



## South St. Paul School Board - Work Session

Monday, January 26, 2026 5:00 PM

CITY HALL, 125 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, South St Paul, Minnesota 55075

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### I. FINANCE

I.A. Budget Guiding Change (R. Chhoth)

I.B. Community Ed Fee Schedule (J. Zehnder, A. Winter, R. Chhoth)

### II. STUDENT SERVICES

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- Finance, Facilities and Long-Range Planning
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III.D. Other Items Deemed Necessary by the School Board



## School Board Agenda Item

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**Place on Agenda:** Work Session

**Action Requested:** None

**Attachment:** None

<b>Topic:</b> Budget Guiding Change
<b>Presenter(s):</b> RA Chhoth. Finance and Operations Executive Director
<b>Background:</b> <p>Ra Chhoth, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, will present the proposed 2026–27 Budget Guiding Change for full Board review and discussion. The Budget Guiding Change was previously brought to the Board Finance Committee on January 12, 2026, for initial review and input. Ra and members of the Finance Committee will now review the proposed Guiding Change with the full Board and seek feedback to inform the development of the recommended 2026–27 budget.</p> <p>A Budget Guiding Change document is a governance tool used by the Board to establish parameters for administration as they prepare a budget recommendation. Using the Guiding Change framework, the Board identifies desired results, considers the district’s current reality, and defines unacceptable means, ensuring an “end-in-view” approach that encourages multiple options while maintaining alignment with district priorities and values.</p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>  N/A
<b>Alternatives:</b>  N/A



## School Board Agenda Item

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**Place on Agenda:** Business Meeting

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Attachment:** Kids Choice (SAC) 26-27 Fee Increase  
Preschool 2026-2027 Fee Increase

<b>Topic:</b> Kids' Choice (SAC) & Community Preschool Fees for 2026-2027
<b>Presenter(s):</b> RA Chhoth. Finance and Operations Executive Director, Amy Winter, Educational Services Executive Director, Jeanne Zehnder, Community Education Director
<p><b>Background:</b> We are asking for your approval of an increase in the Kids' Choice and Community Preschool fees for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The proposed fees are listed in the attached fee schedule document.</p> <p>Below are some notes regarding the proposed changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Kids' Choice</b> (SAC) and Community Preschool programs are fee-based programs</li> <li>• Though the Kids Choice fees were increased in the fiscal year 2025-2026 Administration is proposing an increase for 2026-2027 (detailed in the chart below) to address inflation in operating expenses.</li> <li>• The Community Preschool fees were increased in the fiscal year 2025-2026 Administration is proposing an increase for 2026-2027 (detailed in the chart below) to address inflation in operating expenses.</li> <li>• Financial assistance from the County Child Care (Kids' Choice) and School Readiness (Community Preschool) scholarships are available.</li> <li>• VPK funding has been permanent since the fiscal year 2016-2017 for 4 yr old VPK preschool at Kaposia Education Center, and since the fiscal year 2023-2024 for 4 yr old VPK preschool at Lincoln Center. Seat allocations are now applied for and updated every 5 years and were allocated most recently in January of 2025</li> <li>• The proposed program fees fo the next year remain at or below comparison districts' fees for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Administration recommends approval of the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule</p>
<p><b>Alternatives:</b></p> <p>Do not approve and direct administration with next steps.</p>



	PM: \$24.00/day	PM: \$19.50/day
NSD Rate: \$47.00-\$52.00 2025 Summer Daily Rate: \$46.00-\$65.00	NSD Rate: \$55.50-\$66.50 2026 Summer Daily Rate: \$52.50-\$67	

South Washington County 2025-2026	Hastings 2025-2026
Registration Fee: \$69.00	Registration Fee: \$50.00 (school yr), \$60.00 (summer)
Daily Rate <b>1 Day AM+PM = \$24.75-\$39.75</b> AM: \$10.50-18.00 PM: \$14.25-21.75  Part-time Rate: AM: \$11.00-\$18.50 PM: \$14.75-\$22.25  Drop-in AM: \$14.50-\$22.00 Drop-in PM: \$18.25-\$25.75	Daily Rate <b>1 Day AM+PM = \$27-\$36</b> AM: \$13.25-\$17.75 PM: \$17.75-\$22.25  Full-Time All Schools (AM & PM) - \$35.50  Drop-in: Not Available Pick Your Day Rate: Not Available
NSD Rate: \$48.50 (Summer 2025) 2025 Summer Daily Rate: \$48.50-\$50.00	NSD Rate: \$46.50 (Summer 2026) 2026 Summer Daily Rate: \$50.00

