

BOARD REPORT

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dave Bernhardson, Superintendent

DATE: Monday, December 8, 2025



TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 201 Legal Status of the School Board

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Consent Action Item

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REPORT

The Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections is required.

School districts have authority to establish combined polling places for those elections in which no other election is being held within the school district. Amendments to **Minnesota Statutes Section 205A.11** require school boards to designate, by resolution, combined polling places for stand-alone school district elections held in the following calendar year. The location(s) of combined polling place(s) have also been limited to those locations designated for use as a polling place by a county or municipality. Consequently, school districts that have designated a school facility for their combined polling place which has not also been designated as a polling place by a county or municipality may no longer be able to use that school facility as a combined polling place.

When determining the location(s) of one or more combined polling places throughout the school district, both geographical distribution and population distribution must be considered. For school districts that have school board member election districts, a combined polling place for a general election must not include voters from more than one board member election district.

See attached resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Board of Education to approve the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During which the Polling Places will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election.