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On **November 5, 2019**, residents of ISD 728 will vote whether to increase school funding to support the district's students and schools through two referendum questions. If approved, the funding would address classroom, budget and building needs across the district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1

Revoking Existing School District Referendum Revenue; Replacing With New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 728 (Elk River), Minnesota has proposed to revoke all of the School District's existing referendum revenue authority, \$467.12 per pupil, and replace it with a new referendum revenue authorization of \$1,217.12 per pupil (an increase of \$750 per pupil), subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2019 for taxes payable in 2020 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authority and the replacement with a new referendum revenue authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 728 (Elk River), Minnesota be approved?

YES NO

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

ISD 728 is the 8th largest school district in Minnesota, but its per student operating levy amount is LAST among the 15 largest districts.

Funds would help support struggling students, maintain class sizes, support student mental health programs, update curriculum and improve career and technical programs.

The majority of Minnesota school districts rely on locally approved operating levies to help fund their schools.

If approved by voters, the tax impact on the average homeowner would be less than \$28 per month.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2

Approval of School District General Obligation School Building Bond Issue

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 728 (Elk River), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$113,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, deferred capital projects, school security, and repairs to existing buildings across the district including such things as roofs, parking lots and heating systems; construction of a new school; and improvements to schools at all levels?

YES NO

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Question 2 is contingent on Question 1 – which means that Question 1 must pass before Question 2 can be approved by voters.

Funds would help address enrollment growth, deferred maintenance needs, flexible learning spaces and facility inequities.

School districts must gain voter approval for funding to build and maintain their schools.

If approved by voters, the tax impact on the average homeowner would be less than \$7 per month. If both questions are approved, the district will be able to reduce other levies – bringing the combined tax impact down under \$32 per month.

VOTING INFORMATION



Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on **November 5, 2019**. Your polling location is based on your residence and may be different from previous elections. Visit www.isd728.org/PollingPlace or call 763-241-3418 to find your polling location.



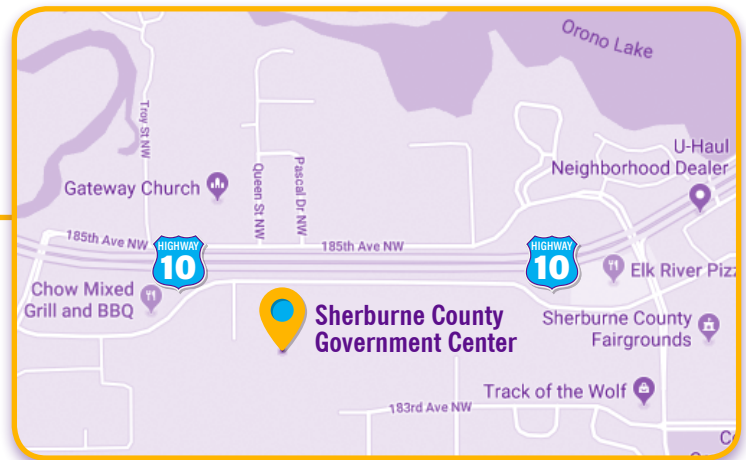
VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

Early voting begins **September 20, 2019**

You can vote early at:

Sherburne County Government Center
13880 Business Center Drive NW
Elk River, MN 55330
763-765-4351

Monday through Friday - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 2 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, November 4 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



VOTE EARLY BY MAIL

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply.

Apply by Email, Mail or Fax

Request an absentee ballot application: Call 763-765-4351 or visit www.isd728.org/AbsenteeBallot to download the application.

Return the Application:

- ▶ **By mail:** Sherburne County Government Center Auditor/Treasurer Department, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
- ▶ **By fax:** 763-765-4400.
- ▶ **By email:** elections@co.sherburne.mn.us.

Once the county receives the application, the ballot materials will be mailed to you.

Return Ballot by Mail:

- ▶ Read the instructions that come with your ballot carefully.
- ▶ You will need a witness when you vote and complete your ballot. The witness can be either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary.
- ▶ Mail the ballot and forms back right away after you finish. Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.
- ▶ If you don't think your ballot will be received in time using regular mail, you may choose to pay for an express delivery service.



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