

2026 School Board Election and Referendum Media Guide

This guide gives journalists a starting point for reporting on Minnesota school board elections and school district ballot questions in 2026. It explains what MSBA can verify, what must be confirmed with election officials or individual school districts, and how to describe the available data from MSBA without overstating its completeness.

MSBA and its role

The Minnesota School Boards Association is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1920. It supports Minnesota public school boards through policy, advocacy, board development, training, resources, and services. Minnesota law also directs MSBA to make school finance and management training available to newly elected school board members.

MSBA provides statewide context and maintains some election and referendum datasets. Reporters should use the Minnesota Secretary of State and local election officials for official election records, and school districts for local election details and context and property tax impact.

MSBA Can	MSBA Does Not
Provide statewide context about school board governance, election processes, and common ballot-question terminology.	Administer elections, prepare official ballots, count votes or certify results. MSBA does not speak about individual district school board races.
Share working datasets that MSBA has assembled from available records and district information, with an as-of date and methodology.	Guarantee a working dataset is final or identical to an official statewide election record.
Explain what school boards do and how Minnesota school board elections generally work.	Endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or school district ballot outcomes.
Potentially describe statewide patterns supported by the data and connect reporters with appropriate local sources.	Speak for an individual district about why it proposed a question, how it would use funds beyond the ballot language, or what would happen if a question fails.
Identify where official ballot language, results, campaign filings, and district tax information can be found.	Provide property-specific tax calculations, campaign legal advice or a legal opinion about district communications.
	Collect the following information: school board election campaign finance information such as campaign contributions.

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Quick Reference for Reporters

Figure	What it describes	Detail
329	Total independent school districts in the state of Minnesota	Appendix A
304 districts / 1,006 seats / 1,395 candidates	Districts with regular school board elections in 2026 / seats up for election in regular school board elections / candidates running in regular school board elections	Appendix B
333	Total contests across 304 districts – 13 districts have multiple contests due to how they choose school board members in their specific district	Appendix B
18 districts / 21 seats / 24 candidates	Districts with special school board elections in 2026 / seats up for election in special school board elections / candidates running in special school board elections	Appendix B
1,419	Total filed school board candidates across regular and special elections in 2026	Withdrawn candidates are removed by the Secretary of State
83	November school district ballot questions	63 districts; Appendix C
29	Special-election questions decided through August 11, 2026	19 districts; Appendix D

2026 Election Dates

Date	Milestone
September 18	Absentee voting began for the November general election
October 13	Pre-registration deadline; Minnesota permits Election Day registration
November 3	State general election; standard polling hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., subject to limited statutory exceptions

November 2026 School Board Election Information

General School Board Election Facts At-a-Glance

- School board candidates appear on the ballot without partisan designation.
- A board member term is generally four years and begins on the first Monday in January.
- Candidates file an affidavit of candidacy with the school district clerk. The statutory filing fee is \$2.

Board Size Information

Among Minnesota's 327 operating elementary and secondary independent and special school districts, 186 have seven-member boards and 141 do not. The non-seven-member group includes 138 six-member boards, two five-member boards and Minneapolis' nine-member board.

The two special districts included in this analysis are Minneapolis Public Schools (Special School District No. 1) and South St. Paul Public Schools (Special School District No. 6). Minnesota's two non-operating common school districts are outside the 327-district total.

Board seats	Active boards	Share
7	186	56.9%
6	138	42.5%
5	2	0.6%
9	1	0.3%

School board candidate filing information

The Secretary of State candidate filing list shows 1,415 candidates for 1,027 seats in 351 individual school board contests, or about 1.38 candidates per seat. The filings represent 304 school districts. MSBA counted each at-large race as one contest, even when voters elect more than one member, and counted separate districts, wards or numbered positions as separate contests.

Why 304 districts produce 333 regular ballot contests

Most districts use one districtwide, multi-seat contest in which voters select several candidates. That race still counts as one ballot contest. The larger contest count comes from districts that elect members by geographic district or numbered position, or that combine district races with an at-large contest. Of the 304 districts, 291 have one regular contest, 10 have three and three have four: $291 + 30 + 12 = 333$.

School district	Regular contests	Ballot structure
Alexandria	4	Positions 2, 3, 4 and 5
Cook County	3	Districts 1, 3 and 5
Elk River Area	3	At large (elect 2), Districts 1 and 2
Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop	3	Gibbon, Fairfax and Winthrop districts
Lac qui Parle Valley	3	Districts 1, 2 and 5
Lake of the Woods	3	Districts 1, 4 and 6

School district	Regular contests	Ballot structure
Lake Superior	4	Districts 1, 2, 5 and 7
MACCRAY	3	Districts 2, 4 and 5
Minneapolis	4	At large (elect 2), Districts 1, 3 and 5
Red Rock Central	3	Districts 1, 2 and 3
Russell Tyler Ruthton	3	Russell, Tyler and Ruthton districts
St. Louis County	3	Districts 2, 3 and 5
Winona Area	3	At large (elect 2), Districts 1 and 2

Regular elections by district

Regular elections are taking place in 304 districts, with 1,395 candidates for 1,006 seats. The table compares total candidates with total open seats within each district. In the 13 districts with multiple ballot contests, a districtwide total can include both contested and uncontested individual races.

District filing pattern	Districts	Share	Seats	Candidates
More candidates than seats	179	58.9%	601	1,015
Candidates equal seats	102	33.6%	330	330
Fewer candidates than seats	23	7.6%	75	50
All regular-election districts	304	100%	1,006	1,395

Twenty-three regular-election districts have fewer candidates than open seats. One special election, in Dawson-Boyd, also has a candidate shortfall. Every district-election row has at least one filed candidate; none has zero candidates. Appendix E lists the districts, seats, candidates and shortfall.

Highest regular election candidates per seat

These districts have the highest number of candidates running in their elections. MSBA is simply providing numeric information; each individual district community will have local issues driving candidate count.

School district	Open seats	Candidates	Candidates per seat
Red Lake	4	14	3.50
Crookston	3	9	3.00
Detroit Lakes	3	9	3.00
Ortonville	3	9	3.00
Glencoe-Silver Lake	3	8	2.67
Mahnomen	3	8	2.67
Martin County West	3	8	2.67
Plainview-Elgin-Millville	4	10	2.50
Prior Lake-Savage Area	4	10	2.50
Rochester	4	10	2.50

Special elections by district

Eighteen of the 304 districts also have special elections, accounting for 21 seats and 24 candidates. Four special-election districts have more candidates than seats, 13 have exactly as many candidates as seats, and one has fewer candidates than seats. Because there are only 18 special elections, percentage comparisons should be treated cautiously.

