

**ISD 709 DULUTH
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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**REMINDER OF
BALLOT QUESTION
#2 TECH LEVY ON
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**YES VOTES: 14,443
NO VOTES: 14,734
DIFFERENCE: (291)**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION #2
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY REFERENDUM**

The School Board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth) has proposed a capital project levy authorization of 4.687% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$5,290,455.87 for taxes payable in 2024, 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 \$52,904,558.70. The additional revenue from the proposed capital project levy authorization will provide funds for the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, software licenses, computers, improved technology equipment, networks, infrastructure and costs of technology related personnel and training.

YES

Shall the capital project levy proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth) be approved?

NO

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

CONTEMPLATED OPTIONS FOR REVIEW & DISCUSSION

Spring May 14, 2024
Referendum (last day
to adopt resolution
calling for the election
is 3/1/2024)

OR

Budget adjustments
commencing Fiscal
Year 2026

QUICK REVIEW OF OPTIONS

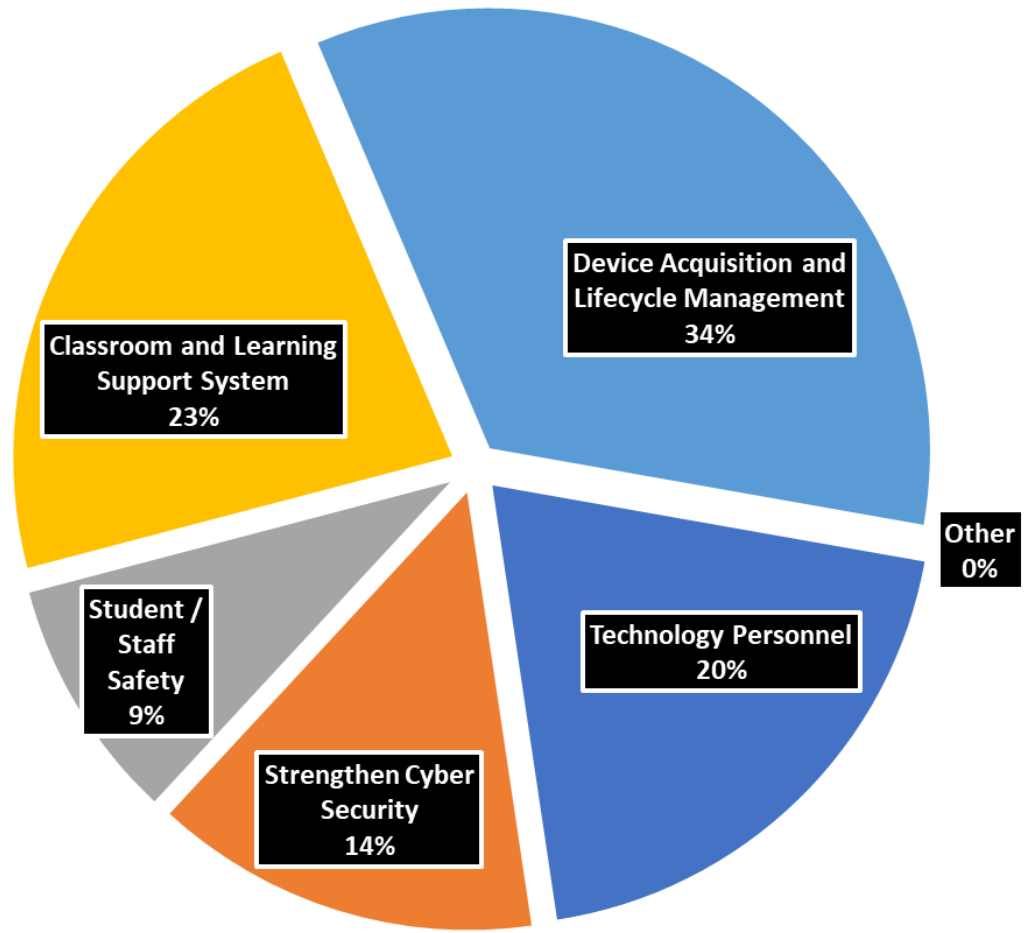
The district asked for \$52,904,558.70 over 10 years, of which \$46,177,960.70 was identified for technology expenditures.



