

**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 7, 2017, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

**School District Question 1
Renewal of Expiring School District
Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 277 (Westonka) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$453.54 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2017. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2018, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Yes Shall the increase 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 TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX
REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE**

Passage of this referendum extends an existing operating referendum at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year.

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.

		Pay 2017	Pay 2018	
		Expiring Authority	Proposed New Authority	Net Change
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Levy Only*		
	\$100,000	-\$34	\$34	\$0
	125,000	-43	42	-1
	150,000	-51	51	0
	175,000	-60	59	-1
	200,000	-68	67	-1
	225,000	-77	76	-1
	250,000	-86	84	-2
	300,000	-103	101	-2
Residential	350,000	-120	118	-2
Homesteads,	400,000	-137	135	-2
Apartments,	450,000	-154	152	-2
and Commercial-	500,000	-171	169	-2
Industrial Property	600,000	-205	202	-3
	700,000	-239	236	-3
	800,000	-274	270	-4
	900,000	-308	304	-4
	1,000,000	-342	337	-5
	1,250,000	-428	422	-6
	1,500,000	-513	506	-7
	2,000,000	-684	675	-9

* 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 shall 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 Lutheran 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:

For those voters residing in the City of Independence, the School District special election will be held in conjunction with the city municipal election and 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 21, 2017

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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