



VOTE
November 5, 2019

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.

Find out where you vote by visiting alexschools.org/referendum and click on **Voting Information**.

Here are **SIX OPERATING LEVY FACTS** every parent should know.

6 LEVY FACTS

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- 1** We are one of the only school districts in the area without a voter-approved operating levy, which means we don't have the additional financial support that the majority of Minnesota communities provide to help operate our schools.
- 2** State education funding has not kept pace with inflation or increasing costs for the past 15 years - and we are in the bottom 10% of all Minnesota school districts for general education funding.
- 3** It was a unanimous school board decision after months of planning to place a phased-in operating levy request on the Nov. 5 ballot. We believe this is a conservative, financially responsible way to support our students and educational programs.
- 4** We are only asking for what we need, when we need it - the levy amount is phased in over a three year period rather than all at once.
- 5** The tax impact is also phased in over three years - so the average homeowner will see a less than \$10 per month increase in year one, followed by smaller increases in years two and three.
- 6** If approved, the funding would help maintain the quality education we currently offer, while maintaining class sizes and important student programs and supports.

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