



NRHEG Public Schools

REFERENDUM VOTE



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APRIL 9, 2019



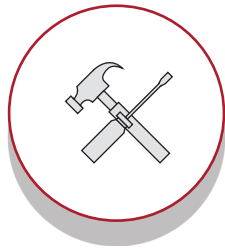
DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

On April 9, 2019, residents in the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) School District will have the opportunity to vote on a \$9.1 million referendum. The vote, which will take place at the Elementary and Secondary Schools, will determine whether the District will be able to make improvements to its two school facilities and the results will impact all community members. That's why it's important to know more about the District's plans and to make an educated vote!

Focus Areas



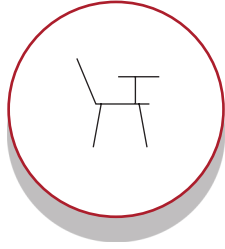
Improve Safety + Security



Support Facility Repairs



Renew Code Upgrades + Compliance



Provide Classrooms that Support Curriculum Requirements



“Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.”

- NRHEG Mission

REFERENDUM HISTORY





VOTING INFORMATION

What Will Be on the Ballot?

This referendum ballot will include one question. If approved at the polls, \$9.1 million will be authorized for District-wide improvements. Funding will be spread across a wide range of projects that satisfy curriculum and operational needs.

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 2168, NRHEG Public Schools, be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,100,000.00 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including safety and security improvements at the Elementary School; infrastructure improvements and completion of various deferred maintenance projects at school sites and facilities; completion of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements; and the completion of construction, renovation, expansion, or maintenance of classrooms, labs, restrooms, and other instructional spaces at school sites and facilities?

YES

NO

Where Do I Vote?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
600 School Street
Ellendale, MN 56026

SECONDARY SCHOOL
306 Ash Avenue S.
New Richland, MN 56072

ABSENTEE VOTING

Request an absentee ballot starting February 22, 2019 by contacting Sue Kulseth, Administrative Assistance to the Superintendent:
skulseth@nrheg.k12.mn.us
507-417-2600

Your polling place will be based on the following designations:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Steele County
- City of Geneva
- City of Bath
- Geneva Township in Freeborn County
- Freeborn Township in Freeborn County

SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Waseca County
- City of Hartland
- Hartland Township in Freeborn County

VOTE APRIL 9, 2019 | 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fast Facts

▶ Who can vote on April 9, 2019?

Anyone who is a resident within the NRHEG School District and is a registered voter.

▶ What will the bond cover?

The bond will cover a variety of facility maintenance needs and classroom requirements. View page 4 and 5 for more information.

▶ When would construction start?

Tentatively April 2020.

▶ Where can I learn more?





Visit our Facility Planning page on the NRHEG District website:

▶ <http://bit.ly/NRHEGFacilityPlanning>



FACILITY IMPACT

How Will the Referendum Support our Students?

	Elementary School	Secondary School
 Improve Safety + Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office would be able to monitor and screen school visitors more efficiently Building entrance would be restructured to increase safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
 Support Facility Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced indoor air quality would improve student performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced indoor air quality would improve student performance Improvements to electrical systems would reduce long-term construction needs and school-year interruptions
 Renew Code Upgrades + Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVAC improvements would ensure more efficient and reliable systems, meaning improved occupant comfort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students would have access to ADA-compliant restrooms Updates to HVAC systems for code compliance would ensure more efficient buildings that prioritize occupant comfort and health
 Provide Classrooms that Support Curriculum Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaces would improve career readiness learning opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Classrooms Career + Technical Education Family + Consumer Science

A Closer Look at the Secondary School



Science Classrooms

- The addition and improvement of plumbing, natural gas, and exhaust ventilation would open up more hands-on opportunities for science lessons



Career + Technical Education

- “Shop” space expansion would create a safer space with more opportunities for students
- Students would have spaces necessary for agriculture-based learning
- The space would facilitate education in the construction trades



Family + Consumer Science

- Students would gain access to modern commercial culinary arts equipment and appliances to reflect current culinary industry standards



The safety and security of each Elementary student and staff member remains a top priority for the administration. Improving the security of our main entrance and allowing our office staff to screen and register each visitor will allow us to meet this priority.



- Doug Anderson,
Elementary School Principal



Our students need facilities that support current rigorous standards, improve career and college readiness and operate with maximized efficiency.

