



November 5, 2019 Operating Levy

What is on the ballot?

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, Westonka Public Schools residents will be asked to vote on a single ballot question to revoke the three operating levies currently in place and replace them with a single, 10-year levy with a tiered payment structure.

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 277 (WESTONKA) NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Revoles all three operating levies currently in place and replaces them with a single, 10-year levy with a tiered payment structure

**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

Estimated tax increase for the average \$377,000 home is \$7.50 per month for taxes payable 2020 and an additional \$6.50 per month for taxes payable 2024

When is the vote?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

How do I vote early/absentee?

In-person absentee/early voting will be held at the Educational Service Center, 5901 Sunnyfield Road E, Minnetrista, weekdays through November 4 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents may also vote absentee by mail. For details, contact Carol Shukle at shuklec@westonka.k12.mn.us or 952.491.8007, or visit the Referendum page on the district website: www.westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum

Who may vote?

Eligible voters must be 18 years of age or older on or before November 5 and must reside in the school district. Any eligible voter may vote in the election at the municipal polling place as designated below for the precinct in which he or she resides. 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 (November 5).

Where do I vote?

The polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places are listed below.

- **Westonka Educational Service Center, 5901 Sunnyfield Road E, Minnetrista**
—For voters in: Minnetrista P-1A, Mound P-2, Mound P-4 and Orono P-03
- **Mount Olive Church, 5218 Bartlett Boulevard, Mound**
—For voters in: Minnetrista P-4A, Mound P-1, Mound P-3, Orono P-2, Shorewood P-01 and Spring Park P-01
- **Voters in the City of Independence:** the school district special election will be held in conjunction with the municipal elections, and those voters will vote at their regular city polling place.

Voting questions?

Visit www.westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum or contact Carol Shukle in the Superintendent's Office at 952.491.8007 or shuklec@westonka.k12.mn.us

What is the tax impact?

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

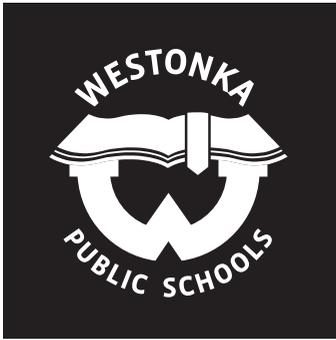
Estimated taxes on the average (\$377,000) home will increase by \$7.50 per month in 2020 and by an additional \$6.50 per month in 2024 if the levy is approved.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX IMPACT - TIER I				
A complete tax chart can be found at www.westonka.k12.mn.us/referendum				
Year Taxes are Payable		2020	2020	
		Revoked Authority	Proposed Authority	NET CHANGE
Revenue per Pupil Unit		-\$1,095.62	\$1,445.62	\$350.00
Type of Property	Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Only*		
Residential	\$150,000	-\$107	\$143	\$36
Homesteads,	\$300,000	-\$214	\$286	\$72
Apartments and	\$377,000	-\$269	\$359	\$90
Commercial	\$500,000	-\$356	\$477	\$121
Industrial Property	\$700,000	-\$499	\$667	\$168
	\$1,000,000	-\$713	\$953	\$240

* 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.

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For more information:

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- **Call** (952) 491-8001

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