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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Independent School District 2167

Special Election: November 4, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2167 (Lakeview), Minnesota, on November 4, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

**School District Question
Capital Project Levy Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 2167 (Lakeview), Minnesota has proposed a capital project levy authorization in the maximum amount of 2.061% times the net tax capacity of the School District. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$250,000 for taxes first levied in 2025, payable in 2026, and will be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$2,500,000. The proposed authorization will provide funds for enhancing safety and security, Career and Technology Education programs and equipment, classroom and building technology, digital curriculum, technology infrastructure and network improvements, device replacement, and the costs of technology-related personnel and training. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

- YES** Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of
- NO** Independent School District No. 2167 (Lakeview), Minnesota be approved?

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



REFERENDUM

Q & A

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PLAN?

On November 4, 2025, Lakeview School District residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Capital Project Technology referendum question. The proposed plan will update security technology, annual technology costs (servers, curriculum, devices, software, etc), and upgrade our aging Career-Technical equipment to match current industry standards.



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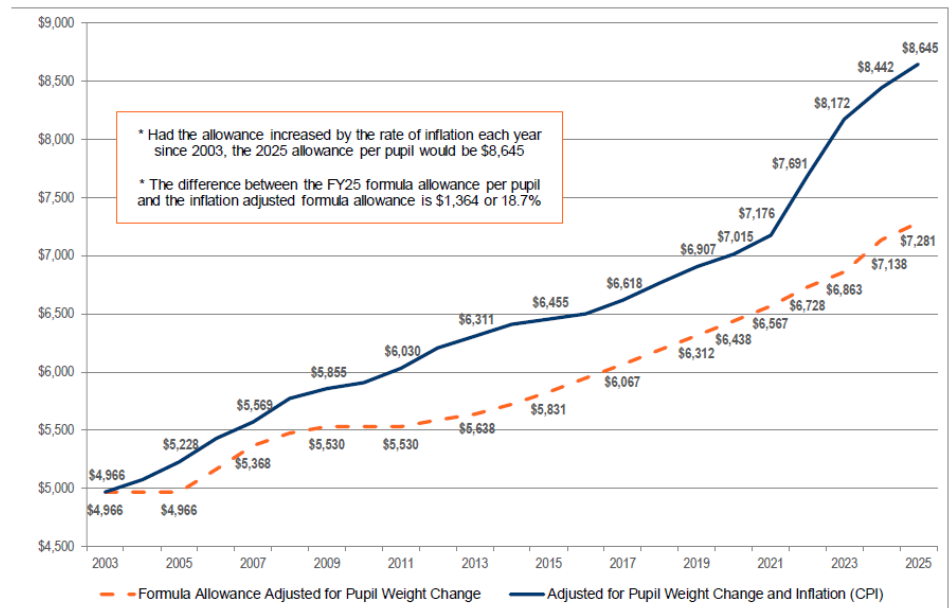
The District wants to stay proactive before falling behind on capital projects as they are much more costly in the future.



Increased state mandates and inflation does not allow the district to update technology and career-technical education equipment.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

General Education Formula Allowance, 2003-2025
Adjusted for Pupil Weight Change and Inflation (CPI)



Source: MDE June 2024 Inflation Estimates and Minnesota Laws 2023

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?



ATTEND

Monday, October 20 at 5:30 pm
Lakeview Auditorium

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm
Wood Lake Community Center



CONTACT

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www.lakeview2167.com/district/capital-project-levy-referendum

CAPITAL PROJECT TECHNOLOGY LEVY

How much will the proposed referendum impact residential property taxes?

Since the district will have fully paid off the original 2002 Building Bonds (Approximately \$434,000) in the 2025-2026 School, adding the technology referendum will result in a decrease in taxes for most families.



\$150,000
-\$17.00
PER YEAR



\$200,000
-\$25.00
PER YEAR



\$300,000
-\$41.00
PER YEAR

ELECTION DAY VOTING

November 4, 2025
Noon - 8:00 pm

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY TAXES

Annual Revenue (Fiscal Year 2026-27)		Capital Project Levy	
		\$250,000	
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Tax Impact Taxes Payable in 2026*	
		Annual	Monthly
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	-\$9	-\$1
	150,000	-17	-1
	200,000	-25	-2
	250,000	-33	-3
	300,000	-41	-3
	350,000	-50	-4
	400,000	-57	-5
	500,000	-73	-6
Commercial/Industrial	750,000	-120	-10
	1,000,000	-165	-14
	\$50,000	-\$11	-\$1
	100,000	-22	-2
	250,000	-63	-5
Agricultural Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	500,000	-136	-11
	1,000,000	-283	-24
	\$9,000	\$0.47	\$0.04
	10,000	0.51	0.04
	11,000	0.57	0.05
Agricultural Non-Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	12,000	0.62	0.05
	13,000	\$0.67	\$0.06
	\$9,000	\$0.92	\$0.08
	10,000	1.03	0.09
Agricultural Non-Homestead** (average value per acre of land & buildings)	11,000	1.13	0.09
	12,000	1.23	0.10
	13,000	1.34	0.11

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Precinct Locations:

Precinct 1: Cottonwood Community Center
42 W Main Street
Cottonwood, MN

Precinct 2: Wood Lake Community Center
88 2nd Avenue West
Wood Lake, MN

Precincts Served:

Precinct 1: Includes the townships of Lucas, Vallers, Westerheim, Stanley, and Fairview, and the City of Cottonwood, Lyon County, MN and the townships of Sandnes and Normania, Yellow Medicine County, MN.

