

**Eden Prairie School District No. 272**

**M.S. 123B.71**

**REVIEW AND COMMENT  
PROPOSAL**

**2022 Capital Project Levy**

**Submitted by**

**Dr. Josh Swanson, Superintendent**

**August 10, 2022**

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Dr. Heather Mueller, Commissioner  
State of Minnesota  
Department of Education  
1500 Highway 36 West  
Roseville, MN 55113

Dear Dr. Mueller:

Pursuant to M.S. 123B.71, the School Board, Superintendent, staff and community of Eden Prairie Schools ISD 272 are pleased to submit the following proposal for review and comment to the Minnesota Department of Education.

District 272 has performed an assessment of the district capital needs. Based on the review the district has aging technology equipment, infrastructure and staffing needs, along with an aging transportation fleet. All of this is needed to help ensure Eden Prairie students have the opportunity for equity with other school districts and meet our mission to Inspire Each Student Every day. Thus, the district is proposing to ask district voters to consider a capital project levy renewal on November 8, 2022.

In addition to the Capital Project Levy, district voters will be asked to revoke and replace a current operating levy set to expire in 2025. The current levy of \$1,815.27 would be replaced with a new levy of \$2,075.27 per student. This new amount would still place our school district lower than many of our neighboring districts. The Capital Project Levy renewal would continue our financial stability and 1:1 device for students.

The Eden Prairie School Board has reviewed the content within this report at its regularly scheduled school board meetings along with approving the ballot questions on July 25, 2022 which are being proposed on the November 8, 2022 election as follows:

1. The board of Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$1,815.27 per pupil, and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$2,075.27 per pupil.
2. The board of Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie Schools) has proposed to renew the school district's existing capital project levy authorization of 6.5285470% times the net tax capacity of the school district, which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2024. The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to cover costs related to school district technology, including the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, software licenses, computers, improved technology equipment, and the acquisition of buses.

The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$9,357,728 for taxes payable in 2025, 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 \$93,577,280.

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Swanson  
Superintendent of Schools

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**CHECKLIST**

**1. The geographic area and population to be served:**

The majority of the City of Eden Prairie falls within the Eden Prairie School District, except for a small part of the northwest corner which is located in the Minnetonka School District, and a small part of the northeast corner which is located in the Hopkins School District. The current population of the City of Eden Prairie is 64,481. This project will serve the entire Eden Prairie School District. Individuals using our facilities range in age from early childhood students to senior citizens, all of which will benefit from the Capital Project Levy.

The district encompasses approximately 36 square miles with a 2021-22 student average daily membership enrollment of 8,880 in grades EC-12. District-wide enrollment data for the past five years and projections for the next five years are as follows:

Year	Actual Enrollment		Year	Projected Enrollment
2017-2018	8,841		2022-2023	8,781
2018-2019	8,916		2023-2024	8,760
2019-2020	8,834		2024-2025	8,788
2020-2021	8,598		2025-2026	8,762
2021-2022	8,880		2026-2027	8,743

**2. A list of existing school facilities:**

Eden Prairie School District consists of 5 elementary buildings housing 6 schools, 1 middle school, 1 high school, 1 early childhood building/administrative building, and 1 transportation garage. Listed below are the facilities, year constructed and additions, square footage and use:

Building	Year	Square Footage	Facility Use
Eden Prairie High School	1979,1990,1994,1997,1998	693,771	Grades 9-12 (district-wide)
Central Middle School	1959,1962,1967,1987,1993, 1994,2021	334,358	Grades 6-8 (district-wide)
Cedar Ridge Elementary	1988,1994	115,599	Grades K-5 (boundary)
Eden Lake Elementary	1986,1994	110,469	Grades K-5 (boundary)
Forest Hills Elementary	1970,1993,2000,2007	93,000	Grades K-5 (boundary)
Oak Point Elementary/ Eagle Heights Elementary	1990,1994,1996	278,887	Grades K-5 (boundary) Grades K-5 (choice)
Prairie View Elementary	1965,1967,1980,1990,1993	95,063	Grades K-5 (boundary)
Administrative Services Center/ Lower Campus	1924,1956,1987,1990,1993, 1998	101,553	Central Admin
Transportation	1996	71,038	School Bus Garage

### 3. A list of specific capital deficiencies:

#### **Technology (equipment, infrastructure, software):**

A renewal of the capital project levy will allow for a continued funding source to:

- Maintain critical access to technology for students and staff for 10 years
- Maintain and update critical infrastructure that is aging and nearing end of life
- Implement evolving and new data security systems to protect our students, families, and staff
- Maintain staff that support our students, staff, and infrastructure
- Test and invest in emerging technologies to support learning so we do not fall behind, including those that may impact other operational efficiencies and reduce costs
- Support critical data systems and use, that allow us to personalize learning.

