



LEVY 2022

SAMPLE BALLOT

On November 8, 2022 STMA taxpayers will vote whether to increase school funding to support the district's students and schools through two operating levy questions. If approved, the funding would directly impact students.

Official ballot language can be confusing but is a state mandate. Please use this helpful descriptor to better understand what the language means and how it impacts students.

Funds would directly impact students by decreasing class sizes and maintaining high quality programming.

This per pupil amount would generate approximately \$5.2m per year and would be used to support student learning.

The majority of districts ask voters to approve a levy for 10 years but we are asking for 4 years so we can reassess in the future when the economy is more stable.

Levies are for learning and bonds are for building. These questions are levies and would be spent on students.

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If approved by voters, the tax impact on the average homeowner would be an additional \$8 per month. If both questions are approved, the total tax impact would be \$54 per month.

Question 2 is contingent upon Question 1, which means Question 1 must pass before Question 2 can be approved by voters.

Special Election Ballot
Independent School District No. 885
(St. Michael-Albertville Schools)
November 8, 2022

The majority of MN school districts rely on locally approved levies to help fund their schools. STMA does not have a voter approved operating levy.

If voters approve the levy, the state would provide approximately \$1m to the district annually through state equalization aid. The additional money will only come to STMA if voters approve the levy.

If approved by voters, the tax impact on the average homeowner would be \$46 per month.

Unlike cities and counties, school districts must gain voter approval to help fund their schools.

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1 Approval of School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 885 (St. Michael-Albertville Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$756 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for four years beginning with taxes payable in 2023 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

<input type="radio"/>	Yes	Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of the Independent School District No. 885 be approved? BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
<input type="radio"/>	No	

School District Question 2 Approval of Additional School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 885 (St. Michael-Albertville Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$102 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for four years beginning with taxes payable in 2023 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

<input type="radio"/>	Yes	If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 885 be approved? BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
<input type="radio"/>	No	