Special election status	Districts	Share	Seats	Candidates
More candidates than seats	4	22.2%	4	8
Candidates equal seats	13	72.2%	15	15
Fewer candidates than seats	1	5.6%	2	1
All special-election districts	18	100%	21	24

The four contested special elections are in Marshall County Central, Princeton, Southland, and Plainview-Elgin-Millville. Dawson-Boyd's special election is the only special contest with fewer candidates than seats: one candidate filed for two seats.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is MSBA closely tracking any particular school board races or referendum questions?

MSBA monitors statewide election trends and publicly available information, but we do not identify certain local races or ballot questions as more important than others. School board elections and referendums are local decisions shaped by each district's circumstances. While the number of candidates, open seats, and ballot questions varies across districts, each election has significant implications for the students, schools, and communities involved. As a nonpartisan statewide association, MSBA provides context and reliable information but does not endorse candidates, take positions on individual district ballot questions, or predict local outcomes.

How many districts have school board elections in 2026

There are 304 districts with regular school board elections. Eighteen of those same districts also have special elections, so the unique-district count remains 304.

How many candidates are running for school board in 2026

The Secretary of State filing list contains 1,395 candidates for 1,006 regular-election seats and 24 candidates for 21 special-election seats. Combined, that is 1,419 candidates for 1,027 seats in 304 unique districts.

Why are there 333 regular contests but only 304 districts with elections

Most districts have one districtwide, multi-seat contest. Thirteen districts have separate geographic district or numbered-position races, or combine district races with an at-large race. Those multiple contests produce 333 regular ballot contests across 304 districts.

How many districts have more candidates than open seats

At the district level, 179 of 304 regular-election districts have more candidates than total regular seats, 102 have the same number and 23 have fewer. Four of the 18 special-election districts have more candidates than special-election seats. In a district with multiple ballot contests, the districtwide total may combine contested and uncontested races.

Does an uncontested filing guarantee the outcome

No. Write-ins, withdrawals, eligibility issues and later vacancy procedures may affect a race. Use the filing count to describe the ballot as of the stated date.

How long is a school board term?

Four years, beginning on the first Monday in January, unless the election involves filling an unexpired term.

How many members are on a school board?

Independent school district boards generally have six elected directors, or seven if district voters have approved that structure. Verify the local board because statutory exceptions or district history may matter.

Are election-night results final?

No. Describe them as unofficial until the applicable canvassing authority certifies the results. Use the Secretary of State results site for statewide access and the local jurisdiction for certification details.

Where can I find candidate or ballot-question campaign reports?

Start with the filing officer under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211A, often the school district clerk for school district contests. Covered jurisdictions must post received reports on their public websites within the statutory timeline.

Does MSBA endorse candidates or ballot questions?

No. MSBA's role in this guide is to provide nonpartisan context, data and source direction. It does not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties or local ballot outcomes.

Quotes that can be attributable to MSBA

"The number of candidates provides one measure of interest in school board service, but it does not tell the whole story. Reporters and voters should look closely at each individual contest, including the number of open seats, whether candidates are running at large or by district, and whether a special election is involved."

-Minnesota School Boards Association

"Serving on a school board is meaningful public service. Board members must balance student needs, community expectations, legal responsibilities, and limited resources while keeping the district focused on long-term student success."

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"MSBA does not comment on individual school board races or candidates. School board elections are local, nonpartisan contests, and our role is to support effective governance and provide objective information - not to influence who voters select to represent their communities."

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November 2026 school district referendums

The Minnesota Secretary of State spreadsheet lists 83 school district ballot questions across 63 districts for the November 3, 2026, general election. The office says the file includes questions shared with it as of September 23, 2026. Questions appearing in more than one county were de-duplicated by district, question number, title and ballot text.

The chart reports one row per ballot question. Operating levy amounts are stated per pupil; bond amounts are principal authorization; capital project levy rows show the approximate first-year revenue and, when stated, the net-tax-capacity rate and estimated multi-year total. These units are not interchangeable and should not be added into a single statewide dollar figure.

What the statewide list shows

Question type	Count
Operating levy questions	46
Bond-only questions	19
Capital-project-levy-only questions	12
Combined bond and capital levy questions	5
Bond-proceeds use-change questions	1

This is a count of questions, not districts: several districts have more than one question, and later questions may be contingent on an earlier question passing. MDE's referendum and school-construction pages provide financing and Review and Comment context, but the Secretary of State spreadsheet - not MDE - is the statewide roster used for this chart.

School district ballot questions in plain language

Labels are useful shorthand, but the ballot text and governing statute control. A single question may combine mechanisms or make one question contingent on another.

Term	Reporter-ready explanation
Operating referendum	Voter authorization for additional referendum revenue, commonly stated per pupil and for a specified number of years. It supports operating revenue rather than a named construction project. Minnesota Statutes section 126C.17 governs this authority.
Building bond	Authorization for a district to issue general obligation school building bonds for acquisition or betterment of school sites and facilities. Report the principal amount as bond authorization, not as an annual operating amount or a property owner's tax bill.
Capital project levy	A levy for eligible capital or technology projects under Minnesota Statutes section 123B.63. Ballot language often states an annual amount and an estimated total over the authorization period.
Renewal	Continuation of expiring authority. A renewal may maintain, reduce or change an existing authorization; the ballot and tax notice should be read before describing the tax effect.
Revoke and replace	A proposal that ends existing authority and substitutes new authority. The difference between the old and new authority matters more than the gross amount alone.

Term	Reporter-ready explanation
Contingent question	A later question that takes effect only if a specified earlier question passes. Report each vote separately and state the dependency.
Consolidation question	A vote on combining districts. It is not itself a bond or levy question, even if financial considerations are part of the public discussion.

How many school district ballot questions have there been in 2026?

The current MSBA special-election file contains 29 questions decided through August 11 across 19 districts. Separately, the Secretary of State spreadsheet lists 83 November 3 school district questions across 63 districts, based on submissions received through September 23. Do not combine these counts without explaining their different source dates and status.

Why are districts asking voters for money?

There is no single statewide answer. Districts use different authorities for operations, technology, safety and security, deferred maintenance, additions, new facilities, and other local needs. Use the board resolution, ballot text, Review and Comment materials and district finance documents to explain a particular proposal.

Does a renewal mean taxes will not change?

Not necessarily. A renewal describes the relationship to expiring authority, but property values, tax-base changes, equalization, the proposed rate or amount and other levies can affect the result. Use the official tax notice for the district-specific comparison.

Does the project amount equal the tax impact?

No. A project or authorization amount is not an individual property-tax calculation. The district's official notice and county data are the appropriate sources for representative-property or parcel-specific effects.

Where should I verify ballot language?

Use the Secretary of State's ballot tools and election records, the school district clerk or the county auditor. MSBA may reproduce ballot language in a working file, but it is not the official filing authority.

