

voting information

nov. 5 operating levy referendum

Early Voting Now Open

Vote early/absentee in person through November 4

at the Westonka Educational Service Center, 5901 Sunnyfield Road E, Minnetrista, weekdays during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents may also vote absentee by mail.

Direct balloting available during last week of early voting

October 29 through November 4 absentee voters will be able to feed their ballot into a ballot counter just as is done on Election Day. Check the district website for extended voting hours during this period.

If you are already a registered voter, a completed Absentee Ballot Application (available on the district website or at the ESC) is all you will need to vote early in person.

Election Day Voting - Tuesday, November 5

Find your polling location at mnvotes.org. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Visit Our Website

Go to westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum to familiarize yourself with the school district referendum, view school board candidate profiles, download an Absentee Ballot Application, and more.

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What's on the ballot?

On November 5, 2019 Westonka residents will be asked to vote on a single ballot question to revoke all three of the district's current operating levies and replace them with a single, 10-year levy with a tiered payment structure. The tiered approach lessens the tax impact for residents by asking for funds only as they are needed by the school district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 REVOKING EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION

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.

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?

YES

NO

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

Per pupil operating funds help to finance school operations, including paying for teachers, counselors, instructional materials and other learning supports

Taxes on the average \$377,000 home will increase by \$7.50/month in 2020 and by an additional \$6.50/month in 2024.