

On **Nov. 8, 2022**, local voters will decide if Red Wing Public Schools has funds through 2030 to prepare all students for success.

The district is asking voters:

- to help our E-12 students succeed every year in school as well as in the future.
- to give them in-demand skills and knowledge for real-world careers.
- to help train the next generation who will keep our local economy vibrant and competitive.

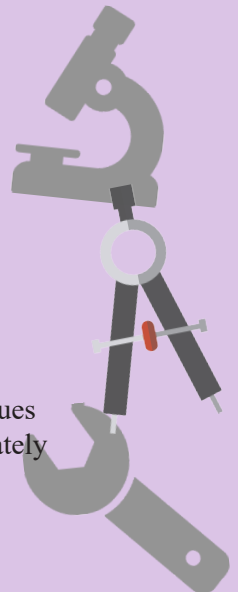
## This is a Renewal, Not an Increase

### A Renewal of an Expiring Referendum at a Glance

*There will be **one question** on the ballot.*

*A "yes" vote is to renew the existing authorization for \$1,650 per pupil per year.*

*The renewed referendum will be for 7 years beginning with taxes payable in 2024.*



#### KEY THINGS TO KNOW

- This is a **renewal -- not an increase**. The School Board is asking the public to support a continuation of the financial support that the community approved in 2018.
- The current operating levy will **expire** after taxes payable in 2023.
- State law **allows** the District to seek \$1,881.81 per pupil.
- Loss of referendum revenues would result in approximately **\$4 million in cuts** for 2023-2024.

#### Why is an operating levy necessary

- Most education funding comes from the state budget, but the state per-pupil amount is not enough to cover Red Wing Public Schools' needs or current class offerings and class sizes.
- School districts ask local voters to share in the funding of classroom education through operating levies.
- Between 70% and 80% of Minnesota school districts have voter-approved operating levies at any given point in time.
- Necessary technology and increased technical and vocational training cost more than traditional classroom education.

#### Tax Rates on Operating Levies



Business property value is taxed at the same rate as a home



Agricultural property is only taxed on the house, garage and surrounding 1 acre of land -- not all agricultural land.

#### Property Tax Impact

The estimated tax increase: **ZERO**.

See the tax calculator at [www.rwps.org/referendum](http://www.rwps.org/referendum)

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