

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM ELECTION

TO: Electors of School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin, that a referendum election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2023. The question to be asked on the referendum election is as follows:

“Shall the following resolution be approved?”

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE REVENUE LIMITS

Be it resolved by the School Board of the School District of Auburndale, Wood, Marathon and Portage Counties, Wisconsin, that the school district be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes by \$600,000 per year for each of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, for the non-recurring purpose of providing for the operational needs of the school district.”

Explanatory Statement and Effect of Vote

The election ballot will ask District electors to vote “yes” or “no” on the election question as set forth above.

A “yes” vote on the question is a vote in favor of an increase in the School District budget to exceed the revenue limits specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000.00 for each of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. This increase in the revenue limits is for the non-recurring purpose of providing for the operational needs of the School District.

A vote “no” on the question is a vote to deny the School District the authority to exceed the revenue limits specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000.00 for each of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years for the non-recurring purpose of providing for the operational needs of the School District.

In the event a majority of the electors vote “yes,” the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limits specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000.00 for each of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years for the non-recurring purpose of providing for the operational needs of the School District. In the event a majority of the electors voting on the ballot question vote “no,” the School District may not increase its revenue limit by these amounts under this referendum question.

Polling Place and Hours for Voting

School District electors must vote at the times and places at which they cast their ballots at regularly scheduled elections.

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Section 7.53(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. This meeting will be open to the public.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor

organization which represents the voter.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” Clear Access or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

A voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Marking the Ballot

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is marked, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 4, 2023

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

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Yes

No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Mr. Kevin Yeske, District Administrator.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AUBURNDALE

Sheila Cherney, District Clerk

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