

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 347
(WILLMAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the state general election in and for Independent School District No. 347 (Willmar Public Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 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. 347 has proposed to renew its existing referendum authorization of \$45.10 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2018. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2019, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Yes

No

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 347 be approved?

**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.

Year Taxes are Payable	2018	2019	
	Expired Authority	Renewed Authority	NET CHANGE
	-\$45.10	\$45.10	\$0.00

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Referendum Levy Only*		
	\$100,000	-\$8	\$8	\$0
	125,000	-10	10	0
	150,000	-12	11	-1
	175,000	-14	13	-1
	200,000	-16	15	-1
	225,000	-18	17	-1
	250,000	-20	19	-1
	300,000	-24	23	-1
Residential	350,000	-28	27	-1
Homesteads,	400,000	-32	31	-1
Apartments,	450,000	-35	34	-1
and Commercial-	500,000	-39	38	-1
Industrial Property	600,000	-47	46	-1
	700,000	-55	54	-1
	800,000	-63	61	-2
	900,000	-71	69	-2
	1,000,000	-79	77	-2
	1,250,000	-99	96	-3
	1,500,000	-118	115	-3
	2,000,000	-158	153	-5

* The amounts 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 precincts and polling places and voting hours at those polling places for this special election shall be the same as those for the state general election.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated 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.

Dated: August 13, 2018

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Scott Thaden

School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 347
(Willmar Public Schools)
State of Minnesota