

**ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**February 24, 2026**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE REFERENDUM QUESTION ON CAPITAL  
PROJECTS LEVY AND SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the School Board adopt the following resolution authorizing staff to prepare a referendum question for voter consideration regarding the district's Capital Projects Levy and bond issuance.

**Board Action Requested:**

Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing staff to proceed with preparation of the referendum question, completion of the required Review and Comment process, and initiation of the community information and engagement process,

**Resolution: Authorization to Prepare Referendum Question**

**WHEREAS**, the School Board seeks to ensure sustainable funding for long-term facility maintenance, safety improvements, and deferred maintenance projects identified in the district's facilities plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may place a referendum question before the voters to authorize a Capital Projects Levy and general obligation school building bonds under Minnesota law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board authorizes staff to:

1. Prepare one referendum question that combines:
  - Revoke and replace the existing Capital Projects Levy with a higher authorization; and
  - Authorize the issuance of up to \$50,000,000 in general obligation school building bonds to finance deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects districtwide.
2. Complete the required Review and Comment process as described under Minnesota statutes.
3. Develop ballot language and supporting materials in accordance with Minnesota law.
4. Initiate a community information and engagement process to provide transparent communication regarding project scope tax impact, and facility needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent and administrative staff are authorized and direct to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution, including preparation of materials for board consideration and submission to appropriate authorities.