Can MSBA say what will happen if a local question fails?

Only the district can authoritatively describe its contingency plans, because those plans depend on local board decisions, contracts, facilities, staffing and finances. MSBA can explain statewide governance and financing context.

Quotes that can be attributable to MSBA

"School district referendums are local decisions. Each proposal reflects a district's specific financial circumstances, facility needs and community priorities, so voters should review the official ballot language and information provided by the district before making a decision."

Minnesota School Boards Association

"MSBA does not endorse or oppose local referendum questions. Our role is to help the public and the media understand the terminology, identify reliable sources and distinguish between a project's total authorization and its potential effect on an individual property owner."

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APPENDICES/DATASETS

Appendix A School boards board size and next election year

This table contains all 327 records in the MSBA election-cycle inventory. Board size is derived from regular seats in paired election cycles and supplemented with official district pages, Minnesota law and the prior MSBA roster.

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Ada-Borup-West	2910	7	2026
Adrian	511	7	2026
Aitkin	1	7	2026
Albany Area	745	7	2026
Albert Lea Area	241	7	2026
Alden-Conger	242	7	2026
Alexandria	206	7	2026
Annandale	876	6	2026
Anoka-Hennepin	11	6	2027
Ashby	261	7	2026
Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City (ACGC)	2396	7	2026
Austin	492	7	2026
Badger	676	6	2026
Bagley	162	7	2026
Barnesville	146	7	2026
Barnum	91	7	2026
Battle Lake	542	6	2026
Becker	726	6	2026
Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	2364	7	2026
Belle Plaine	716	6	2026
Bemidji Area	31	6	2026
Benson	777	7	2026
Bertha-Hewitt	786	7	2026
Big Lake	727	6	2026
Blackduck	32	6	2026
Blooming Prairie	756	7	2026
Bloomington	271	7	2027
Blue Earth Area	2860	7	2026
BOLD Bird Island, Olivia, Lake Lilian	2534	7	2026
Braham Area	314	7	2026
Brainerd	181	6	2026
Brandon-Evansville	2908	7	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Breckenridge	846	7	2026
Brooklyn Center	286	6	2026
Browerville	787	7	2026
Browns Valley	801	6	2026
Buffalo	877	7	2026
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart	2159	6	2026
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage	191	7	2026
Butterfield-Odin	836	7	2026
Byron	531	7	2026
Caledonia Area	299	7	2026
Cambridge-Isanti	911	7	2026
Campbell-Tintah	852	6	2026
Canby	891	6	2026
Cannon Falls Area	252	6	2026
Carlton	93	6	2026
Cass Lake-Bena	115	7	2026
Cedar Mountain	2754	7	2026
Centennial	12	6	2026
Central Public Schools	108	7	2026
Chatfield	227	6	2026
Chisago Lakes	2144	6	2026
Chisholm	695	6	2026
Chokio-Alberta	771	6	2026
Clearbrook-Gonvick	2311	7	2026
Cleveland	391	6	2026
Climax-Shelly	592	7	2026
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley	2888	7	2026
Cloquet	94	6	2026
Columbia Heights	13	6	2026
Comfrey	81	6	2026
Cook County	166	5	2026
Cromwell-Wright	95	6	2026
Crookston	593	6	2026
Crosby-Ironton	182	6	2026
Dassel-Cokato	466	6	2026
Dawson-Boyd	378	7	2026
Deer River	317	6	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Delano	879	7	2026
Detroit Lakes	22	6	2026
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	2164	7	2026
Dover-Eyota	533	7	2026
Duluth	709	7	2027
East Central	2580	7	2027
East Grand Forks	595	6	2026
Eastern Carver County	112	7	2026
Eden Prairie	272	7	2026
Eden Valley-Watkins	463	7	2026
Edgerton	581	6	2026
Edina	273	7	2026
Elk River Area	728	7	2026
Ellsworth	514	6	2026
Ely	696	6	2026
Esko	99	6	2026
Fairmont Area	2752	6	2026
Faribault	656	7	2026
Farmington Area	192	6	2026
Fergus Falls	544	6	2026
Fertile-Beltrami	599	7	2026
Fillmore Central	2198	7	2026
Fisher	600	6	2026
Floodwood	698	6	2026
Foley	51	7	2026
Forest Lake Area	831	7	2026
Fosston	601	7	2026
Frazee-Vergas	23	7	2026
Fridley	14	6	2027
Fulda	505	7	2026
Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop (GFW)	2365	6	2026
Glencoe-Silver Lake	2859	6	2026
Glenville-Emmons	2886	6	2026
Goodhue	253	6	2026
Goodridge	561	6	2026
Granada-Huntley-East Chain	2536	6	2026
Grand Meadow	495	6	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Grand Rapids	318	6	2026
Greenbush-Middle River	2683	7	2026
Greenway	316	6	2026
Grygla	447	6	2026
Hancock	768	6	2026
Hastings	200	7	2026
Hawley	150	7	2026
Hayfield	203	7	2026
Hendricks	402	6	2026
Henning	545	6	2026
Herman-Norcross	264	6	2026
Hermantown	700	6	2026
Heron Lake-Okabena	330	6	2026
Hibbing	701	6	2026
Hill City	2	6	2026
Hills-Beaver Creek	671	7	2026
Hinckley-Finlayson	2165	7	2027
Holdingford	738	7	2027
Hopkins	270	7	2027
Houston	294	7	2026
Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted	2687	7	2026
Hutchinson	423	6	2026
International Falls	361	7	2026
Inver Grove Heights	199	7	2026
Isle	473	6	2026
Ivanhoe	403	6	2026
Jackson County Central	2895	7	2026
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	2835	7	2026
Jordan	717	7	2026
Kasson-Mantorville	204	7	2026
Kelliher	36	6	2026
Kenyon-Wanamingo	2172	7	2026
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg (KMS)	775	7	2026
Kimball Area	739	6	2026
Kingsland	2137	7	2026
Kittson Central	2171	7	2026
La Crescent-Hokah	300	7	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Lac qui Parle Valley	2853	6	2026
Lake Benton	404	6	2026
Lake City	813	7	2026
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial(LCWM)	2071	7	2026
Lake of the Woods	390	6	2026
Lake Park-Audubon	2889	7	2026
Lake Superior	381	7	2026
Lakeview	2167	7	2026
Lakeville Area	194	7	2026
Lancaster	356	6	2026
Lanesboro	229	6	2026
Laporte	306	7	2026
Le Sueur-Henderson	2397	7	2026
LeRoy-Ostrander	499	7	2026
Lester Prairie	424	6	2026
Lewiston-Altura	857	7	2026
Litchfield	465	6	2026
Little Falls	482	6	2026
Littlefork-Big Falls	362	6	2026
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle	2753	7	2026
Luverne	2184	7	2026
Lyle	497	6	2026
Lynd	415	6	2026
Mabel-Canton	238	7	2026
MACCRAV	2180	6	2026
Madelia	837	7	2026
Mahnomen	432	6	2026
Mahtomedi	832	6	2026
Mankato Area	77	7	2026
Maple Lake	881	7	2026
Maple River	2135	7	2026
Marshall	413	6	2026
Marshall County Central	441	7	2026
Martin County West	2448	7	2026
McGregor	4	7	2026
Medford	763	7	2026
Melrose Area	740	7	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Menahga	821	6	2026
Mesabi East	2711	6	2026
Milaca	912	7	2026
Milroy	635	6	2026
Minneapolis	1	9	2026
Minneota	414	7	2026
Minnetonka	276	7	2027
Minnewaska Area	2149	7	2026
Montevideo	129	6	2026
Monticello	882	6	2026
Moorhead Area	152	7	2026
Moose Lake	97	6	2026
Mora	332	6	2026
Morris Area	2769	7	2026
Mounds View	621	7	2027
Mountain Iron-Buhl	712	7	2026
Mountain Lake	173	7	2026
Murray County Central	2169	6	2026
Nashwauk-Keewatin	319	6	2026
Nett Lake	707	6	2026
Nevis	308	6	2026
New London-Spicer	345	7	2026
New Prague Area	721	7	2026
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG)	2168	7	2026
New Ulm	88	7	2026
New York Mills	553	7	2026
Nicollet	507	6	2026
Norman County East	2215	6	2026
North Branch Area	138	6	2026
North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale	622	7	2026
Northfield	659	7	2026
Northland	118	7	2026
Ogilvie	333	6	2026
Onamia	480	6	2026
Orono	278	6	2026
Ortonville	2903	6	2026
Osakis	213	6	2026



