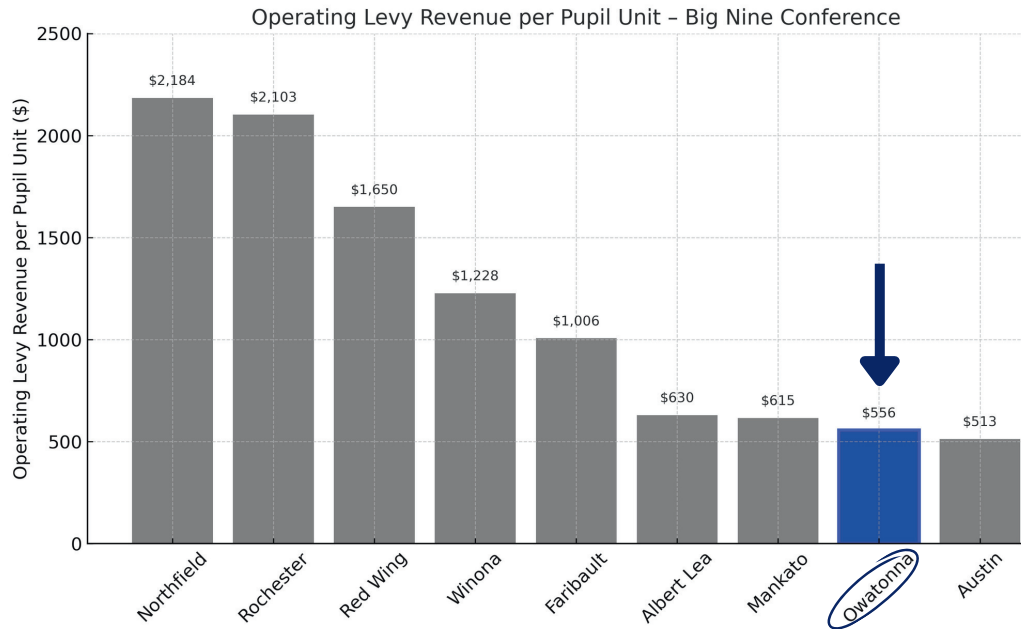


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Owatonna Public Schools' voter-approved operating levy is second from the bottom for Big 9 Conference schools.



Polls will be open on November 4, 2025, between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm.

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

Territory Located Outside of the City of Owatonna:

All ISD No. 761 precincts located outside City of Owatonna

Combined Polling Place:

Clinton Falls Town Hall, 3723 North County Road 45

City of Owatonna Precincts:

- Ward 1, Precinct 1
- Ward 1, Precinct 2
- Ward 2, Precinct 1
- Ward 2, Precinct 2
- Ward 3, Precinct 1
- Ward 3, Precinct 2
- Ward 4, Precinct 1
- Ward 4, Precinct 2
- Ward 5, Precinct 1
- Ward 5, Precinct 2

Polling Places:

- Trinity Lutheran Church, 609 Lincoln Avenue
- Associated Church, 800 Havana Road
- Owatonna Public Library, 105 North Elm Avenue
- Bethel Church, 1611 Hemlock Avenue
- Chambers, Charles S Crandall Center, 540 West Hills Circle
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 750 Jeffrey Street
- Sacred Heart Parish Center, 739 South Oak
- Christ Community Covenant Church, 540 18th Street SE
- Grace Baptist Church, 265 NE 26th Street
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1909 St. Paul Road

All qualified electors residing in the School District may cast their ballots at the polling places listed above during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on Election Day.

Dated: June 16, 2025. BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD /s/ Timothy Jensen, Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 761 (OWATONNA PUBLIC SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 761 (Owatonna Public Schools), Minnesota, on November 4, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

School District Question

Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 761 (Owatonna Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District's general education revenue by \$700 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed
 NO by the board of Independent School District No. 761
 (Owatonna Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

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

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Over 75% of the district budget goes directly into classroom learning.

If state funding had kept pace with inflation, Owatonna would receive \$7.3 million more each year in state funding.

Owatonna is eighth in Big 9 Conference spending per student. If the levy passes, OPS would be fourth.

An increase in the operating levy has not been approved since 2013.

81% of the budget is salaries and benefits. Owatonna district and school administration costs are 3%. State average is 5%.

Without this levy, the budget for 2026-27 will be cut by over \$3 million.

For the ballot question, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.10152% for taxes payable in 2026 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected 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, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation.

Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the table are based on School District taxes for the new referendum revenue authorization only and do not include tax levies for other purposes:

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Taxes for Proposed Referendum Only	
		Annual	Monthly
Residential Homesteads, Apartments, and Commercial-Industrial Property	\$100,000	\$102	\$8
	125,000	127	11
	150,000	152	13
	175,000	178	15
	200,000	203	17
	225,000	228	19
	250,000	254	21
	275,000	279	23
	300,000	305	25
	325,000	330	27
	350,000	355	30
	375,000	381	32
	400,000	406	34
	450,000	457	38
	500,000	508	42
550,000	558	47	
600,000	609	51	
650,000	660	55	
700,000	711	59	
750,000	761	63	

An online tax impact calculator is available at isd761.org/levy.