



Badger Independent School District #676

The staff at Badger School strives to motivate, challenge, and support one another to create a culture of life-long learning in a safe environment that prepares and empowers all students for an everchanging world.

OPERATING & CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM Tuesday, November 3, 2020	School Board Members Jamie Isane, Chair Jim Christianson, Vice-Chair Cari Dostal, Clerk Carol Rhen, Treasurer Curt Hauger, Director Jeramy Swenson, Director
SCHOOL DISTRICT FACTS	SAMPLE BALLOT QUESTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Square Miles: 185Employees: 47 = 23 Faculty + 24 StaffPreK-12 Enrollment: 236Annual Budget: \$3,823,015	School District Question 1 Renewal of School District Expiring Capital Project Levy Authorization The board of Independent School District No. 676 (Badger), Minnesota has proposed to renew its expiring capital project levy authorization in the amount of 5.12076% times the net tax capacity of the school district to provide funds for the costs of eligible capital project levy expenditures including, but not limited to improving and repairing school sites and buildings, equipping school buildings with permanent attached fixtures, acquisition of transportation vehicles and technology items. The proposed tax rate is not being increased from the previous year's rate. The proposed renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$52,347 in the first year it is to be levied, 2020, for taxes payable in 2021, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$523,465.
CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY REFERENDUM – WHAT IS IT?	<div><div><div>8</div><div>YES NO</div></div><div>Shall the renewal of the expiring capital project levy authorization proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 676 (Badger), Minnesota be approved?</div></div>
This capital projects levy referendum is a procedure which allows, with voter-approval, the school district to maintain additional revenue to fund certain qualifying expenditures.	BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO RENEW AN EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE
OPERATING REFERENDUM LEVY – WHAT IS IT?	School District Question 2 Renewal of School District Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization The board of Independent School District No. 676 (Badger), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$1,170.29 per pupil, that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2021. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2021 for taxes payable in 2022 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.
This operating levy (otherwise known as a referendum revenue request or excess operating levy referendum) is a procedure which allows, with voter-approval, the school district to maintain additional funds to supplement regular state education funding.	<div><div><div>8</div><div>YES NO</div></div><div>Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum authorization proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 676 (Badger), Minnesota be approved?</div></div>
WHAT IS THE DISTRICT ASKING?	BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Question #1<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renew the District’s existing Capital Projects Levy which is estimated to provide \$52,347 of revenueQuestion #2<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renew the District’s existing operating levy authority of \$1,170.29 per pupil unit producing an estimated \$231,653 of revenue in the first year	
WHY IS THE DISTRICT ASKING NOW?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The existing capital projects levy expired this year with taxes payable 2020The District’s existing operating levy authority will expire next year in taxes payable 2021These two existing revenue sources provide approximately \$284,000 of revenue annually or 8.39% of the District’s total revenue budget	
WHAT WILL THE REVENUE BE USED FOR?	WHERE CAN WE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3rd? The precincts and polling places for this special election will be the precincts and polling places used for the presidential election. Polling places open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm on November 3 rd . As stated on the first page, you also have the option to vote early in person using an absentee ballot.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain small class sizesContinue providing a wide range of electives, enrichment and college/career preparation opportunities for studentsMaintain a healthy fund reserveProvide technology to enhance student learningMaintain facilities, vehicles, equipment and property	
DOES THE STATE HELP THE DISTRICT TAXPAYERS FOOT THE BILL?	DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION Kevin Ricke, Superintendent Badger Public Schools 110 Carpenter Ave. East, PO Box 68 Badger, MN 56714-0068 (218) 528-3201; kricke@badger.k12.mn.us
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Question #1 does not qualify for assistance to the local taxpayers from the state in the form of state aidQuestion #2 will qualify for state aid which is estimated to be approximately 35% in the first year	
SEE FOLLOWING LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE REFERENDUM https://www.badger.k12.mn.us/Page/1	



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ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX IMPACT

		CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY			OPERATING LEVY		
		Taxes Payable 2020	Taxes Payable 2021	Taxes Payable 2021	Taxes Payable 2021	Taxes Payable 2022	Taxes Payable 2022
		Question 1 - Expiring Authority	Question 1 - Renew Existing Authority	Question 1 - Difference	Question 2 - Expiring Authority	Question 2 - Renew Existing Authority	Question 2 - Difference
Est. Tax Rate		-5.12076%	5.12076%	0.00000%	-0.338373%	0.338373%	0.000000%
Types of Property	Estimated Market Value	Annual Est. Impact	Annual Est. Impact	Annual Est. Impact	Annual Est. Impact	Annual Est. Impact	Annual Est. Impact
Residential Homestead	\$50,000	(\$15.36)	\$15.36	\$0.00	(\$169.19)	\$169.19	\$0.00
	75,000	(23.04)	23.04	0.00	(253.78)	253.78	0.00
	100,000	(36.77)	36.77	0.00	(338.37)	338.37	0.00
	125,000	(50.70)	50.70	0.00	(422.97)	422.97	0.00
	150,000	(64.68)	64.68	0.00	(507.56)	507.56	0.00
	175,000	(78.60)	78.60	0.00	(592.15)	592.15	0.00
	200,000	(92.58)	92.58	0.00	(676.75)	676.75	0.00
	300,000	(148.40)	148.40	0.00	(1,015.12)	1,015.12	0.00
	400,000	(204.22)	204.22	0.00	(1,353.49)	1,353.49	0.00
	500,000	(256.04)	256.04	0.00	(1,691.87)	1,691.87	0.00
Commercial / Industrial	\$100,000	(\$76.81)	\$76.81	\$0.00	(\$338.37)	\$338.37	\$0.00
	250,000	(217.63)	217.63	0.00	(845.93)	845.93	0.00
	500,000	(473.67)	473.67	0.00	(1,691.87)	1,691.87	0.00
	1,000,000	(985.75)	985.75	0.00	(3,383.73)	3,383.73	0.00
Seasonal / Recreational	\$100,000	(\$51.21)	\$51.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	150,000	(76.81)	76.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	250,000	(128.02)	128.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	500,000	(256.04)	256.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Apartments	\$100,000	(\$64.01)	\$64.01	\$0.00	(\$338.37)	\$338.37	\$0.00
	250,000	(160.02)	160.02	0.00	(845.93)	845.93	0.00
	500,000	(320.05)	320.05	0.00	(1,691.87)	1,691.87	0.00
	750,000	(480.07)	480.07	0.00	(2,537.80)	2,537.80	0.00
Agricultural Homestead (assume dwelling value is \$100,000 and acreage assessed at \$1,500)	40 acres 158,500	(\$51.75)	\$51.75	\$0.00	(\$338.37)	\$338.37	\$0.00
	80 acres 218,500	(67.11)	67.11	0.00	(338.37)	338.37	0.00
	160 acres 338,500	(97.83)	97.83	0.00	(338.37)	338.37	0.00
	320 acres 578,500	(159.28)	159.28	0.00	(338.37)	338.37	0.00
Agricultural Non-Homestead (dollars per acre)	\$500	(\$0.26)	\$0.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	1,000	(0.51)	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,500	(0.77)	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2,000	(1.02)	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2,500	(1.28)	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: the chart shown above represents the tax impact associated with the capital projects levy and operating levy request only and is not a representation of total school portion of taxes.

QUESTION #1 CAP. PROJECTS LEVY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION – WHO PAYS AND WHO DOES NOT?

- Levy **IS** spread across entire tax base (i.e. Seasonal / Recreational Properties and Agricultural Properties) unlike Operating Levy Referendum
- Agricultural land **IS** taxed for this referendum
- Seasonal recreational homes (cabins) **ARE** taxed for this referendum

QUESTION #2 REFERENDUM PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION – WHO PAYS AND WHO DOES NOT?

- All types or classifications of property (i.e. Homestead Residential, Commercial/Industrial, etc.) are taxed the same based on their specific value (see the value on your property tax statement)
- Agricultural property beyond the dwelling value (house, garage, and one acre of land) is **NOT** taxed for this referendum
- Lake homes/cabins (seasonal recreational property) are **NOT** taxed for this referendum unless it is your primary residence

WHAT IF THE REFERENDUM DOES NOT PASS?

- The District will need to come back to the voters in calendar-year 2021 to seek approval of this revenue source
- Budget reductions would need to be considered for the capital projects levy revenue which expired this year in taxes payable 2020

WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE EARLY WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You can vote early in person with an absentee ballot beginning Friday, September 18, 2020 and lasting until Monday, November 2, 2020. In special situations, you may ask an agent to pick up and return an absentee ballot for you. **Thank you for giving serious consideration and mark your calendar for the upcoming Tuesday, November 3, 2020 election.**

ISD 676 BADGER – HISTORICAL RESULTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY ELECTIONS

Year	Majority	Result
1991	YES	PASSED
1996	YES	PASSED
1999	YES	PASSED
2003	YES	PASSED
2010	YES	PASSED
2011	YES	PASSED

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Gymnasium at Badger Community School
7:00 PM Monday, October 19, 2020
Face Coverings and Six-Foot Apart Required
Zoom Invite at <https://www.badger.k12.mn.us/Page/1>