

Our Schools. Our Community. Our Future.

On **November 5, 2019**, Alexandria School District residents will vote on a request to increase school funding to bridge the district's budget gap and help maintain its academic programs, student support services and class sizes.

Here are FIVE FACTS every parent should know about voting.

While parents have the most to gain or lose from increased school funding, they are among the least likely to vote.

- In a typical Minnesota school funding election, one-quarter to one-third of parents vote, even though surveys show they are usually the most supportive.
- Two of the most frequent reasons parents give for not voting are that they forgot or were busy.

You can vote early in person rather than wait for election day.

- You no longer need a reason to vote early Minnesota wants to encourage voting, so it makes early voting easy.
- Early voting can happen in one stop at the Woodland Elementary/District Office building, 1410 S McKay Avenue, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m., September 20 November 1.
- There are extended early voting hours Tuesday, Oct 29, 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Oct 31, 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. and Monday, Nov 4, 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

You can also vote early by mail.

- Request an absentee ballot by calling 320-762-2141 ext. 4213 or download and print an absentee application.
- Once you have completed the application, return it to the address noted on the back and then an absentee ballot will be mailed to you with instructions.
- Mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials.
- Plan ahead if you vote by mail: ballots must be received by November 4.

You can vote on Election Day, November 5.

- Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 5.
- Your polling location may be different than the last time you voted.
- Visit mnvotes.org or call 320-762-2141 ext. 4213 if you have questions about where to vote.

You can register to vote on Election Day or at the early voting location (see #2).

- Anyone who will be 18 on Election Day and is a U.S. citizen is eligible to vote, with a few exceptions.
- You only need proof of residence within the school district to register, such as an ID or bringing a registered voter with you to vouch for your address.
- You can learn more about registering to vote at mnvotes.org.