SCHOOL DISTRICT 197
West St. Paul • Mendota Heights • Eagan Area

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent

DATE: November 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Canvassing the Results of the November 3, 2026 School District General and Special Elections

BACKGROUND

Attached are the resolutions to canvass the results of the School District General and Special Elections held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The School Board is required to canvass the election returns and formally declare the results.

The general election included three (3) School Board seats for four-year terms beginning in January 2027. 25,041 ballots were cast in the district, representing a voter turnout of 76.49%. A total of 39,782 votes were cast in the School Board race, in which voters could select up to three candidates. Based on the election results, Sarah Larsen, Marcus Hill, and Jon Vaupel received the highest number of votes and were elected to serve four-year terms.

The special election included School District Question 1, requesting voter approval of a capital project levy authorization beginning with taxes payable in 2027. Of the 21,795 votes cast on the question, 13,782 (63.2%) voted in favor and 8,013 (36.8%) voted against. The question received majority approval and passed.

Following the canvass, the School District Clerk will certify the election results to the appropriate county auditors and the Commissioner of Education, as applicable. The Board will also authorize the issuance of Certificates of Election to the three elected School Board members in accordance with statutory requirements.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District 197 to approve the resolutions canvassing the results of the November 3, 2026 School District General and Special Elections and authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Election to the elected School Board members.