



SAMPLE Ballot with Explanations

2018 Rockford Area Schools Referendum

School District Question 1

Approval of School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by **\$750 per pupil**. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for seven years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 883 be approved?

YES NO

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

School District Question 2

Approval of Capital Project Levy Authorization to Fund Technology

The board of Independent School District No. 883 (Rockford Area Schools) has also proposed a capital project levy authorization in the amount of 3.576% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed **capital project levy** authorization will raise approximately \$400,000 for taxes payable in 2019, 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 \$4,000,000. The money raised by this authorization will provide funds for the **acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, computers, mobile devices, improved technology, technology systems, networks, infrastructure, office and instructional technology, and related training.**

Shall the capital project levy authorization to fund technology proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 883 be approved?

YES NO

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

\$750 per pupil would result in approximately \$1.3 million annually towards the education of students in the Rockford Area School district.

Both questions approved by voters would result in:

- **About \$ 35 per month*** tax increase on a median valued home in our district.
- \$1.7 million in new annual funding for educating our district's students.

*Find the specific amount for your property value at www.rockford.k12.mn.us

Also called a
"tech levy"

Funding from the tech levy would free up general funds currently supporting technology allowing them to be used in other student initiatives.