



West Central Area School District #2342 is committed to providing innovative programming to attract students and improve student readiness. On Tuesday, November 7th, district voters are asked to consider two levy questions to ensure this commitment to our students can be maintained.

Community Meetings

Community meetings will be held at the Secondary School in Barrett at the following dates and times:

→ October 10th at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium

◆ (This meeting will be recorded and posted on the school district's website)

→ October 12th at 9:00 am in the Media Center

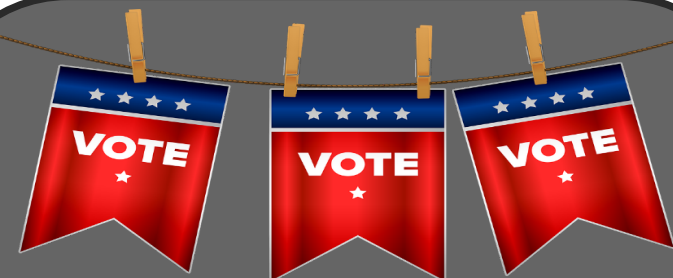
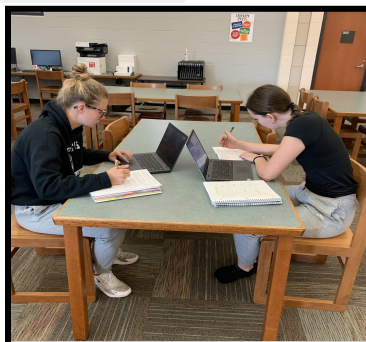
→ October 12th at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium

More
information can
be found @
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Questions

Questions regarding the levy
can be emailed to:
questions@isd2342.org



November 7th VOTING DETAILS

- ★ In Person on Election Day
 - Tuesday, November 7th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the combined polling place designated for the precinct in which the district resident resides.
- ★ Vote Early Via Absentee Ballot
 - Friday, September 22nd through Monday, November 6th from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the District Office.
 - Absentee balloting will be unavailable on October 19th and 20th.

Question #1

Operating Levy Renewal and Increase for Inflation

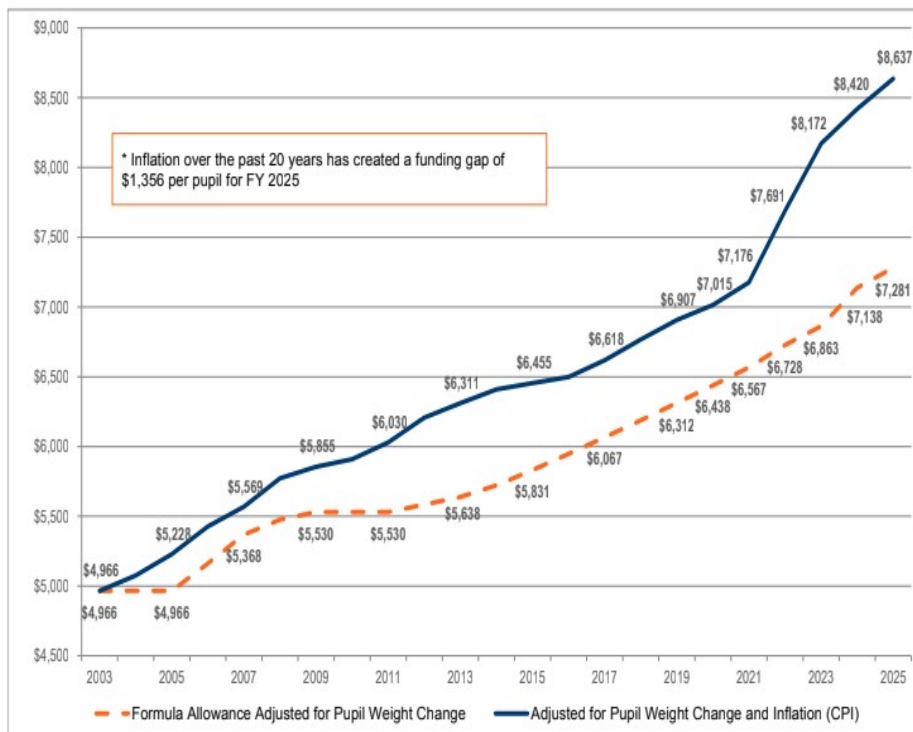
- The current operating levy of \$1,551 that generates \$1.3 million for general operating expenses is set to expire in 2025.
- The levy has remained fixed at \$1,551 for the past 10 years. These funds have been used to maintain small class sizes, provide free preschool programming, increase mental health support for students, enhance Career and Technical Education classes, and offer college-level courses within the high school.
- Because MN school funding has not kept pace with inflation, WCA is seeking to renew the current operating levy for 10 years with an increase accounting for inflation beginning in 2026.

Question #2

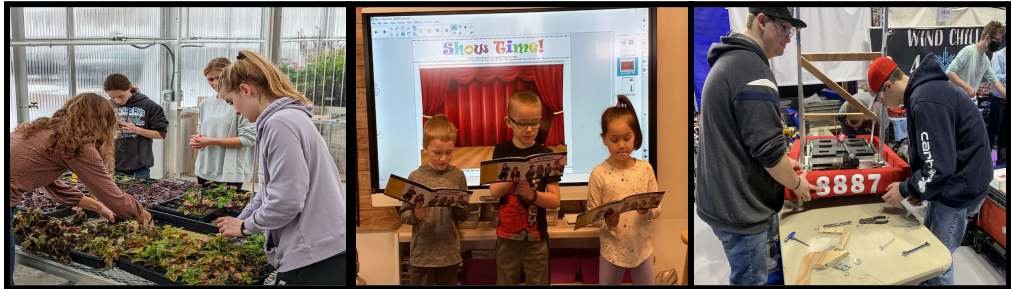
Capital Project Levy for Technology

- Technology is a vital tool and an essential standard for delivering curriculum and instruction.
- Technology in our schools includes: student Chromebooks, iPads, staff computers, digital curriculum, software, telephones, projectors, infrastructure for internet access, school security, training, and the staffing to maintain this technology.
- Because technology requires regular updates, a \$300,000 capital project levy for the use of technology is necessary to ensure our students and staff have access to modern technology.

Impact of Inflation on MN School District Funding
General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2025



Source: MDE June 2023 Inflation Estimates and Minnesota Laws 2023



\$ TAX IMPACT \$

Question #1 is a renewal of the \$1,551 operating levy. The tax impact would remain at the same level previously approved by voters for taxes payable in 2025. In 2026 and for the remainder of the 10-year term, the levy would increase annually to account for inflation.

Question #2 is a request for a \$300,000 annually over ten years for a capital project levy to be used for technology. The tax impact for 2024 is estimated to be \$32 per year for a home valued at \$200,000 and \$.44 per acre for an Agricultural Homestead valued at \$5,000 per acre.