\*Preschool fees proposal as of 12/2025 (3% increase + to rounded up to the nearest dollar)

South St. Paul 2025-2026	South St. Paul 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$50	Registration Fee: \$50
<p><b>3's Preschool</b> KEC (3 days/week) Morning: \$200/month Afternoon: \$200/month</p> <p>LC Morning: \$200/month Afternoon: \$200/month</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> KEC (5 days/week) Morning: \$335/month Afternoon: \$335/month All Day: \$670/month</p> <p>LC (5 days/week) Morning: \$335/month Afternoon: \$335/month All Day: \$670/month</p>	<p><b>3's Preschool</b> KEC (3 days/week) Morning: \$210/month Afternoon: \$210/month</p> <p>LC Morning: \$210/month Afternoon: \$210/month</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> KEC (5 days/week) Morning: \$345/month Afternoon: \$345/month All Day: \$690/month</p> <p>LC (5 days/week) Morning: \$345/month Afternoon: \$345/month All Day: \$690/month</p>

Inver Grove Heights 2025-2026	Inver Grove Heights 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$ ?	Registration Fee: ?
<p><b>3's Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$152/month Morning (3 days/week): \$203/month Afternoon: (2 days/week): \$152/month</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week): \$328/month Afternoon (4 days/week): \$267/month All Day (5 days/week): \$907/month</p>	<p><b>3's Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$ Morning (3 days/week): \$ Afternoon: (2 days/week): \$</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week): \$ Afternoon (4 days/week): \$ All Day (5 days/week): \$</p>

District 197 2025-2026	District 197 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$60	Registration Fee: \$60
<p><b>3's Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$181/month</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week): \$253/month Morning (5 days/week): \$408/month Afternoon (3 days/week): \$253/month Pilot Knob (5 days) (9:30 am-2:15 pm): \$735/month All Day (5 days/week): \$980/month</p>	<p><b>3's Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$185/month</p> <p><b>4's Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week): \$270/month Morning (5 days/week): \$420/month Afternoon (3 days/week): \$270/month Pilot Knob (5 days) (9:30 am-2:15 pm): \$735/month All Day (5 days/week): \$980/month</p>

South Washington County 2025-2026	South Washington County 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$85	Registration Fee: \$85
<b>Little Suns (3's Preschool)</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$205/month Morning (3 days/week) - \$245/month Afternoon (2 days/week) - \$205/month	<b>Little Suns (3's Preschool)</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$220/month Morning (3 days/week) - \$260/month Afternoon (2 days/week) - \$220/month
<b>Multi-Age (3's and 4's) Solar Sparks</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$205/month Morning (3 days/week): \$245/month Afternoon (2 days/week): \$205/month Afternoon (3 days/week): \$245/month	<b>Multi-Age (3's and 4's) Solar Sparks</b> Morning (2 days/week): \$220/month Morning (3 days/week): \$260/month Afternoon (2 days/week): \$220/month Afternoon (3 days/week): \$260/month
<b>Sunny Scholars (4's Preschool)</b> Morning (5 days/week) - \$415/month Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$415/month	<b>Sunny Scholars (4's Preschool)</b> Morning (5 days/week) - \$440/month Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$440/month

St. Paul 2025-2026	St. Paul 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$49	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3-4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week): \$40/day Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$40/day Full Day (5 days/week) - \$80/day	<b>3-4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week): \$ Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$ Full Day (5 days/week) - \$

Minneapolis 2025-2026	Minneapolis 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3-4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day - \$400/month Full Day - \$800/month	<b>3-4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day - \$ Full Day - \$

ISD 196 2025-2026	ISD 196 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day PM (2 days/week) - \$175 to \$215/month	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day PM (2 days/week) -
<b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week) - \$245/month Afternoon (3 days/week) - \$245/month Afternoon (4 days/week) - \$295/month Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$335/month	<b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week) - Afternoon (3 days/week) - Afternoon (4 days/week) - Afternoon (5 days/week) -