In discussion with district leadership, the following requests will be examined:

\$5,290,455.87 annually (same request)	\$5,000,000 annually	\$4,617,796.07 annually
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ISD 709 - Voter-Approved Technology Plan Request



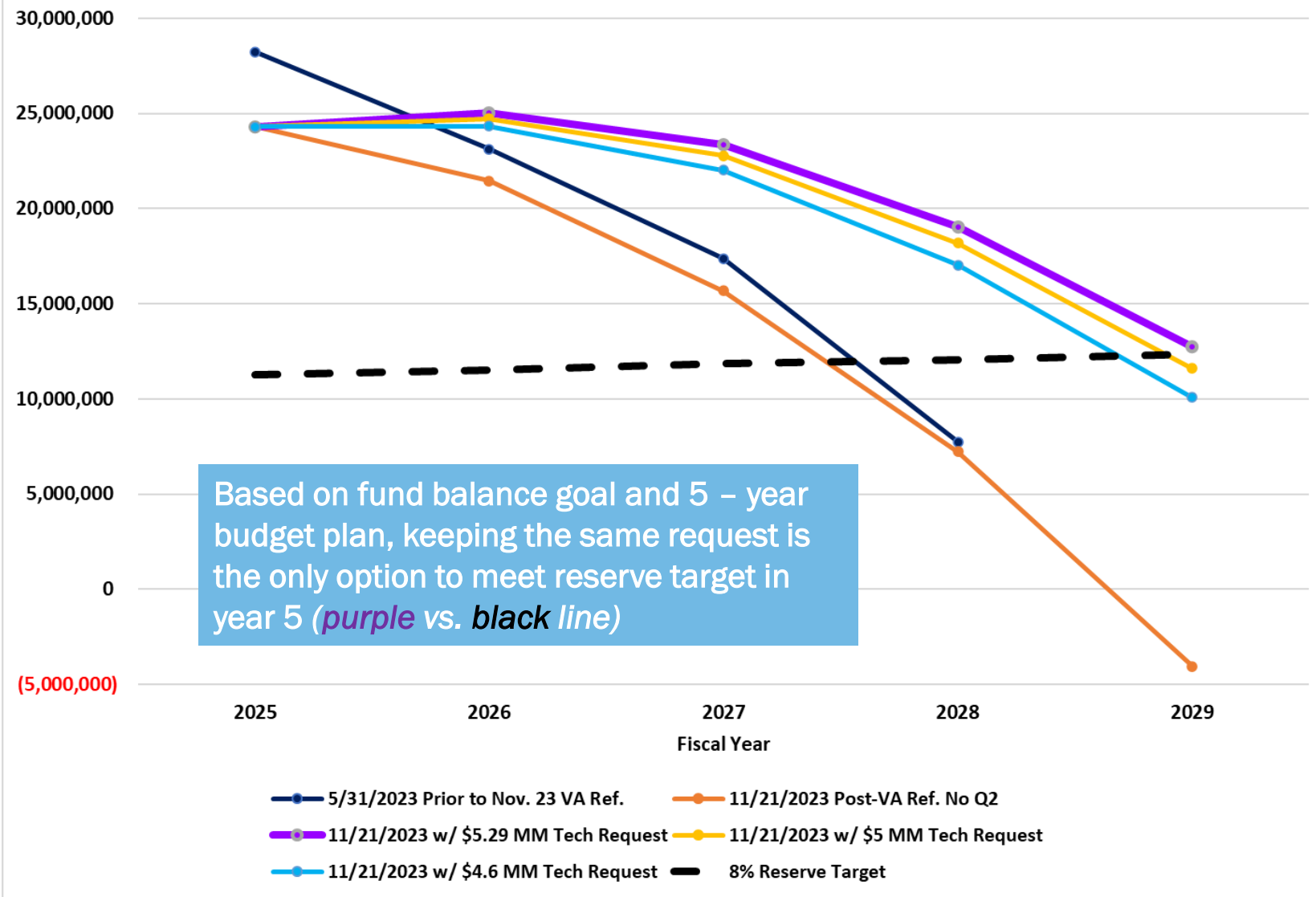
HOW IS ISD 709 PROPOSING TO SPEND THEIR VOTER-APPROVED TECH REQUEST DOLLARS?

FOCUS ON \$315K HOMESTEAD RES. PROPERTY – THE NEW \$289K ASSESSED VALUE FOR PAY 2024

Ballot Question Amount	\$5.29M Request	\$5.00M Request	\$4.617M Request
Annual Tax Impact	\$130.45	\$123.29	\$113.86
Annual Difference		(\$7.16)	(\$9.42)
Monthly Tax Impact	\$10.87	\$10.27	\$9.49
Monthly Difference		(\$0.60)	(\$0.79)

Note - \$289,000 average size home used during referendum communication is assumed to have appreciated to \$315,000 due to average tax base growth

ISD 709 Duluth - 5-Year Fund Balance Trend Options



Based on fund balance goal and 5 - year budget plan, keeping the same request is the only option to meet reserve target in year 5 (*purple vs. black line*)

THE IMPACT OF THE TECHNOLOGY PLAN ON OUR FUTURE FUND BALANCE



*Assumes 11/21/23 five-year budget model has allocated \$3.85M of recurring tech expenditures. Scenarios developed beyond this base model expend identified annual tech expenditure difference.



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION