

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2342
(WEST CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2342 (West Central Area Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

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

The school board of Independent School District No. 2342 (West Central Area Schools) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$1,551 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2024. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2025, and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2026, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2342 be approved?

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No

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

School District Question 2
Approval of Capital Project Levy Authorization
for Technology

The school board of Independent School District No. 2342 (West Central Area Schools) has proposed a capital project levy authorization of 2.082% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The additional revenue from the proposed capital project levy authorization will be used to provide funds for school district technology, including the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of software, software licenses, computers, improved technology equipment, networks, infrastructure, technology systems related to security and operations, and to pay the costs of technology related personnel and training. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$300,000 for taxes payable in 2024, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$3,000,000.

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Yes

Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2342 be approved?

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No

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

Passage of School District Question 1 or School District Question 2 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 School District Question 1 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 School District Question 1. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for School District Question 1.

PRE-ELECTION ESTIMATES

West Central Area School District, ISD 2342

Estimated Tax Impact of Operating Referendum Renewal and Capital Project Levy Referendum

November 7, 2023 Election

		Question 1			Question 2
		Expiring Authority	Renewed Authority	Net Change	New Authority
Year Taxes Payable		2024	2025	2025	2024
Operating Referendum Revenue Per Pupil		-\$1,551.00	\$1,551.00	\$0.00	2.082%
Capital Project Levy Rate					\$300,000
Estimated Annual Change in Revenue		-\$1,249,486	\$1,238,629	-\$10,857	
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Annual Change in Taxes for Operating Referendum *			Estimated Annual Taxes for Capital Project Levy *
Residential Homestead	\$50,000	-\$125	\$125	\$0	\$5
	100,000	-250	250	0	13
	150,000	-374	374	0	22
	175,000	-437	437	0	27
	200,000	-499	499	0	32
	250,000	-624	624	0	41
	500,000	-1,248	1,248	0	88
Commercial/Industrial	\$50,000	-\$125	\$125	\$0	\$13
	100,000	-250	250	0	26
	250,000	-624	624	0	75
	500,000	-1,248	1,248	0	163
Agricultural Homestead ** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.18
	3,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26
	4,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35
	5,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44
	6,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.53
Agricultural Non-Homestead ** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$2,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.35
	3,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.53
	4,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71
	5,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.88
	6,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06

* The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the proposed operating referendum renewal and capital project levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This may decrease the net tax increase for those property owners.

** Average value per acre is the total assessed value of all land & buildings divided by total acres. Homestead examples exclude the house, garage, and one acre, which has the same tax impact as a residential homestead.

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

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Elbow Lake Community Building
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117 Central Avenue
Elbow Lake, MN 56531

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2342 located in City of Barrett, Delaware Township, City of Elbow Lake, Elbow Lake Township, Erdahl Township, Lawrence Township, Lien Township, North Ottawa Township, Pelican Lake Township, Pomme De Terre Township, Sanford Township, Stony Brook Township, and City of Wendell, Grant County, Minnesota; and Aastad Township, Tumuli Township, and Western Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Kensington Community Center
19 Central Avenue North
Kensington, MN 56343

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2342 located in Holmes City Township, City of Kensington, Moe Township, Solem Township, and Urness Township, Douglas County, Minnesota; City of Hoffman, Elk Lake Township, Land Township, and Roseville Township, Grant County, Minnesota; Ben Wade Township, and Nora Township, Pope County, Minnesota; and Swan Lake Township, Stevens County, Minnesota.

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 8:00 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 combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides on election day.

Dated: August 8, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD



School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2342
(West Central Area Schools)
State of Minnesota