

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2683
(GREENBUSH-MIDDLE RIVER), MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2683 (Greenbush-Middle River), Minnesota, on November 7, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
REVOKING EXISTING REFERENDUM AUTHORIZATION;
APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION**

The board of Independent School District No. 2683 (Greenbush-Middle River), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing voter approved referendum revenue authorization of \$806.05 per pupil and to approve a new authorization of \$1,825.00 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2017 for taxes payable in 2018 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

☐ **YES** Shall the existing voter approved referendum revenue authorization be
☐ **NO** revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of
Independent School District No. 2683 (Greenbush-Middle River),
Minnesota be approved?

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE
IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES.**

For School District Ballot Question 1 above, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.49153% of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed 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.

The figures in the table below are based on taxes for the voter approved referendum levy only, and do not include taxes for other purposes:

Homestead Residential, Apartments, and Commercial/Industrial Properties

<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Revoked Authority</u>	<u>Proposed Authority</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
\$50,000	\$-70.00	\$246.00	\$176.00
75,000	-105.00	369.00	264.00
100,000	-140.00	492.00	352.00
125,000	-175.00	614.00	439.00
150,000	-210.00	737.00	527.00
175,000	-245.00	860.00	615.00
200,000	-280.00	983.00	703.00
225,000	-315.00	1,106.00	791.00
250,000	-350.00	1,229.00	879.00
275,000	-385.00	1,352.00	967.00
300,000	-421.00	1,475.00	1,054.00
325,000	-456.00	1,597.00	1,141.00
350,000	-491.00	1,720.00	1,229.00
375,000	-526.00	1,843.00	1,317.00
400,000	-561.00	1,966.00	1,405.00
425,000	-596.00	2,089.00	1,493.00
450,000	-631.00	2,212.00	1,581.00
475,000	-666.00	2,335.00	1,669.00
500,000	-701.00	2,458.00	1,757.00
550,000	-771.00	2,703.00	1,932.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2
APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 2683 (Greenbush-Middle River), Minnesota has proposed a capital project levy for technology and other capital costs. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$400,000 for taxes payable in 2018, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$4,000,000, or 14.351% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.



YES Shall the capital project levy proposed by the board of Independent School
NO District No. 2683 (Greenbush-Middle River), Minnesota be approved?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING
FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

The figures in the table below are based on taxes for the capital project levy only, and do not include taxes for other purposes:

<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Proposed Capital Project Levy Annual Taxes Payable 2018</u>
Homestead Residential	
\$50,000	\$43
75,000	65
100,000	103
150,000	181
200,000	259
250,000	338
300,000	416
350,000	494
500,000	718
Commercial/Industrial	
\$50,000	\$108
100,000	215
200,000	466
300,000	753
500,000	1,327
Agricultural Homestead (Dollar per acre)	
\$700	\$0.50
1,000	0.72
1,250	0.90
1,500	1.08
1,800	1.29
Agricultural Non-Homestead (Dollar per acre)	
\$700	\$1.00
1,000	1.44
1,250	1.79
1,500	2.15
1,800	2.58

**Seasonal/Recreational
(Residential)**

\$50,000	\$72
75,000	108
100,000	144
150,000	215
250,000	359
500,000	718

The polling places and precincts for the special election will be:

Combined Polling Places:

Greenbush Campus
K-5/9-12 HS
401 Park Ave
Greenbush, MN 56726

Middle River Campus
K-5/6-8 JH
335 4th St N
Middle River, MN 56737

District Precincts:

All District precincts located in
Roseau and Kittson Counties

All District precincts located in
Marshall County

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: August 24, 2017

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/  Clerk