School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Osseo Area	279	6	2026
Owatonna	761	7	2026
Park Rapids Area	309	6	2026
Parkers Prairie	547	7	2026
Paynesville Area	741	7	2026
Pelican Rapids	548	6	2026
Pequot Lakes	186	7	2026
Perham-Dent	549	7	2026
Pierz	484	6	2026
Pillager	116	6	2026
Pine City	578	7	2026
Pine Island	255	7	2026
Pine Point	25	6	2027
Pine River-Backus	2174	7	2026
Pipestone Area	2689	7	2026
Plainview-Elgin-Millville	2899	7	2026
Princeton	477	7	2026
Prior Lake-Savage Area	719	7	2026
Proctor	704	7	2026
Randolph	195	6	2026
Red Lake	38	7	2026
Red Lake County Central	2906	6	2026
Red Lake Falls	630	7	2026
Red Rock Central	2884	7	2026
Red Wing	256	7	2026
Redwood Area	2897	7	2026
Renville County West	2890	7	2026
Richfield	280	6	2026
Robbinsdale Area	281	7	2026
Rochester	535	7	2026
Rock Ridge	2909	7	2026
Rockford Area	883	6	2026
ROCRI	750	6	2026
Roseau	682	6	2026
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan	196	7	2027
Roseville Area	623	6	2026
Rothsay	850	5	2027

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Round Lake-Brewster	2907	6	2026
Royalton	485	6	2026
Rush City	139	6	2026
Rushford-Peterson	239	7	2026
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (RTR)	2902	7	2026
Saint Paul	625	7	2026
Sartell-St. Stephen	748	6	2026
Sauk Centre	743	7	2026
Sauk Rapids-Rice	47	7	2026
Sebek	820	7	2026
Shakopee	720	7	2026
Sibley East	2310	6	2026
Sleepy Eye	84	7	2026
South Koochiching-Rainy River	363	6	2026
South St. Paul	6	7	2026
South Washington County	833	7	2027
Southland	500	6	2026
Spring Grove	297	6	2026
Spring Lake Park	16	7	2027
Springfield	85	7	2026
St. Anthony-New Brighton	282	6	2027
St. Charles	858	7	2026
St. Clair	75	6	2026
St. Cloud Area	742	7	2026
St. Francis Area	15	7	2026
St. James	840	6	2026
St. Louis County	2142	7	2026
St. Louis Park	283	7	2027
St. Michael-Albertville	885	6	2026
St. Peter	508	7	2027
Staples-Motley	2170	6	2026
Stephen-Argyle Central	2856	7	2026
Stewartville	534	7	2026
Stillwater Area	834	7	2026
Swanville	486	6	2026
Thief River Falls	564	7	2026
Tracy Area	2904	7	2026

School district	ISD	Board seats	Next election
Tri-City United	2905	7	2026
Tri-County	2358	7	2026
Triton	2125	7	2026
Truman	458	6	2026
Ulen-Hitterdal	914	7	2026
Underwood	550	6	2026
United South Central	2134	6	2026
Upsala Area	487	6	2026
Verndale	818	6	2026
Wabasha-Kellogg	811	7	2026
Wabasso	640	7	2026
Waconia	110	7	2026
Wadena-Deer Creek	2155	6	2026
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	113	7	2026
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo	2176	7	2026
Warroad	690	6	2026
Waseca	829	7	2026
Watertown-Mayer	111	7	2026
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2143	7	2026
Waubun-Ogema-White Earth	435	7	2026
Wayzata	284	7	2026
West Central Area	2342	7	2026
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area	197	7	2026
Westbrook-Walnut Grove	2898	7	2026
Westonka	277	7	2027
Wheaton Area	803	6	2026
White Bear Lake Area	624	7	2026
Willmar	347	7	2026
Willow River Area	577	6	2026
Win-E-Mac	2609	7	2026
Windom Area	177	7	2026
Winona Area	861	7	2026
Worthington	518	7	2026
Wrenshall	100	6	2026
Yellow Medicine East	2190	7	2026
Zumbrota-Mazeppa	2805	6	2026

Appendix B District candidate and open seat totals

The table combines all regular and special school board contests listed for each district by the Secretary of State on October 1, 2026. Districts with wards, election districts or numbered positions may contain several individual contests.

