



November 3, 2009 Levy for Learning Vote

School District 16: Serving Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, Spring Lake Park School District, which serves students in Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley, will ask voters to consider two ballot questions related to two existing Levies for Learning. **Question 1** would RENEW funding that has been in place in the district budget for years. It would not increase taxes. **Question 2** would REVOKE another existing levy, in place since 2002, and REPLACE it with a levy that has an INCREASE which would address a current funding gap and reduce the need for significant budget cuts.

The "Official Notice of a Special Election," which will be mailed to taxpayers in mid-October, contains legal language specified by Minnesota statutes. Below are excerpts from the official notice, with further explanations.

Levy Question 1

This is a vote to RENEW an existing ten-year levy set to expire in 2009. A YES vote does NOT raise your taxes. A NO vote would mean a reduction of approximately \$1.5 million in annual funding.

In the chart to the left:

For a property with an assessed market value of \$200,000 (the district average) a YES vote would replace the expiring amount (\$98.61/year) with the same renewal amount (\$98.61), for a net change of ZERO in your taxes.

Tax Impact of Question 1

Market Value	Expiring Authority	Levy Question 1
\$ 50,000	\$ -24.65	\$ 24.65
75,000	-36.98	36.98
100,000	-49.30	49.30
120,000	-59.17	59.17
140,000	-69.03	69.03
160,000	-78.89	78.89
180,000	-88.75	88.75
Average Home 200,000	-98.61	98.61
220,000	-108.47	108.47
250,000	-123.26	123.26
300,000	-147.91	147.91
350,000	-172.57	172.57
400,000	-197.22	197.22
450,000	-221.87	221.87
500,000	-246.52	246.52
750,000	-369.78	369.78
1,000,000	-493.05	493.05

Expires (left of Expiring Authority), *Replace* (left of Levy Question 1)

Zero increase in taxes (circled around the 200,000 row)

Levy Question 2

This is a vote to REVOKE a second, existing Levy for Learning and REPLACE it with a levy with increased per-pupil levy authority to address the current gap in revenues and expenditures, and to reduce the need for significant budget cuts.

In the chart to the left:

For a property with a market value of \$200,000 (the district average), a YES vote would REVOKE the existing amount (\$156.44) and REPLACE it with an amount (\$253.35) resulting in an increase of \$96.92/year or \$8.08/month.

Learn more

To learn more about the Nov. 3, 2009 Special Election, visit www.SpringLakeParkSchool.org.

To leave a comment or to have your question answered, call the Levy Hotline: 763-795-5195, or email the Superintendent: Supt@district16.org.

How to vote

The Levy for Learning Renewals will be on the November 3, 2009 General Election ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Polling locations:

Precinct 1, for School District 16 residents who live in Fridley and Spring Lake Park:
Woodcrest Elementary School,
880 Osborne Road, Fridley.

Precinct 2, for School District 16 residents who live in Blaine:
Westwood Intermediate School,
701 91st Avenue NE, Blaine.

Tax Impact of Question 2

Revoked Authority	Levy Question 2	Net Increase Over Revoked Authority
\$ 39.11	\$ 63.34	\$ 24.23
-58.66	95.01	36.34
-78.22	126.68	48.46
-93.86	152.01	58.15
-109.50	177.35	67.84
-125.15	202.68	77.53
-140.79	228.02	87.23
Average Home -156.44	253.35	96.92
-172.08	278.69	106.61
-195.54	316.69	121.15
-234.65	380.03	145.38
-273.76	443.37	169.61
-312.87	506.71	193.84
-351.98	570.05	218.07
-391.09	633.38	242.30
-586.63	950.08	363.44
-782.18	1,266.77	484.59

Revoke (left of Revoked Authority), *Replace* (left of Levy Question 2)

\$8.08/month tax increase (circled around the 200,000 row)

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