



After years of cutting budgets, a history of inadequate state funding for our schools and months of analyzing district finances, the South St. Paul School Board voted unanimously to put two school funding requests before residents on a Tuesday, **November 7, 2017** ballot.

#### QUESTION 1

would **increase the district's operating levy** to help the district retain quality teaching staff, fund programs to help students who struggle academically, operate the schools and minimize future budget cuts.

#### QUESTION 2

would **renew the district's technology levy** to help fund technology for teaching and learning by keeping computers up-to-date, giving students exposure and access to technology tools and providing teachers with technology training.

## STRONG SCHOOLS = STRONG COMMUNITIES

- We are committed to making decisions that strengthen our schools, our students and our staff. Our vision is to prepare each and every student for their next step
- Schools directly affect a community's vitality and home resale values.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- SSPPS currently receives \$470 less in per-student voter-approved funding than the average of all Dakota County school districts; our local education funding is among the lowest in the county.
- SSPPS has cut nearly \$6 million in less than ten years, and recently approved cutting \$1 million more for 2017-18.
- The last time SSPPS voters approved an operating levy increase was 2009.

#### TAX IMPACT

BALLOT QUESTION	MONTHLY TAX IMPACT*
Q1: Increase operating funds	\$11.67
Q2: Renew technology levy	\$0
<b>Total of Q1 &amp; Q2</b>	<b>\$11.67</b>

*\*If voters approve both requests, taxes on the average district home (\$178,000 value home) would increase less than \$12 per month.*

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