Board Meeting Date: 11/9/2026

Title: Combined Polling Places - 2027

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard – Executive Director, Finance & Operations

Description: At the October 20, 2026 work session, District administration reviewed the statutory and District requirements for combining polling places under Minn. Stat. § 205A.11 and presented a potential strategy of consolidating to four polling places, one in each quadrant of the city formed by Highways 100 and 62. Board members expressed support for the four-quadrant approach and a preference for using non-school sites where possible.

The City has since provided its 2027 polling places, and the Board may only combine into sites on that list. Valley View Middle School and Edina High School are not designated, so no District building is available in the southwest quadrant. Administration has developed two scenarios:

- Scenario 1 - three District sites and one non-District site: Countryside Elementary (northwest), Edina Community Center (northeast), Church of St. Patrick (southwest) and Cornelia Elementary (southeast).

- Scenario 2 - all non-District sites: Good Samaritan Church (northwest), Pamela Park (northeast), Church of St. Patrick (southwest) and Centennial Lakes Centrum (southeast).

Both scenarios save an estimated $23,000 per election. Under Scenario 2, Pamela Park's capacity for the busiest quadrant should be confirmed. District voters in St. Louis Park and Bloomington would be assigned to the northeast and southeast sites.

Recommendation: No formal action is requested at this time. Administration requests Board direction on a preferred scenario and will bring a resolution for Board action in December 2026, ahead of the December 31 deadline.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: School Board direction on a preferred four-quadrant configuration of combined polling places.

Attachments:

1. **Combined Polling Places Analysis (updated November 4, 2026)**