

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY-WINSTED
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS GARAGE
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HOWARD LAKE**

WHEREAS, the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted ISD #2687 (the “School District”) is considering granting a property tax abatement (the “Abatement”) in order to abate a portion of the School District property taxes on the School District’s bus garage (“Abatement Property”) identified by parcel identification number, P109-600-000010, all pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 469.1813, Subdivision 1 of the Act, if the benefits to the School District of the proposed Abatement is at least equal to the costs to the School District of the proposed Abatement, the School District may grant an abatement of a portion of the property taxes imposed by the School District on an affected parcel of property; and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the School Board has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Abatement, at which the views of all interested persons were heard; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds and determines that the public benefits to the School District from the Abatement will be at least equal to the costs to the School District of the Abatement, because (a) the property was previously tax exempt and the transition to use by a private company has made the property taxable which has increased the cost of providing public school busing services within the School District; and (b) the proposed Abatement will enable the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Public School District to offer more affordable busing services while still using a private vender; and

WHEREAS, this School Board finds and determines that the Abatement is in the public interest and confers public benefits for the reasons described hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted ISD #2687, Minnesota as follows:

Actions Ratified; Abatement Approved.

1. This School Board ratifies all actions of the School District’s staff and consultants in arranging for approval of this Resolution in accordance with the Act.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Abatement is approved and adopted subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) The term “Abatement” is further defined to mean a portion of the School District’s share of the real property taxes generated from the Abatement Property, in the amounts described in this Section:

- (i) The School District shall abate its respective share of the taxes received that are attributable to the Abatement Property, commencing with taxes payable during the year 2022 (the “Abatement”). The School District shall annually abate all School District property taxes levied against the property tax capacity of the Abatement Property. The abatement term shall not exceed 20-years.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Abatement will not exceed the amount produced by extending the School District’s tax rate applied to tax capacity for the applicable year against the total net tax capacity of the Abatement Property, as of January 2 in the prior year.
 - (iii) In accordance with Section 469.1813, Subdivision 8 of the Act, in no year shall the Abatement, together with all other abatements approved by the School District under the Act and paid in that year, exceed the greater of 10% of the School District’s net tax capacity for that year or \$200,000.
- (b) This Resolution may be modified only with the prior written approval of the School District, and any modification is subject to Section 469.1813, Subdivision 7.
- (c) In accordance with Section 469.1815 of the Act, the School District will add to its levy in each year during the term of the Abatement the total estimated amount of current year Abatement granted under this Resolution.

3. The Board Chair and the Superintendent are authorized and directed to execute and deliver any agreements, certificates or other documents that the School Board determines are necessary to implement this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the School Board of the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted ISD #2687 this 23rd day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

Brad Sellner
Superintendent

Michelle Heuer
Board Chair