Precinct 2: Includes the townships of Lake, Posen, Sioux Agency, Minnesota Falls, and the City of Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine County, MN.

Early Voting Opens: September 19, 2025

All residents of Lakeview Independent School District No. 2167 can vote early beginning Friday, September 19, 2025 at the Yellow Medicine County Government Center located at 180 8th Ave. Granite Falls, MN. **Note:** No ballots will be sent to voters who vote by mailed ballot in statewide elections. The only way to vote is by voting in your assigned polling place on November 4 or by voting early at the Yellow Medicine County Government Center. <https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov/>

The Yellow Medicine County Government Center will be open from 8 am- 4 pm, Monday through Friday from September 19, 2025 through November 3, 2025 for early voting. The Yellow Medicine County Government Center will be open extended hours: Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9 am - 3 pm & Monday, November 3, 2025, from 8 am - 5 pm.

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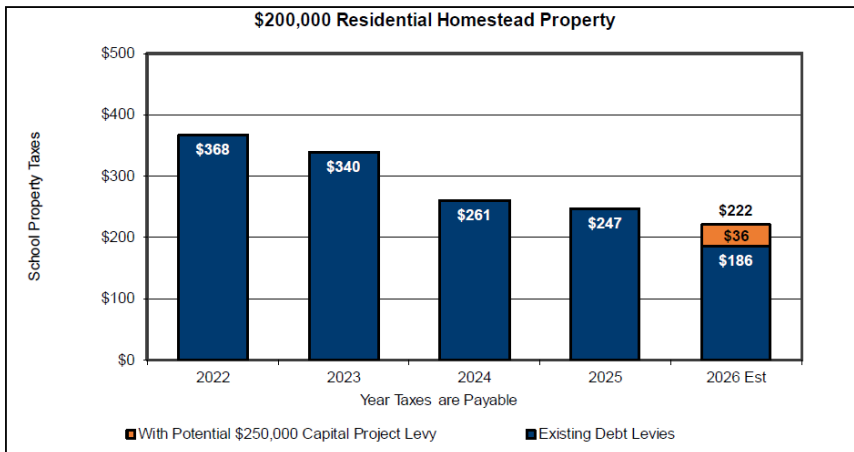
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Election Day Voting

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Noon - 8:00 pm

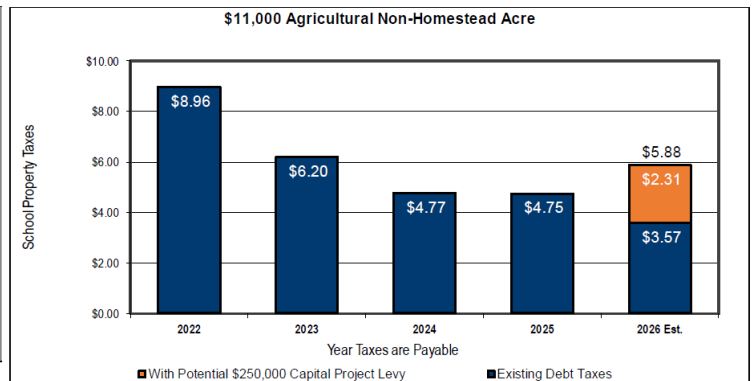
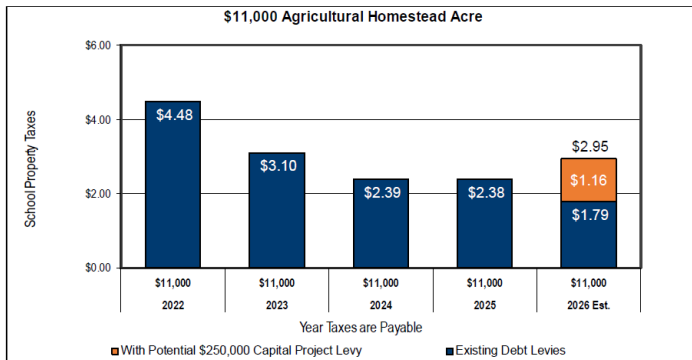


A successful vote on November 4, 2025 will result in less property tax payable in 2026 than tax paid in 2023 for all property types.



Lakeview Public Schools

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Lakeview currently does not have any voter-approved levies to support K-12 programs. There are 327 school districts in Minnesota and 241(74%) of those districts have additional voter-approved revenue.

DID YOU KNOW