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FINANCIAL IMPACT

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for operating levy question #1 of the referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. For seasonal recreational residential property (e.g., cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum question #1. For question #1, the projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads are shown in the table to the right, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation.

For bond referendum questions #2 and #3, agricultural land beyond the house, garage, and one acre of land, as well as other structures, will be subject to property taxes as shown in the table. Seasonal recreational residential properties (e.g., cabins) are also subject to be taxed for bond questions #2 and #3.



To use the online tax calculator to determine the tax impact on a specific property value and learn more about the Ag2School Tax Credit information visit the website

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Types of Property	Market Value	Q1 Yearly Est. Impact	Q2 Yearly Est. Impact	Q3 Yearly Est. Impact	Total, All 3 Qs Yearly Est. Impact
Residential Homestead	\$125,000	\$64.27	\$87.00	\$50.58	\$201.85
	\$225,000	\$115.69	\$182.78	\$106.28	\$404.75
	\$250,000	\$128.54	\$206.77	\$120.23	\$455.54
	\$300,000	\$154.25	\$254.66	\$148.07	\$556.98
	\$325,000	\$167.10	\$278.56	\$161.97	\$607.63
	\$450,000	\$231.38	\$395.43	\$229.93	\$856.74
	\$500,000	\$257.08	\$439.37	\$255.48	\$951.93
	\$550,000	\$282.79	\$494.29	\$287.41	\$1,064.49
Commercial/Industrial	\$250,000	\$128.54	\$373.47	\$217.15	\$719.16
	\$500,000	\$257.08	\$812.84	\$472.63	\$1,542.55
	\$1,000,000	\$514.17	\$1,691.58	\$983.58	\$3,189.33
Agricultural Homestead (assume dwelling value is \$225,000 and acreage assessed at \$6,500)	40 Acres	\$115.69	\$238.47	\$138.66	\$492.82
	80 Acres	\$115.69	\$295.59	\$171.87	\$583.15
	160 Acres	\$115.69	\$409.82	\$238.29	\$763.80
	320 Acres	\$115.69	\$676.41	\$393.30	\$1,185.40
Agricultural Non-Homestead (\$/Acre)	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$2.20	\$1.28	\$3.48
	\$6,000	\$0.00	\$2.64	\$1.53	\$4.17
	\$6,500	\$0.00	\$2.86	\$1.66	\$4.52
	\$7,000	\$0.00	\$3.08	\$1.79	\$4.87
	\$8,000	\$0.00	\$3.51	\$2.04	\$5.55

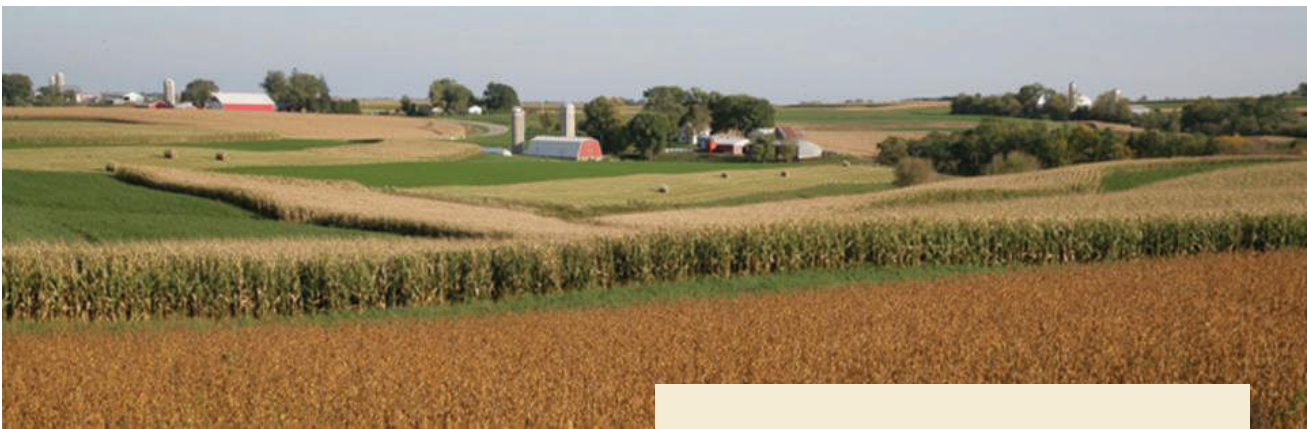
AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ For taxes payable in 2020, **the credit reduces taxes for owners of agricultural property** in an amount equivalent to 50% of the taxes attributable to school district debt service for all agricultural property, except for the house, garage, and one acre.
- ✓ The **State is phasing in an increase to the credit**, it will be 55% for taxes payable in 2021, 60% for taxes payable in 2022, and for taxes payable 2023 and later the credit will be 70%.
- ✓ This **credit is directly deducted from property taxes** statements and is included in the tax impact estimates.

