

## Education Minnesota

# Voters overwhelmingly support new levies for schools

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*ST. PAUL, Minnesota. Nov. 6, 2019* – Voters in school districts throughout Minnesota overwhelmingly supported educator-endorsed candidates for school boards and tax increases to fund their local schools in elections Tuesday.

“The future of our state and its communities depends on strong public schools. The voters of Minnesota understand that and they’re willing to raise their own taxes to pay for them,” said Denise Specht, president of Education Minnesota. “Tens of thousands of students will benefit from the new resources approved last night.”

“Unfortunately, every successful referendum shifts a little more of the burden for paying for public education to Main Street Minnesotans when the multi-millionaires and most powerful corporations already aren’t paying their fair share,” Specht said. “Every operating levy is a sign of policy failure at the state and federal levels. This is especially shocking when you remember the wealthiest few are enjoying massive tax breaks doled out by the federal government just two years ago.”

“Parents, educators and community members are joining together to demand the resources necessary to provide every child – no matter what they look like, where they were born, or their ZIP code – with a great education that prepares them for a successful life,” Specht said. “We saw it with referendums and school board races last night. We’re going to see it again on Election Day 2020.”

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