



Referendum on November 4 ballot to increase funding for Alexandria Public Schools

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(ALEXANDRIA, Minnesota, June 16, 2025): At its meeting on June 16, the Alexandria School Board unanimously approved a resolution to hold a referendum on November 4, 2025 after several months of input, deliberation, budget review, and discussion.

The one-question ballot request is for a capital project levy, which would provide \$3 million annually to invest in safety and security improvements, technology, and facility upgrades over 10 years. If approved, the tax impact would be approximately \$10 per month for the average homeowner (a \$350,000 average valued home) in the first year of the levy.

“This resolution reflects our commitment to addressing key areas such as safety, technology and facility improvements to ensure we can continue to provide a high-quality learning environment, said Angie Krebs, Alexandria School Board Chair. “The Board recognizes the importance of a balanced approach that supports immediate and long-term needs of our students and community.”

If approved, the referendum would provide funding for three core areas:

- Safety and security systems, infrastructure, and building modifications
- Technology infrastructure, educational tools, and resources for students and teachers
- School facility maintenance projects such as parking lots, upgrades to career-tech spaces and equipment, HVAC, playgrounds, and improvements to outdoor athletic facilities at the high school and middle school.

“Our goal is always to ensure that every decision we make aligns with the best interests of our students and school community,” said Superintendent Rick Sansted. “At a time where school funding continues to be challenging for all Minnesota schools, this referendum proposes a path forward to enhance key areas for our Alexandria students, staff and community, such as safety, technology, and facilities, all of which are essential to fostering a positive learning environment for our students.”

In the months leading up to the November 2025 election, the district will provide the school community with information about the referendum through educational materials, including a webpage, printed and digital resources, and informational meetings. Residents can always stay up-to-date on district information by visiting our website, alexschools.org.