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- Operating Levy (Question 1)** - Farmland owners pay the same as other homeowners. Taxes are based on the value of the dwelling, garage plus 1 acre and managed forestland.
- Debt Service Levy** - is the sum of all debt service levies divided by the Taxable Net Capacity of all property in the school district.
- School Building Bonds (Questions 2 and 3) are different for farmland owners** - the amount of the taxes paid is based on acres owned.
- Tax Code/Legislative Changes have occurred and began with Taxes Payable 2018 for ag land.
 - School Building Bond Ag2School Tax Credit applies to farmland (excluding the house, garage, and 1 acre and managed forestland)
 - **State Funded reimbursement percentages (%s) have increased and will continue to increase as outlined below:**
 - **40% in Taxes Payable 2018 and 2019**
 - **50% in Taxes Payable 2020**
 - **55% in Taxes Payable 2021**
 - **60% in Taxes Payable 2022**
 - **70% in Taxes Payable 2023 and thereafter**
 - Agricultural property is exempt from most school levies, but not school building projects. In the past, this has left farmland owners picking up a substantial portion of building projects.
 - New Ag2School Tax Credit offers relief to farmers. This meant that for Taxes Payable 2018, the state will give the school district 40% of what farmland owners would otherwise be paying. School districts will see this in the form of State Aid for Debt Service.
 - For the next 5 years that percentage will increase to 70% by 2023 as shown in the bullet points above.
 - For FY2018-19, Jordan Public Schools received \$137,500 in Ag2School Tax Credit through State Aid instead of Local Levy.



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CORRECTION ISSUED PLEASE READ

You should have received a required mailer on or about October 19th, 2019 regarding the operating levy and bond referendum to be held by Jordan Public Schools on Tuesday, November 5th, 2019. In the Financial Impact section, **while the tax table was correct, the description did not accurately describe the financial impact on agricultural land and seasonal residential property in regard to questions #2 and #3** (it was/is accurate in regard to question 1).

For an accurate explanation of the Financial Impact for all questions, please see the description listed to the left of the tax table (above) under the Financial Impact heading.

With questions, please contact Superintendent Helgerson at mhelgerson@isd717.org or 952-492-6200.

1 QUESTION

School District Question 1
Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization
The board of Independent School District No. 717 (Jordan), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District's general education revenue by \$300 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2019 for taxes payable in 2020 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.
Shall the increase in the general education revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 717 (Jordan), Minnesota be approved?
☐ Yes
☐ No
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2 QUESTION

School District Question 2
Approval of School District General Obligation School Building Bond Issue
If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 717 (Jordan), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$24,500,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, reconstruction at Jordan Elementary School, construction of a new Early Learning Services building, construction of a secure entryway and classroom and infrastructure improvements at Jordan High School, and parking and driving access improvements districtwide?
☐ Yes
☐ No
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3 QUESTION

School District Question 3
Approval of School District General Obligation School Building Bond Issue
If School District Question 1 and School District Question 2 are approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 717 (Jordan), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, remodeling and extension of the auditorium at Jordan High School and construction of a multipurpose indoor activity facility?
☐ Yes
☐ No
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