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Ada-Borup-West	2910	Regular	3	7	1
Adrian	511	Regular	4	6	1
Aitkin	1	Regular	4	4	1
Albany Area	745	Regular	3	5	1
Albert Lea Area	241	Regular	4	5	1
Alden-Conger	242	Regular	4	6	1
Alexandria	206	Regular	4	7	4
Alexandria	206	Special	1	1	1
Annandale	876	Regular	3	3	1
Ashby	261	Regular	3	3	1
Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City (ACGC)	2396	Regular	4	8	1
Austin	492	Regular	4	5	1
Badger	676	Regular	3	2	1
Bagley	162	Regular	3	6	1
Barnesville	146	Regular	4	5	1
Barnum	91	Regular	3	5	1
Battle Lake	542	Regular	3	6	1
Becker	726	Regular	3	3	1
Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa	2364	Regular	4	4	1
Belle Plaine	716	Regular	3	5	1
Bemidji Area	31	Regular	3	5	1
Benson	777	Regular	3	3	1
Benson	777	Special	1	1	1
Bertha-Hewitt	786	Regular	4	5	1
Big Lake	727	Regular	3	3	1
Blackduck	32	Regular	3	3	1
Blooming Prairie	756	Regular	4	4	1
Blue Earth Area	2860	Regular	4	5	1
BOLD Bird Island, Olivia, Lake Lilian	2534	Regular	3	3	1
Braham Area	314	Regular	3	3	1
Brainerd	181	Regular	3	7	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Brandon-Evansville	2908	Regular	3	2	1
Breckenridge	846	Regular	3	4	1
Brooklyn Center	286	Regular	3	6	1
Browerville	787	Regular	4	4	1
Browns Valley	801	Regular	3	3	1
Buffalo	877	Regular	3	5	1
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart	2159	Regular	3	3	1
Burnsville-Eagan-Savage	191	Regular	4	7	1
Butterfield-Odin	836	Regular	3	3	1
Byron	531	Regular	3	3	1
Caledonia Area	299	Regular	4	5	1
Caledonia Area	299	Special	1	1	1
Cambridge-Isanti	911	Regular	4	4	1
Campbell-Tintah	852	Regular	3	3	1
Canby	891	Regular	3	3	1
Cannon Falls Area	252	Regular	3	3	1
Carlton Wrenshall	2918	Regular	4	5	1
Cass Lake-Bena	115	Regular	3	5	1
Cedar Mountain	2754	Regular	3	4	1
Centennial	12	Regular	3	5	1
Central Public Schools	108	Regular	3	3	1
Chatfield	227	Regular	3	5	1
Chisago Lakes	2144	Regular	3	4	1
Chisholm	695	Regular	3	3	1
Chokio-Alberta	771	Regular	3	1	1
Clearbrook-Gonvick	2311	Regular	3	4	1
Cleveland	391	Regular	3	5	1
Climax-Shelly	592	Regular	4	6	1
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley	2888	Regular	4	5	1
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley	2888	Special	1	1	1
Cloquet	94	Regular	3	7	1
Columbia Heights	13	Regular	3	4	1
Comfrey	81	Regular	3	3	1
Cook County	166	Regular	3	3	3
Cromwell-Wright	95	Regular	3	4	1
Crookston	593	Regular	3	9	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Crosby-Ironton	182	Regular	3	5	1
Dassel-Cokato	466	Regular	3	7	1
Dawson-Boyd	378	Regular	4	5	1
Dawson-Boyd	378	Special	2	1	1
Deer River	317	Regular	3	6	1
Delano	879	Regular	4	9	1
Detroit Lakes	22	Regular	3	9	1
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	2164	Regular	3	4	1
Dover-Eyota	533	Regular	4	3	1
East Grand Forks	595	Regular	3	3	1
Eastern Carver County	112	Regular	4	9	1
Eden Prairie	272	Regular	4	6	1
Eden Valley-Watkins	463	Regular	3	4	1
Edgerton	581	Regular	3	4	1
Edina	273	Regular	4	6	1
Elk River Area	728	Regular	4	9	3
Ellsworth	514	Regular	3	3	1
Ely	696	Regular	3	6	1
Esko	99	Regular	3	4	1
Fairmont Area	2752	Regular	3	3	1
Faribault	656	Regular	4	5	1
Farmington Area	192	Regular	3	3	1
Fergus Falls	544	Regular	3	5	1
Fertile-Beltrami	599	Regular	4	7	1
Fillmore Central	2198	Regular	4	5	1
Fisher	600	Regular	3	4	1
Floodwood	698	Regular	3	4	1
Floodwood	698	Special	1	1	1
Foley	51	Regular	3	5	1
Forest Lake Area	831	Regular	3	6	1
Fosston	601	Regular	3	4	1
Frazee-Vergas	23	Regular	4	5	1
Fulda	505	Regular	4	8	1
Gibbon Fairfax Winthrop (GFW)	2365	Regular	3	4	3
Glencoe-Silver Lake	2859	Regular	3	8	1
Glenville-Emmons	2886	Regular	3	4	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Goodhue	253	Regular	3	3	1
Goodridge	561	Regular	3	3	1
Granada-Huntley-East Chain	2536	Regular	3	3	1
Grand Meadow	495	Regular	3	3	1
Grand Rapids	318	Regular	3	5	1
Greenbush-Middle River	2683	Regular	4	5	1
Greenway	316	Regular	3	3	1
Grygla	447	Regular	3	3	1
Hancock	768	Regular	3	5	1
Hastings	200	Regular	3	5	1
Hawley	150	Regular	3	6	1
Hayfield	203	Regular	3	3	1
Hendricks	402	Regular	3	3	1
Henning	545	Regular	3	3	1
Herman-Norcross	264	Regular	3	3	1
Hermantown	700	Regular	3	4	1
Heron Lake-Okabena	330	Regular	3	3	1
Hibbing	701	Regular	3	3	1
Hill City	2	Regular	3	6	1
Hills-Beaver Creek	671	Regular	4	5	1
Houston	294	Regular	4	6	1
Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted	2687	Regular	3	3	1
Hutchinson	423	Regular	3	4	1
International Falls	361	Regular	4	4	1
Inver Grove Heights	199	Regular	3	4	1
Isle	473	Regular	3	3	1
Ivanhoe	403	Regular	3	2	1
Jackson County Central	2895	Regular	3	5	1
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	2835	Regular	4	5	1
Jordan	717	Regular	4	4	1
Kasson-Mantorville	204	Regular	3	5	1
Kelliher	36	Regular	3	5	1
Kenyon-Wanamingo	2172	Regular	4	4	1
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg (KMS)	775	Regular	3	4	1
Kimball Area	739	Regular	3	4	1
Kingsland	2137	Regular	3	2	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Kittson Central	2171	Regular	3	4	1
La Crescent-Hokah	300	Regular	3	3	1
Lac qui Parle Valley	2853	Regular	3	3	3
Lake Benton	404	Regular	3	2	1
Lake City	813	Regular	3	5	1
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial(LCWM)	2071	Regular	4	7	1
Lake of the Woods	390	Regular	3	3	3
Lake Park-Audubon	2889	Regular	4	4	1
Lake Superior	381	Regular	4	4	4
Lakeview	2167	Regular	4	5	1
Lakeville Area	194	Regular	4	8	1
Lancaster	356	Regular	3	3	1
Lanesboro	229	Regular	3	3	1
Laporte	306	Regular	3	3	1
Laporte	306	Special	3	3	1
Le Sueur-Henderson	2397	Regular	4	8	1
LeRoy-Ostrander	499	Regular	3	2	1
LeRoy-Ostrander	499	Special	1	1	1
Lester Prairie	424	Regular	3	2	1
Lewiston-Altura	857	Regular	3	4	1
Litchfield	465	Regular	3	3	1
Little Falls	482	Regular	3	7	1
Littlefork-Big Falls	362	Regular	3	5	1
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle	2753	Regular	3	4	1
Luverne	2184	Regular	4	5	1
Lyle	497	Regular	3	6	1
Lynd	415	Regular	3	6	1
Mabel-Canton	238	Regular	3	3	1
MACCRAY	2180	Regular	3	3	3
Madelia	837	Regular	4	5	1
Mahnomen	432	Regular	3	8	1
Mahtomedi	832	Regular	3	4	1
Mankato Area	77	Regular	3	4	1
Maple Lake	881	Regular	3	3	1
Maple River	2135	Regular	4	4	1
Marshall	413	Regular	3	6	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Marshall County Central	441	Regular	3	5	1
Marshall County Central	441	Special	1	2	1
Martin County West	2448	Regular	3	8	1
McGregor	4	Regular	3	3	1
Medford	763	Regular	3	6	1
Melrose Area	740	Regular	3	4	1
Menahga	821	Regular	3	7	1
Mesabi East	2711	Regular	3	5	1
Milaca	912	Regular	4	6	1
Milaca	912	Special	1	1	1
Minneapolis	1	Regular	5	10	4
Minneota	414	Regular	4	6	1
Minnewaska Area	2149	Regular	3	7	1
Montevideo	129	Regular	3	4	1
Monticello	882	Regular	3	6	1
Moorhead Area	152	Regular	3	3	1
Moose Lake	97	Regular	3	6	1
Mora	332	Regular	3	6	1
Morris Area	2769	Regular	3	4	1
Mountain Iron-Buhl	712	Regular	4	4	1
Mountain Lake	173	Regular	3	7	1
Murray County Central	2169	Regular	3	3	1
Nashwauk-Keewatin	319	Regular	3	3	1
Nett Lake	707	Regular	3	3	1
Nevis	308	Regular	3	5	1
New London-Spicer	345	Regular	4	7	1
New Prague Area	721	Regular	3	4	1
New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG)	2168	Regular	4	6	1
New Ulm	88	Regular	3	3	1
New York Mills	553	Regular	3	3	1
Nicollet	507	Regular	3	2	1
Norman County East	2215	Regular	3	2	1
North Branch Area	138	Regular	3	3	1
North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale	622	Regular	3	4	1
Northfield	659	Regular	3	2	1
Northland	118	Regular	3	2	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Ogilvie	333	Regular	3	4	1
Onamia	480	Regular	3	3	1
Orono	278	Regular	3	4	1
Ortonville	2903	Regular	3	9	1
Osakis	213	Regular	3	4	1
Osseo Area	279	Regular	3	7	1
Owatonna	761	Regular	4	8	1
Park Rapids Area	309	Regular	3	3	1
Parkers Prairie	547	Regular	4	4	1
Paynesville Area	741	Regular	4	3	1
Pelican Rapids	548	Regular	3	4	1
Pequot Lakes	186	Regular	3	4	1
Perham-Dent	549	Regular	4	4	1
Pierz	484	Regular	3	3	1
Pillager	116	Regular	3	4	1
Pine City	578	Regular	3	3	1
Pine City	578	Special	1	1	1
Pine Island	255	Regular	4	6	1
Pine River-Backus	2174	Regular	4	3	1
Pipestone Area	2689	Regular	3	3	1
Plainview-Elgin-Millville	2899	Regular	4	10	1
Plainview-Elgin-Millville	2899	Special	1	2	1
Princeton	477	Regular	3	6	1
Princeton	477	Special	1	2	1
Prior Lake-Savage Area	719	Regular	4	10	1
Proctor	704	Regular	4	6	1
Randolph	195	Regular	3	5	1
Red Lake	38	Regular	4	14	1
Red Lake County Central	2906	Regular	3	2	1
Red Lake Falls	630	Regular	4	7	1
Red Rock Central	2884	Regular	3	4	3
Red Wing	256	Regular	3	6	1
Redwood Area	2897	Regular	4	4	1
Renville County West	2890	Regular	3	1	1
Robbinsdale Area	281	Regular	4	7	1
Rochester	535	Regular	4	10	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Rock Ridge	2909	Regular	4	7	1
Rockford Area	883	Regular	3	4	1
ROCORI	750	Regular	3	6	1
Roseau	682	Regular	3	3	1
Rothsay	850	Regular	3	3	1
Rothsay	850	Special	1	1	1
Round Lake-Brewster	2907	Regular	4	4	1
Royalton	485	Regular	3	2	1
Rush City	139	Regular	3	6	1
Rush City	139	Special	1	1	1
Rushford-Peterson	239	Regular	3	4	1
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton(RTR)	2902	Regular	3	3	3
Saint Paul	625	Regular	3	7	1
Sartell-St. Stephen	748	Regular	3	5	1
Sauk Centre	743	Regular	4	4	1
Sauk Rapids-Rice	47	Regular	3	3	1
Sebek	820	Regular	4	5	1
Shakopee	720	Regular	4	5	1
Sibley East	2310	Regular	3	3	1
Sleepy Eye	84	Regular	4	4	1
South Koochiching-Rainy River	363	Regular	3	5	1
South St. Paul	6	Regular	4	10	1
South St. Paul	6	Special	1	1	1
Southland	500	Regular	3	4	1
Southland	500	Special	1	2	1
Spring Grove	297	Regular	3	4	1
Springfield	85	Regular	3	3	1
St. Charles	858	Regular	4	6	1
St. Clair	75	Regular	3	6	1
St. Cloud Area	742	Regular	3	6	1
St. Francis Area	15	Regular	3	2	1
St. James	840	Regular	3	5	1
St. Louis County	2142	Regular	3	4	3
St. Michael-Albertville	885	Regular	3	3	1
Staples-Motley	2170	Regular	3	3	1
Stephen-Argyle Central	2856	Regular	4	5	1

