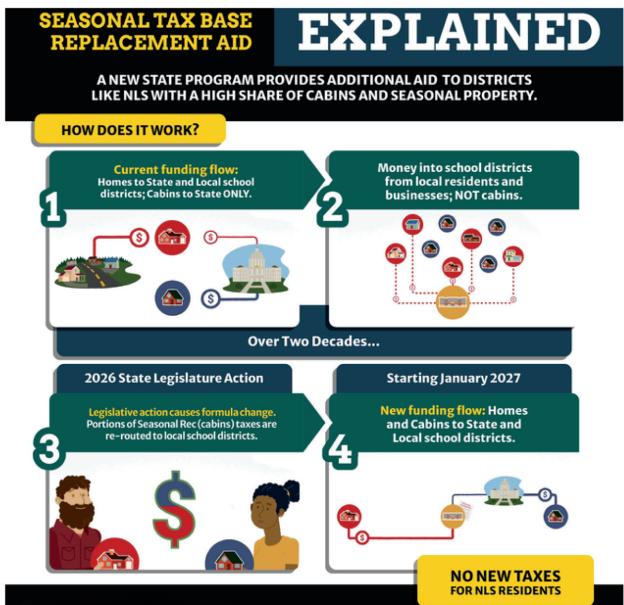




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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the State General Election in and for Independent School District No. 345 (New London-Spicer), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of voting on the following question:



Dear NLS Property Owners:

New London-Spicer Public Schools is required by Minnesota state law to provide you with this Notice of Special Election. We have one operating levy question on the November 3 general election ballot for you to consider.

For the first time, a new law state, called Seasonal Tax Base Replacement Aid, redirects state money to school districts with lots of cabins and seasonal homes. In our district, those properties make up about 25% of all property value. For more than 20 years, school funding in rural areas like ours has been out of balance. This law helps fix that.

If approved, the levy would redirect about \$1 million from the state to the district per year, starting in 2027.

Please watch for more information at community presentations, on our website and social media pages, and in the mail. We hope you will make an informed decision at the polls on Nov. 3.

Sincerely,

Mark Peterson
Chair, NLS School Board



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School District Question 1
Approval of School District
Referendum Revenue Authorization

The school board of Independent School District No. 345 (New London-Spicer) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$1,358.94 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2027 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- ☐ YES Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 345 be approved?
- ☐ NO 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. 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.

New London-Spicer School District No. 345
Analysis of Tax Impact for Proposed Operating Referendum

July 1, 2026

Per Pupil Authority		STBRA Change	Under Levy	Ballot Question	Combined Total
Total Revenue Change		Current Operating Referendum	Local Optional Revenue	Operating Referendum	
Seasonal Tax Base Replacement Factor		\$0	-\$724.00	\$1,358.94	\$634.94
Seasonal Tax Base Replacement Aid		26.69%	-\$1,158,009	\$2,173,568	\$1,015,559
Annual Local Levy		\$435,434	0.00%	\$580,125	\$1,015,559
		-\$435,434	-\$1,158,009	\$1,593,443	\$0
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Estimated Impact on Annual Taxes Payable 2027*			
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	-\$25	-\$68	\$93	\$0
	150,000	-38	-101	139	0
	200,000	-51	-135	186	0
	250,000	-63	-169	232	0
	300,000	-76	-203	279	0
	350,000	-89	-236	325	0
	400,000	-102	-270	372	0
HGA (House, Garage, 1 Acre)	500,000	-127	-338	465	0
	1,000,000	-254	-675	929	0
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	-\$25	-\$68	\$93	\$0
	500,000	-127	-338	465	0
	1,000,000	-254	-675	929	0
Agricultural Homestead (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	8,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Agricultural Non-Homestead (average value per acre of land & buildings)	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	8,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seasonal Recreational Residential	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	200,000	0	0	0	0
	300,000	0	0	0	0
	400,000	0	0	0	0
	500,000	0	0	0	0
	1,000,000	0	0	0	0

**The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for certain referendum market values levies only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax changes shown above are gross, 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 will change the net effect of the proposal for those property owners.

**The new operating referendum revenue would start with fiscal year 2027-28 and is based on estimated adjusted pupil units (APU) of 1,599.46. 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 continue to pay no taxes for the proposed levies.

The precincts and polling places and the voting hours at those polling places 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 above 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 designated for the precinct in which he or she resides on election day.

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VOTING INFO

- September 18 through November 2 - Absentee/Early Voting
- November 3 - General Election Day

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