

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 277
(WESTONKA)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 277 (Westonka), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

**School District Question 1
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue
Authorization; Approving New Authorizations**

The board of Independent School District No. 277 (Westonka) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$1,095.62 per pupil and to replace that authorization with the following amounts per pupil for taxes payable in the years specified:

- \$1,445.62 for taxes payable in 2020 through 2029
- an additional \$350 per pupil for taxes payable in 2024 through 2029

The proposed new referendum revenue authorizations would increase each year by the rate of inflation unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The school district's actual referendum revenue authorization for any year shall not exceed the statutory maximum for that year.

Yes

Shall the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increases in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 277 be approved?

No

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

Passage of School District Question 1 will result in an increase in your property taxes.

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the school district are as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

PRE-ELECTION ESTIMATES

Westonka School District No. 277

Analysis of Tax Impact for Potential Referendum Levy

August 15, 2019

Year Taxes are Payable	2020	2020	NET CHANGE
	Revoked Authority	Proposed Authority	
Additional Revenue/Pupil Unit	-\$1,095.62	\$1,445.62	\$350.00
Est. Net Change in Revenue	-\$3,023,637	\$3,989,550	\$965,913
Est. Market Value Tax Rate	-0.07127%	0.09530%	0.02403%

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Levy Only*		
	\$150,000	-\$107	\$143	\$36
	200,000	-143	191	48
	250,000	-178	238	60
	300,000	-214	286	72
	350,000	-249	334	85
Residential	400,000	-285	381	96
Homesteads,	450,000	-321	429	108
Apartments,	500,000	-356	477	121
and Commercial-	600,000	-428	572	144
Industrial Property	700,000	-499	667	168
	800,000	-570	762	192
	900,000	-641	858	217
	1,000,000	-713	953	240
	1,500,000	-1,069	1,430	361
	2,000,000	-1,425	1,906	481
	2,500,000	-1,782	2,383	601
	3,000,000	-2,138	2,859	721
	3,500,000	-2,494	3,336	842
	4,000,000	-2,851	3,812	961
	5,000,000	-3,564	4,765	1,201

* The figures in the table are based on school district taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for many property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Westonka Educational Service Center
5901 Sunnyfield Road East
Minnetrista, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 277 located in the City of Minnetrista, Precinct 1A; the City of Mound, Precinct 2 and Precinct 4; and the City of Orono, Precinct 3; Hennepin County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Mount Olive Church
5218 Bartlett Boulevard
Mound, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 277 located in the City of Minnetrista, Precinct 4A; the City of Mound, Precinct 1 and Precinct 3; the City of Orono, Precinct 2; the City of Shorewood, Precinct 1; and the City of Spring Park, Precinct 1; Hennepin County, Minnesota.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE VOTERS: For those voters residing in the City of Independence, when a city municipal election falls on the same day as a school district general or special election, those voters will vote at their regular city polling place.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m., on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: August 19, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Loren Davis
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 277
(Westonka)
State of Minnesota