<b>Fridley 2025-2026</b>	<b>Fridley 2026-2027</b>
Registration Fee: \$	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (4 days/week) - \$340/month Afternoon (4 days/week) - \$340/month Full Day (5 days/week) - \$290/week  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week) - Sliding Scale \$40-\$370/mo Afternoon(5 days/week)-Sliding Scale \$40-\$370/mo Full Day (5 days/week) - \$290/week	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (4 days/week) - \$340/month Afternoon (4 days/week) - \$340/month Full Day (5 days/week) - \$290/week  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (5 days/week) - Sliding Scale \$40-\$370/mo Afternoon(5 days/week)-Sliding Scale \$40-\$370/mo Full Day (5 days/week) - \$290/week

<b>Richfield 2025-2026</b>	<b>Richfield 2026-2027</b>
Registration Fee: \$	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> 2 days/week - \$160/month 3 days/week - \$230/month  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$370/month	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> 2 days/week - \$ 3 days/week - \$  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$

<b>Hastings 2025-2026</b>	<b>Hastings 2026-2027</b>
Registration Fee: \$	Registration Fee: \$
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week) - \$ Morning (3 days/week) - \$  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week) - \$ Afternoon (3 day/week) - \$ Morning (5 days/week) - \$ Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$ Full Day (5 days/week) - \$	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (2 days/week) - \$190/month Morning (3 days/week) - \$190/month  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Morning (3 days/week) - \$220/month Afternoon (3 day/week) - \$220/month Morning (5 days/week) - \$330/month Afternoon (5 days/week) - \$330/month Full Day (5 days/week) - \$850/month

<b>Bloomington 2025-2026</b>	<b>Bloomington 2026-2027</b>
Registration Fee: \$75	Registration Fee: \$75
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 2 days/week - \$169/month Half Day 3 days/week - \$253/month Half Day 5 days/week - \$422/month  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$422/month	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 2 days/week - \$ Half Day 3 days/week - \$ Half Day 5 days/week - \$  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$

ISD 622 2025-2026	ISD 622 2026-2027
Registration Fee: \$ ?	Registration Fee: \$ ?
<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 2 days/week - \$180/month Half Day 3 days/week - \$255/month  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$420/month	<b>3 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 2 days/week - \$ Half Day 3 days/week - \$  <b>4 Year Old Preschool</b> Half Day 5 days/week - \$



## School Board Agenda Item

**Date:** January 26, 2026  
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**Action Requested:** None. Discussion Only  
**Attachment:** None

<b>Topic: Mental Health and Wellness</b>
<b>Presenter(s): Jennifer Danielson, Executive Director of Student Services</b>
<b>Background:</b> <p>Jennifer will provide an update on the district's mental health and wellness services, including current supports available to students and staff. The discussion will highlight some of the progress made over the past school year and how we are coordinating with school teams to respond to student needs. She will also share information regarding emerging trends, projected next steps, and future plans.</p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>  N/A
<b>Alternatives:</b>  N/A



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**Action Requested:** Approval

**Attachment:** None.

**Topic:** Potential May 12, 2026 Special Election

**Presenter(s):** Lisa Brandecker, Manager of Administrative Services and Communications

**Background:**

Administration is recommending that the School Board call a special election on May 12, 2026, to seek voter approval for two ballot questions related to facility funding and long-term financial planning. This recommendation follows several months of Board discussion and aligns with the nearing payoff of the district's 2013 building bond. The resolution calling the special election must be adopted at least 84 days prior to the election date and is contingent upon receipt of a favorable or unfavorable Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.

**School District Question 1, Building Bond Authorization**

- As the district's 2013 building bond nears payoff, this proposal creates an opportunity to reinvest in district facilities with a minimal estimated tax impact, approximately \$12 per month for the average \$300,000 home.
- District buildings are aging, and many building systems are at or beyond their expected lifespan, making reinvestment necessary to maintain safe and reliable learning environments.
- The bond proposal would authorize issuance of general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 and would focus exclusively on critical facility needs.
- Projects would include improvements to mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, roofing and building envelope repairs, fire and life safety systems, accessibility and ADA improvements, lighting, flooring, and interior finishes, as well as safety and ADA compliance improvements to athletic and activity spaces, including Ettinger Field bleachers and Roosevelt tennis courts.
- While this bond would not address all identified facility needs, it would allow the district to make meaningful progress on the most urgent priorities while limiting long-term costs associated with deferred maintenance.

