

Draft Report: Potential Losses if the Levy Does Not Pass

Minidoka School District — Prepared for Board Review

Annual Funding Impact: \$3,850,000

Overview

The supplemental levy supports critical operational, instructional, safety, and capital needs across Minidoka School District. These funds maintain essential services, ensure safe and functional facilities, protect student and staff safety, and preserve instructional quality.

If the levy does not pass in May, the district will face significant reductions or complete elimination of programs and maintenance cycles that are foundational to safe and effective school operations. Deferred maintenance and outdated safety systems will increase long-term costs and create operational and instructional challenges that directly affect students.

This report summarizes the key programs, services, and infrastructure investments that levy dollars currently support — and the consequences of losing this funding.

1. Districtwide Facilities & Capital Improvements at Risk

Levy funds support essential building systems, learning environments, safety infrastructure, and annual maintenance. Without these funds, the district would be forced to defer or eliminate critical facility projects, leading to facility deterioration and increased long-term repair costs.

Annual Averaged Funding Needs

Item	Avg Annual Cost	Description
Painting	\$35,000	Required for ongoing maintenance, safety standards, and prevention of facility deterioration.
Paving Repairs	\$100,000	Parking lots, bus lanes, and driveways must be regularly maintained to ensure safety and ADA accessibility.
Sidewalk Repairs	\$50,000	Prevents trip hazards, maintains ADA compliance, and supports student safety.

Item	Avg Annual Cost	Description
Playground Equipment & Impact Areas	\$120,000	Safety surfacing and equipment replacement required to meet safety standards and avoid injuries.
HVAC Systems	\$230,000	Prevents heating and cooling failures, maintains healthy indoor air quality, and avoids costly emergency repairs.
School Furniture	\$475,000	Ensures classrooms remain functional and safe on a 10-year replacement cycle.
Curriculum	\$500,000	Required 5-year rotation for updated, standards-aligned instructional materials. Loss of funding results in outdated materials.
Security Cameras	\$375,000	Supports the 5-year replacement cycle for the district's security camera and video management systems.
School Resource Officers & Safety Needs	\$150,000	Supports SRO coverage, alarms, radios, safety training, and other critical security measures.
Extracurricular & Co-curricular Programs	\$50,000	Supports athletics, clubs, and student activity requests.
Minico Tennis Court (allocated over 2-year levy cycle)	\$375,000	Required repairs or replacement for safe student use.

Items with \$0 this cycle (flooring, windows, roofing) had no scheduled funding needs in the 2026–2028 levy period.

2. Department-Specific Impacts

Child Nutrition Department

- **Annual Funding: \$25,000**

Levy funds support cold storage units and food service equipment. Loss of funding increases the risk of equipment failures affecting food safety and meal service reliability.

Maintenance Department

- **Annual Funding: \$25,000**

Supports essential maintenance equipment used for repairs and building upkeep. Without levy funding, the district's ability to respond to urgent maintenance needs is significantly reduced.

Special Services Department

- **Annual Funding: \$10,000**

Funds supplies and instructional materials needed to support students with specialized needs. Reductions here directly impact student services and could affect compliance.

Technology Department

Levy dollars sustain all district technology operations, including instructional devices, cybersecurity, network services, and districtwide software systems.

- **Annual Funding: \$1,000,000**

These funds maintain:

- Staff and student device replacement cycles
- Instructional software (Canvas, Renaissance, Typing Club, etc.)
- Security systems (access control, video surveillance, password management)
- Data protection and cybersecurity (CrashPlan, DigiCert, Tailscale)
- Operational systems (PowerSchool, Frontline, Tyler Visions)
- Communication platforms (Apptegy, BoardBook)
- Internet/phone systems (PMT, Verizon, FreePBX)

Loss of this funding would jeopardize:

- Instructional continuity
 - Cybersecurity
 - District communication
 - Student assessment and grading systems
 - Device access for students and staff
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3. Transportation Department

Annual Averaged Funding Needs

Item	Avg Annual Cost	Description
Bus Leases/Purchases	\$300,000	Necessary to maintain the district's replacement schedule and avoid running unsafe or unreliable buses.
Bus Cameras	\$30,000	Supports safety, incident response, and behavior management.

Without levy funding, fleet modernization would halt, increasing repair costs and reducing reliability and student safety.

4. Instructional, Safety, and Student Program Impacts

If the levy fails, the district will face reductions or eliminations in funding that support:

Instruction & Learning

- Updated curriculum materials
- Classroom technology
- Adequate and safe furniture
- Access to digital instructional tools

Student Activities

- Club and athletic program support
- Co-curricular participation opportunities

Building & Student Safety

- Security cameras and monitoring systems
- Access control systems
- School Resource Officer staffing
- Safety communication tools and infrastructure

Operations & Infrastructure

- HVAC reliability
- Playground safety
- Sidewalk & paving repairs
- Maintenance response capacity

- Transportation equipment and safety systems

These reductions impact student experience, teacher effectiveness, and the overall safety and functionality of school environments.

5. Total Financial Impact

Annual Levy Funding Requirement:

\$3,850,000 per year

This represents the minimum necessary investment to maintain safe schools, modern instructional materials, adequate technology, and operational stability.

Failure of the levy will require the district to make sweeping cuts in:

- Facilities and maintenance
- Curriculum and instructional materials
- Safety infrastructure
- Technology systems
- Transportation resources
- Student programs