#### **Transportation**

Eden Prairie School District owns its transportation fleet and provides a highly relational and quality riding experience for students. The costs to replace these aging buses continue to rise at historically high rates causing continued pressure on the general fund. The district desires to not only provide safe and reliable transportation, but to also explore emerging vehicle technologies, vehicle efficiencies, and to provide a healthier riding experience for our students. Access to the capital project levy will allow Eden Prairie to manage the funds entrusted to us by the state and local taxpayers to most effectively impact student learning.

### 4. Estimated costs by year:

Year	Technology	Transportation	Total
2025-26	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2026-27	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2027-28	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2028-29	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2029-30	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2030-31	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2031-32	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2032-33	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2033-34	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728
2034-35	\$8,357,728	\$1,000,000	\$9,357,728

## 5. Specification of the source of project financing:

Financing of the project is subject to voter approved levy under the guidelines for Capital Project Levies. The following table shared the tax impact for our Capital Project Levy in question 2:

### PRE-ELECTION ESTIMATES

Eden Prairie Schools, ISD 272

July 19, 2022

Estimated Tax Impact of Proposed Operating Referendum and Capital Project Levy  
November 8, 2022 Election

		Question 1			Question 2		
		Revoked Authority	Proposed Authority	Net Change	Expiring Authority	Renewed Authority	Net Change
Year Taxes Payable		2023	2023	2023	2024	2025	2025
Operating Referendum Revenue Per Pupil		\$1,815.27	\$2,075.27	\$260.00			
Capital Project Levy Rate					-6.529%	6.529%	0.00%
Estimated Annual Change in Revenue		-\$17,453,846	\$19,953,746	\$2,499,900	-\$9,085,173	\$9,357,728	\$272,555

  

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Annual Change in Taxes for Operating Referendum Levy *			Estimated Annual Change in Taxes for Capital Project Levy *		
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	-\$146	\$168	\$22	-\$48	\$48	\$0
	200,000	-291	335	44	-122	122	0
	300,000	-437	503	66	-195	195	0
	400,000	-582	670	88	-269	269	0
	430,000	-626	721	95	-290	290	0
	500,000	-728	838	110	-337	337	0
	600,000	-873	1,006	133	-422	422	0
	700,000	-1,019	1,173	154	-506	506	0
	800,000	-1,164	1,341	177	-590	590	0
	900,000	-1,310	1,508	198	-674	674	0
	1,000,000	-1,455	1,676	221	-759	759	0
Commercial/Industrial +	\$250,000	-\$364	\$419	\$55	-\$171	\$171	\$0
	500,000	-728	838	110	-372	372	0
	750,000	-1,091	1,257	166	-573	573	0
	1,000,000	-1,455	1,676	221	-773	773	0
	2,000,000	-2,910	3,352	442	-1,577	1,577	0
Apartments and Residential Non-Homestead	\$500,000	-\$728	\$838	\$110	-\$422	\$422	\$0
	1,000,000	-1,455	1,676	221	-843	843	0
	2,000,000	-2,910	3,352	442	-1,686	1,686	0
	4,000,000	-5,821	6,704	883	-3,372	3,372	0

\* Amounts are based on school district taxes for proposed operating referendum and capital project levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including impact of homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This may decrease the net change for those property owners.

+ For commercial-industrial property, estimates are for property in the City of Eden Prairie. The tax impact for commercial-industrial property in other municipalities in the school district may be slightly different, due to the varying impact of the Twin Cities Fiscal Disparities program.



Tax Impact OR&CPL Call for Election

**6. Document obligating the school district and contractor to comply:**

Not applicable.

**Narrative Description of the project:**

The Eden Prairie School District is pursuing a renewal of the Capital Project Levy in November, 2022. The levy is being pursued to provide our students with a technological advantage in a modern and future-focused learning environment; support the district's technology infrastructure, including student devices, classroom technologies, and teacher training; keep student and staff data safe by funding our work to reduce the likelihood of cyber security attacks; maintain and update critical technology infrastructure that is aging and nearing end of life; and to maintain and replace aging school buses.

This levy will give the district the continued authority to maintain a replacement cycle for technology. Approval provides Eden Prairie Schools a stable funding source to continue investing into the future of our kids and to Inspire Each Student Every Day.