**School District Question 2, Capital Projects Levy Renewal**

- This ballot question would renew the district's existing capital projects levy, which is currently scheduled to expire in 2029.
- The proposed renewal would be effective in 2029 and would maintain the levy at its current rate, resulting in no tax increase to the community.
- Levy funds would continue to support capital needs focused on safety, security, and technology, including security cameras, phone systems, technology infrastructure that supports those systems, and cybersecurity improvements.
- Approval of School District Question 2 is contingent upon the passage of School District Question 1, as required by statute.
- Including the levy renewal in this special election would allow the district to avoid the cost of holding a separate election in future years, reflecting a fiscally responsible approach to long-term planning.

**Recommendation:**

Administration recommends the approval of the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling an Election Thereon

**Alternatives:**

Do not approve and direct administration with next steps.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6  
(SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

HELD: JANUARY 26, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Special School District No. 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools), State of Minnesota, was duly held in the School District on January 26, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, RENEWING THE EXPIRING CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND CALLING AN ELECTION THERON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Special School District No. 6, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and installation of HVAC and electrical infrastructure improvements at school sites and facilities; remodeling and renovations to locker rooms and restrooms; learning space renovations at school sites and facilities; and the maintenance of activity facilities, including Ettinger Field and the Roosevelt Tennis Courts. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 1 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

2. The Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the School District to submit a capital project levy authorization to the voters for their approval. This authorization would renew the School District's existing authorization, which is schedule to expire after taxes payable in 2029. The capital project levy authorization will be in the amount of 3.74709208482% times the next tax capacity of the School District, will raise approximately \$1,139,395 for taxes payable in 2030, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$11,393,950. The money raised from the capital project levy authorization will

provide funds for the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of classroom technology, software, computers, student devices, improved technology systems, networks, infrastructure, instructional technology, safety and security systems, and related training and personnel costs; deferred maintenance projects and the acquisition of curriculum, textbooks and materials. The program will be commenced prior to May 12, 2031, which date is not more than five (5) years from the date of the special election authorizing the approval of the capital project levy authorization. The question on the approval of the capital project levy authorization shall be School District Question 2 on the School District ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

3. The administration of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to consult with the Minnesota Department of Education and cause a proposal to be prepared and submitted to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment on behalf of the School Board, and to take such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended. Any such actions taken by the administration prior to the date of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Question 1 and School District Question 2 specified above shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive or unfavorable (provided applicable statutory requirements are met) Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in those questions.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the School District at least forty-eight (48) but not more than seventy (70) days prior to the date of the special election specified below.

5. The School Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

6. The ballot questions specified above shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05.

7. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the School District's combined polling place and the precincts served by the combined polling place, as previously established and designated by a resolution of the School Board, is hereby designated for this special election. In the event a municipality located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the School District will also be conducting a municipal election on May 12, 2026, any affected School District voters will vote at their respective municipal polling locations and not the School District's combined polling place.

8. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a notice to any voters who will be voting at a combined polling place for this special election. The notice must be sent by nonforwardable mail to every affected household in the School District with at least one registered voter. The notice must be mailed no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the election. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county

auditor. The notice must include the following information: the date of the election, the hours of voting and the location of the voter's polling place. This notice may be in the same form as the notice of special election to be published and posted.

9. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to: (i) the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, at least eighty-four (84) days prior to the date of said election; and (ii) the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

10. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted for public inspection at the administrative offices of the School District at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

11. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District for public inspection at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the combined polling place on election day. The sample ballots shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

12. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the School District, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election. The notice of election so posted and published shall state each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

13. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in the combined polling place on election day.

14. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate officials regarding preparation, distribution and chain of custody of ballots, the administration of absentee voting, election administration and cost sharing.

15. The Clerk and members of the administration are further authorized and directed to cause a ballot to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color, instructions, and content as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system, to correct typographical errors, or to comply with the form and content requirements of applicable state election laws:

# Special Election Ballot

## Special School District No. 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools)

May 12, 2026

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### Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: .