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Stewartville	534	Regular	4	5	1
Stillwater Area	834	Regular	4	9	1
Swanville	486	Regular	3	5	1
Thief River Falls	564	Regular	4	4	1
Tracy Area	2913	Regular	4	4	1
Tri-City United	2905	Regular	4	6	1
Tri-County	2358	Regular	4	3	1
Triton	2125	Regular	4	7	1
Truman	458	Regular	3	3	1
Ulen-Hitterdal	914	Regular	4	3	1
Underwood	550	Regular	3	6	1
United South Central	2134	Regular	3	3	1
Upsala Area	487	Regular	3	2	1
Verndale	818	Regular	3	5	1
Wabasha-Kellogg	811	Regular	4	4	1
Wabasso	640	Regular	4	5	1
Waconia	110	Regular	4	4	1
Wadena-Deer Creek	2155	Regular	3	3	1
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	113	Regular	3	4	1
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo	2176	Regular	4	7	1
Warroad	690	Regular	3	5	1
Waseca	829	Regular	4	4	1
Watertown-Mayer	111	Regular	3	3	1
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2143	Regular	4	4	1
Waubun-Ogema-White Earth	435	Regular	4	3	1
Waubun-Ogema-White Earth	435	Special	1	1	1
West Central Area	2342	Regular	3	3	1
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area	197	Regular	3	4	1
Westbrook-Walnut Grove	2898	Regular	3	3	1
Wheaton Area	803	Regular	3	3	1
White Bear Lake Area	624	Regular	4	8	1
Willmar	347	Regular	3	5	1
Willow River Area	577	Regular	3	6	1
Win-E-Mac	2609	Regular	3	4	1
Windom Area	177	Regular	3	3	1
Winona Area	861	Regular	4	5	3

