECC	81.97%	18.03%
LAKEVILLE	81.97%	18.03%
EDEN PRAIRIE	81.65%	18.35%
MINNETONKA	81.38%	18.62%
HOPKINS	80.49%	19.51%
PRIOR LAKE	80.08%	19.92%
EDINA	79.67%	20.33%

Source: MN Funding Reports, MN Dept. of Education

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY DOESN'T PASS?

- X \$5,082,419 in budget cuts prior to the 2023-24 school year
- X Additional class size target increases
 - X Further teacher cuts
 - 60% of cuts = 40.65 Full Time Employees in 2023-24
- X A 'double share' of budget cuts for athletics & activities
- X Restructuring & elimination of programs
- X Alterations of school schedules
- X Proportional cuts across the entire district
- X Longer student walking distances at elementary and middle schools (*high school is already at maximum allowed*)

RECENT BUDGET CUTS



\$7,450,000
IN BUDGET CUTS
were made prior to the
2021-22 school year



"Above and beyond! My daughter's teacher gave up her spring break time to help our student study for her CNA exam. It was unexpected but so greatly appreciated."

- Shakopee 2021 Parent Feedback

OPERATING BUDGET BREAKDOWN

60%

of operating budget is spent on teachers

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20%

of operating budget is spent on support staff

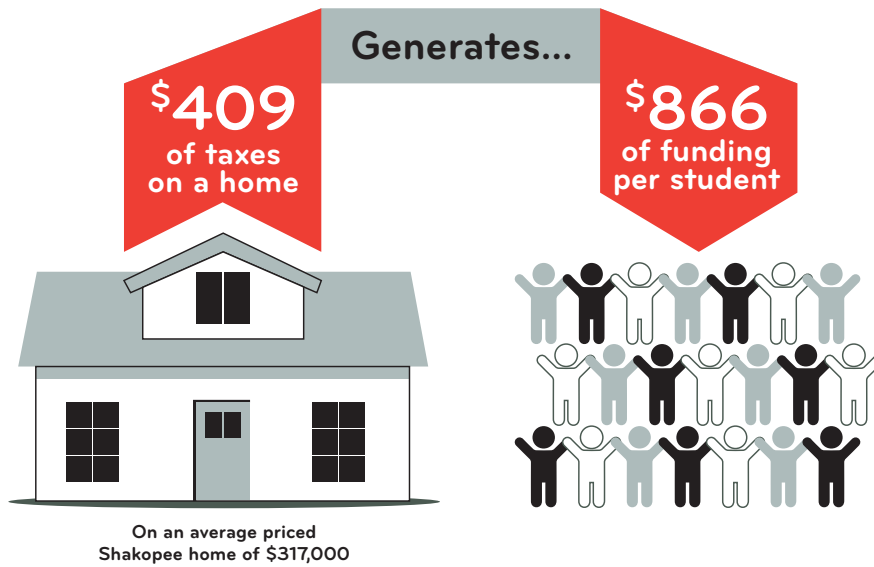
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80%

of operating budget is spent on salaries and benefits

WHAT CAN I EXPECT ON THE BALLOT?

Every taxpayer in the district will receive a sample ballot mailed to their address. By law, the ballot will notate the per pupil amount of the levy being voted on. The per pupil amount is **not** the individual tax impact for each household. For example, as depicted in the below graphic, the average priced homeowner on question #1 would see a \$409 a year school district tax increase, or \$34.08 per month, which would generate \$866 per pupil in additional funding. Additionally, question #2 requests an additional \$400 per pupil which would result in an additional school district tax increase of \$189 per year or \$15.75 per month on an average priced home.



SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION ONE

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Independent School District No. 720, Shakopee, has proposed to increase its referendum revenue authorization by \$866 per pupil. The amount shall increase annually by the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be effective beginning with taxes payable in 2022 and would be available for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 720 be approved?

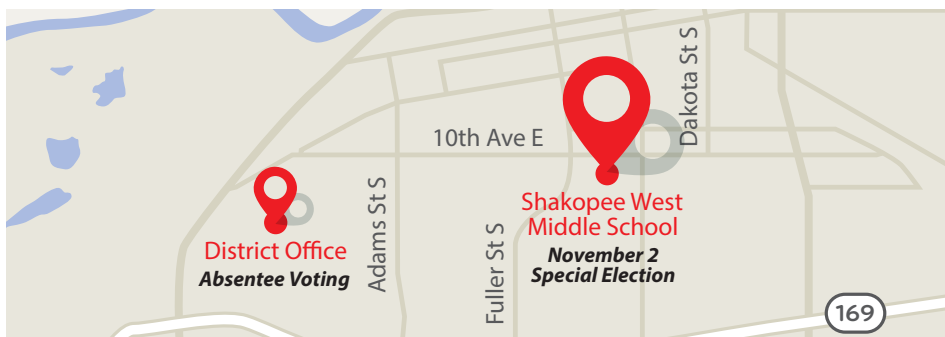
YES NO

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

- QUESTION #1**
Requests \$866 Per Pupil
\$866 per pupil generates \$7,537,951 in annual operating revenue
- QUESTION #2**
Requests An Additional \$400 Per Pupil
\$400 per pupil generates \$3,481,655 in annual operating revenue
- Question #1 must pass for Question #2 to pass**

HOW TO VOTE

The special election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 7am - 8pm at **West Middle School**, 200 10th Ave E, Shakopee. Absentee voting begins on September 17 and can be done in-person at the District Office located at 1200 Shakopee Town Square or by mail until November 1, 2021. Learn more about your voting options and/or register to vote at www.mnvotes.org.



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