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To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.  
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

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### School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

**Yes**

**No**

Shall the school board of Special School District No. 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and installation of HVAC and electrical infrastructure improvements at school sites and facilities; remodeling and renovations to locker rooms and restrooms; learning space renovations at school sites and facilities; and the maintenance of activity facilities, including Ettinger Field and the Roosevelt Tennis Courts?

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

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**School District Question 2**  
**Renewal of Expiring Capital Project Levy**  
**Authorization**

The school board of Special School District No. 6 (South St. Paul Public Schools) has also proposed to renew the school district's existing capital project levy authorization of 3.74709208482% times the net tax capacity of the school district, which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2029. The money raised from the capital project levy authorization will provide funds for the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of classroom technology, software, computers, student devices, improved technology systems, networks, infrastructure, instructional technology, safety and security systems, and related training and personnel costs; deferred maintenance projects and the acquisition of curriculum, textbooks and materials. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$1,139,395 for taxes payable in 2030, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$11,393,950. The projects have received a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.

**Yes**

Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Special School District No. 6 be approved?

**No**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.**

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16. Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

17. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer, at the request of the election official, shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

18. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system at least three (3) days before voting equipment is used. The Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance by publishing the Notice of Testing once in the official newspaper and by causing the notice to be posted in the office of the county auditor, the administrative offices of the School District, and the office of any other local election official conducting the test.

19. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the election, or once the week preceding the election if the newspaper is a weekly.

20. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the School Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at School District elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the School District and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges. The ballot board may include deputy county auditors and deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The Clerk or the Clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the School Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day. Each member of the ballot board must be provided adequate training on the processing and counting of absentee ballots, including but not limited to instruction on accepting and rejecting

absentee ballots, storage of absentee ballots, timelines and deadlines, the role of the ballot board, procedures for opening absentee ballot envelopes, procedures for counting absentee ballots, and procedures for reporting absentee ballot totals.

21. If the capital project levy authorization proposed in School District Question 2 is approved, a capital project referendum account shall be created as a separate account in the general fund of the School District. All proceeds from the capital project levy must be deposited in the capital project referendum account. Interest income attributable to the capital project referendum account must be credited to the capital project referendum account. Money in the capital project referendum account may be used only for the costs of acquisition and betterment of the approved projects. The funds in the capital project referendum account may be accumulated and not be expended until sufficient funds are available, may be accumulated and not be expended until additional funds from a bond issue are available, or may be expended on an ongoing basis for approved project costs. Any funds remaining in the capital project referendum account that are not applied to the payment of the costs of the approved projects before their final completion shall be transferred to the School District's debt redemption fund.

22. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to begin assembling names of trained election judges to serve at the combined polling place during the special election. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the School Board for canvass in the manner provided for other School District elections. The election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the election.

23. The Clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the School District under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02 available on the School District's website. The Clerk must post the report on the School District's website as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The School District must make a report available on the School District's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The Clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

\_\_\_\_\_. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor:

and the following voted against:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



## School Board Agenda Item

**Place on Agenda:** Work Session

**Action Requested:** None. Discussion Only

**Attachment:** None

<b>Topic:</b> Public Relations and Community Engagement
<b>Presenter(s):</b> School Board
<b>Background:</b>  The School Board will review the upcoming <a href="#">Calendar of Events</a> and explore opportunities to collaborate with students, staff, families, and the greater South St. Paul community to further the district's mission and vision.
<b>Recommendation:</b>  N/A
<b>Alternatives:</b>  N/A

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## School Board Agenda Item

**Place on Agenda:** Work Session

**Action Requested:** None. Discussion Only

**Attachment:** None

<b>Topic:</b> Committee Updates
<b>Presenter(s):</b> School Board Members
<b>Background:</b>  School Board members will provide an update for the following committees that they serve on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● District 917</li><li>● AMSD</li><li>● Community Education</li><li>● Educational Foundation</li><li>● Finance, Facilities, and Long-Range Planning</li><li>● Local Issues</li><li>● Policy</li><li>● SSP Open Foundation</li><li>● Superintendent Executive</li></ul>
<b>Recommendation:</b>  N/A
<b>Alternatives:</b>  N/A

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