School district	ISD	Election	Open seats	Candidates	Ballot contests
Worthington	518	Regular	3	3	1
Yellow Medicine East	2190	Regular	3	3	1
Zumbrota-Mazeppa	2805	Regular	3	5	1

Appendix C November 2026 school district referendums

One row appears for each question in the Secretary of State spreadsheet. Amounts retain their stated units and should not be added together without a question-level method.

School district	Q	Levy or bond	Amount stated in ballot text
Centennial (ISD 12)	Q1	Operating levy	\$375/pupil
Centennial (ISD 12)	Q2	Bond	\$108,890,000 bond authorization
Columbia Heights Public Schools (ISD 13)	Q1	Operating levy	\$550/pupil
Frazee-Vergas Public Schools (ISD 23)	Q1	Operating levy	\$993.83/pupil
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (ISD 113)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,847/pupil
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (ISD 113)	Q2	Operating levy	\$553/pupil
Northland Community Schools (ISD 118)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,780/pupil
Brainerd Public Schools (ISD 181)	Q1	Operating levy	\$865/pupil
Pequot Lakes Public Schools (ISD 186)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,160/pupil
Randolph Public Schools (ISD 195)	Q1	Operating levy	\$450/pupil
West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan (ISD 197)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$4,600,000 first-year levy (4.027% NTC; \$46,000,000 est. total)
Inver Grove Heights (ISD 199)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$1,184,795 first-year levy (2.1724% NTC; \$11,847,950 est. total)
Hayfield Community Schools (ISD 203)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,250/pupil proposed (replaces \$646.12/pupil)
Kasson-Mantorville (ISD 204)	Q1	Operating levy	\$500/pupil
Alexandria (ISD 206)	Q1	Operating levy	\$2,225/pupil proposed (replaces \$595/pupil)
Lanesboro Public Schools (ISD 229)	Q1	Operating levy	\$850/pupil
Alden-Conger Public School (ISD 242)	Q1	Bond	\$1,250,000 bond authorization
Alden-Conger Public School (ISD 242)	Q2	Capital project levy	~\$50,000 first-year levy (0.9106% NTC; \$500,000 est. total)
Red Wing Schools (ISD 256)	Q1	Bond + capital levy	\$12,860,000 bond authorization; ~\$1,500,000 first-year levy (2.881% NTC; \$15,000,000 est. total)
Herman-Norcross (ISD 264)	Q1	Bond proceeds use change	\$800,000 remaining proceeds; no new debt stated
Robbinsdale Area Schools (ISD 281)	Q1	Bond	\$343,000,000 bond authorization

School district	Q	Levy or bond	Amount stated in ballot text
Robbinsdale Area Schools (ISD 281)	Q2	Bond	\$17,000,000 bond authorization
Robbinsdale Area Schools (ISD 281)	Q3	Bond	\$53,000,000 bond authorization
Caledonia Area Public Schools (ISD 299)	Q1	Bond	\$9,700,000 bond authorization
Caledonia Area Public Schools (ISD 299)	Q2	Bond	\$3,000,000 bond authorization
Laporte Public School (ISD 306)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,344.85/pupil
Nevis Public School (ISD 308)	Q1	Bond	\$11,100,000 bond authorization
Nevis Public School (ISD 308)	Q2	Bond	\$6,050,000 bond authorization
Nevis Public School (ISD 308)	Q3	Bond	\$425,000 bond authorization
Park Rapids Area Schools (ISD 309)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,111.09/pupil
New London-Spicer (ISD 345)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,358.94/pupil
Dawson-Boyd (ISD 378)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,300/pupil proposed (replaces \$460/pupil)
Lynd Public School (ISD 415)	Q1	Operating levy	\$700/pupil
Hutchinson Public Schools (ISD 423)	Q1	Operating levy	\$412/pupil
Grygla Public School (ISD 447)	Q1	Operating levy	\$665.15/pupil
Eden Valley-Watkins (ISD 463)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,528/pupil proposed (replaces \$498.85/pupil)
Litchfield Public Schools (ISD 465)	Q1	Operating levy	\$415/pupil
Litchfield Public Schools (ISD 465)	Q2	Bond	\$15,400,000 bond authorization
Austin (ISD 492)	Q1	Bond	\$24,900,000 bond authorization
Henning Public School (ISD 545)	Q1	Operating levy	\$2,180/pupil proposed (replaces \$535/pupil)
Perham-Dent Public Schools (ISD 549)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,135/pupil
Underwood Public Schools (ISD 550)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,591/pupil
New York Mills (ISD 553)	Q1	Bond + capital levy	\$22,160,000 bond authorization; ~\$200,000 first-year levy (2.7102% NTC; \$2,000,000 est. total)
New York Mills (ISD 553)	Q2	Bond	\$2,600,000 bond authorization
New York Mills (ISD 553)	Q3	Bond	\$5,490,000 bond authorization
East Grand Forks (ISD 595)	Q1	Operating levy	\$300/pupil
East Grand Forks (ISD 595)	Q2	Bond	\$26,400,000 bond authorization
East Grand Forks (ISD 595)	Q3	Bond	\$10,900,000 bond authorization
Fosston (ISD 601)	Q1	Bond + capital levy	\$3,240,000 bond authorization; ~\$670,000 first-year levy (8.583% NTC; \$6,700,000 est. total)
North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale (ISD 622)	Q1	Operating levy	\$800/pupil
Ely Public Schools (ISD 696)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,775/pupil proposed (replaces \$347.99/pupil)

School district	Q	Levy or bond	Amount stated in ballot text
Duluth Public Schools (ISD 709)	Q1	Operating levy	\$438/pupil in 2027; \$933/pupil in 2028–36
Duluth Public Schools (ISD 709)	Q2	Operating levy	\$382.00/pupil
Prior Lake–Savage Area Schools (ISD 719)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,740.97/pupil proposed (replaces \$623.97/pupil)
Prior Lake–Savage Area Schools (ISD 719)	Q2	Capital project levy	~\$3,800,000 first-year levy (3.427% NTC; \$38,000,000 est. total)
Elk River Area Schools (ISD 728)	Q1	Bond + capital levy	\$350,000,000 bond authorization; ~\$9,000,000 first-year levy (5.579% NTC; \$90,000,000 est. total)
Kimball Area Public Schools (ISD 739)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$661,605 first-year levy (6.022% NTC; \$6,616,050 est. total)
Sauk Centre Public Schools (ISD 743)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$388,061 first-year levy (2.281% NTC; \$3,880,610 est. total)
Albany (ISD 745)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,147/pupil
Rocori School District (ISD 750)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$497,414 first-year levy (1.836% NTC; \$4,974,140 est. total)
Benson Public Schools (ISD 777)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,410.70/pupil proposed (replaces \$710.70/pupil)
Sebek Public School (ISD 820)	Q1	Operating levy	\$842/pupil
Campbell-Tintah (ISD 852)	Q1	Operating levy	\$5,229.06/pupil proposed (replaces \$1,283.17/pupil, \$1,045.89/pupil)
Campbell-Tintah (ISD 852)	Q2	Capital project levy	~\$100,000 first-year levy (0.78692% NTC; \$1,000,000 est. total)
St. Charles Public Schools (ISD 858)	Q1	Operating levy	\$650/pupil
Winona Area Public Schools (ISD 861)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$1,683,000 first-year levy (3.383% NTC; \$16,830,000 est. total)
Maple Lake Public Schools (ISD 881)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$195,000 first-year levy (1.5841% NTC; \$1,950,000 est. total)
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial (ISD 2071)	Q1	Operating levy	\$391/pupil
United South Central (ISD 2134)	Q1	Bond	\$22,895,000 bond authorization
St. Louis County (ISD 2142)	Q1	Operating levy	\$3,160/pupil
St. Louis County (ISD 2142)	Q2	Capital project levy	~\$1,500,000 first-year levy (2.775% NTC; \$15,000,000 est. total)
Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (ISD 2164)	Q1	Operating levy	\$500/pupil
Sibley East Public Schools (ISD 2310)	Q1	Operating levy	\$850/pupil
West Central Area Schools (ISD 2342)	Q1	Bond	\$33,805,000 bond authorization
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop (ISD 2365)	Q1	Capital project levy	~\$400,000 first-year levy (1.53% NTC; \$4,000,000 est. total)
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop (ISD 2365)	Q2	Bond	\$3,200,000 bond authorization

School district	Q	Levy or bond	Amount stated in ballot text
Pipestone Area Schools (ISD 2689)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,500/pupil proposed (replaces \$474.26/pupil)
Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools (ISD 2859)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,445/pupil proposed (replaces \$601.98/pupil)
Lake Park Audubon Public Schools (ISD 2889)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,683.10/pupil proposed (replaces \$194.58/pupil)
Lake Park Audubon Public Schools (ISD 2889)	Q2	Operating levy	\$600/pupil
Jackson County Central (ISD 2895)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,460/pupil proposed (replaces \$460/pupil)
Ortonville Public Schools (ISD 2903)	Q1	Operating levy	\$1,050/pupil proposed (replaces \$597.76/pupil)
Ortonville Public Schools (ISD 2903)	Q2	Bond + capital levy	\$2,520,000 bond authorization; ~\$150,000 first-year levy (1.380% NTC; \$1,500,000 est. total)

Appendix D Special election referendum results Feb 2026 – May 2026

District	Date	Questions	Passed	Failed	Categories
Aitkin	Apr. 14	3	0	3	Building Bond
Blue Earth Area	Aug. 11	2	2	0	Building Bond
Chisago Lakes	Feb. 10	2	0	2	Building Bond
Lakeville	May. 12	1	1	0	Building Bond
Little Falls	Apr. 14	2	0	2	Building Bond
Minneota	Aug. 11	2	2	0	Building Bond
Montevideo	Feb. 10	1	1	0	Building Bond
North Branch	Feb. 10	1	0	1	Capital Project Levy
Osakis	Feb. 10	1	1	0	Building Bond
Princeton	May. 12	1	0	1	Building Bond; Capital Project Levy
Rushford-Peterson	Feb. 10	1	0	1	Building Bond
Sibley East	Aug. 11	1	0	1	Building Bond
South St. Paul	May. 12	2	0	2	Building Bond; Capital Project Levy
St. Louis Park	Aug. 11	1	1	0	Building Bond; Capital Project Levy
Staples-Motley	Apr. 14	1	1	0	Building Bond
Tri-City United	May. 12	1	0	1	Building Bond
Wayzata	Apr. 14	3	3	0	Building Bond; Capital Project Levy
Windom Area	Feb. 10	2	0	2	Building Bond
Wrenshall	May. 12	1	1	0	Consolidation

Primary Sources

- [MSBA About page](#) — MSBA mission, organizational status and services.
- [2026 Minnesota Secretary of State Elections Calendar](#) — Election dates, absentee voting and Chapter 211A reporting dates. Updated February 12, 2026.
- [Minnesota Statutes section 123B.09](#) — School board membership, terms, training and duties.
- [Minnesota Statutes section 205A.06](#) — Candidate filing and placement on the ballot without partisan designation.
- [Minnesota Statutes section 205A.03](#) — School district primaries and nomination thresholds.
- [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 211A](#) — Local candidate and ballot-question campaign financial reports.
- [Minnesota Secretary of State election results](#) — Statewide access to election-night and historical results.
- [Minnesota Secretary of State ballot lookup](#) — Voter-specific ballot information and candidate links.
- [Minnesota Department of Education referendum resources](#) — State education-finance referendum information.
- [Minnesota Statutes section 126C.17](#) — Operating referendum revenue, ballot and notice requirements.
- [Minnesota Statutes section 123B.63](#) — Capital project levy authority.
- [Secretary of State: Questions on 2026 General Election Ballot](#) — Statewide ballot-question spreadsheet; includes questions shared with the office as of September 23, 2026.
- [Minnesota Department of Education school construction resources](#) — Review and Comment guidance and school-construction context.