- Dave Bunn,
Secondary School Principal





LOCAL PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

Ag2School Government Tax Credit

In the past, rural schools faced challenges to fund improvements. To help these efforts, the State of Minnesota implemented the Ag2School tax credit with bipartisan support. This reduces the financial burden on farmers in the area. It offsets 40% of bond debt that is levied on agricultural taxpayers.

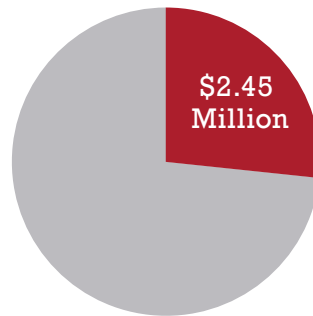
This permanent bill does not have a sunset clause, meaning there is no end date and that the bill will be effective for the entirety of the bond. Repealing this law is highly unlikely, as it would require both houses of Congress and the governor's approval to do so. Moreover, repealing this bipartisan law would be a vote for raising taxes, which both parties would likely avoid given the political consequences of such a vote.

How Would Ag2School Impact NRHEG?

\$9.1 Million

-40% Tax Credits

\$2.45 Million



LEARN MORE!

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS'
REPORT ON AG2SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

bit.ly/MN_Tax_Credit

Affirmative Vote Impact

	Residential Homestead					Commercial-Industrial		
Est. Market Value	\$75,000	\$100,00	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$250,000
Estimated Annual Tax Increase	\$21	\$33	\$59	\$84	\$109	\$35	\$70	\$198

	Agricultural Homestead			Agricultural Non-Homestead		
\$/acre	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
Estimated Annual Tax Increase	\$0.56	\$0.84	\$1.12	\$1.12	\$1.67	\$2.23

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Assumes interest rates as of 11-28-2018 plus .5%, bonds sold 8-1-2019
2. No growth assumed in district taxable net tax capacity
3. All agricultural tax impacts include 40% reduction related to Ag2School Tax Credit
4. Debt Service is structured to wrap around current outstanding general obligation debt

*Tax impact for Agricultural Homestead land up to \$1,940,000 in value. Additional value is taxed like Ag Non-Homestead

Calculate Your Estimated Tax Impact

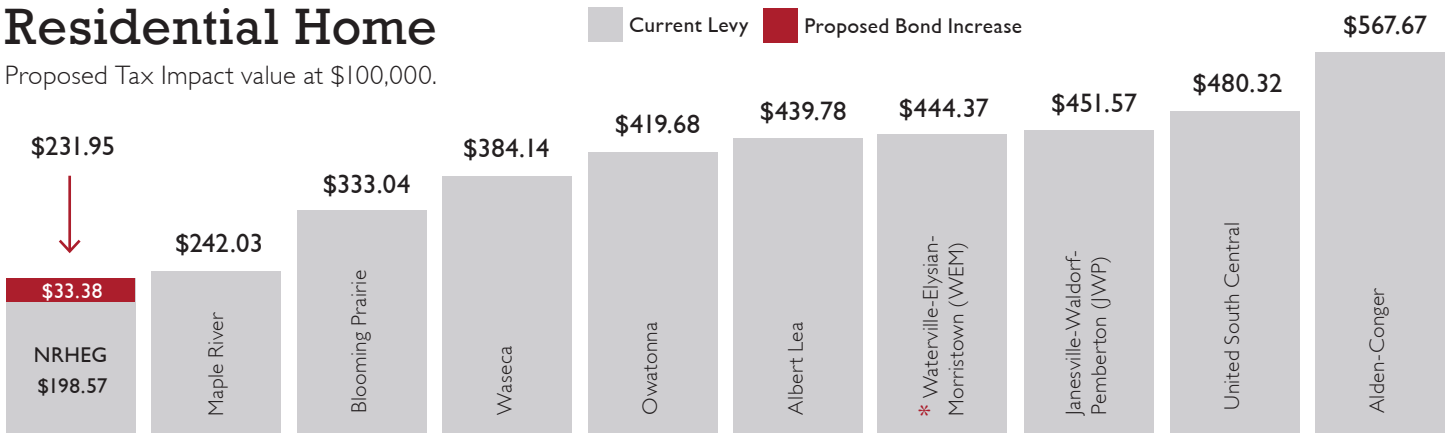
Follow this link to our online tax calculator: bit.ly/NRHEGTaxImpactCalculator

How Will the Referendum Affect Your Taxes?

Below are a series of graphs that show the extent to which taxes will increase for different types of property owners in the District, as well as the current tax rates for nearby schools.

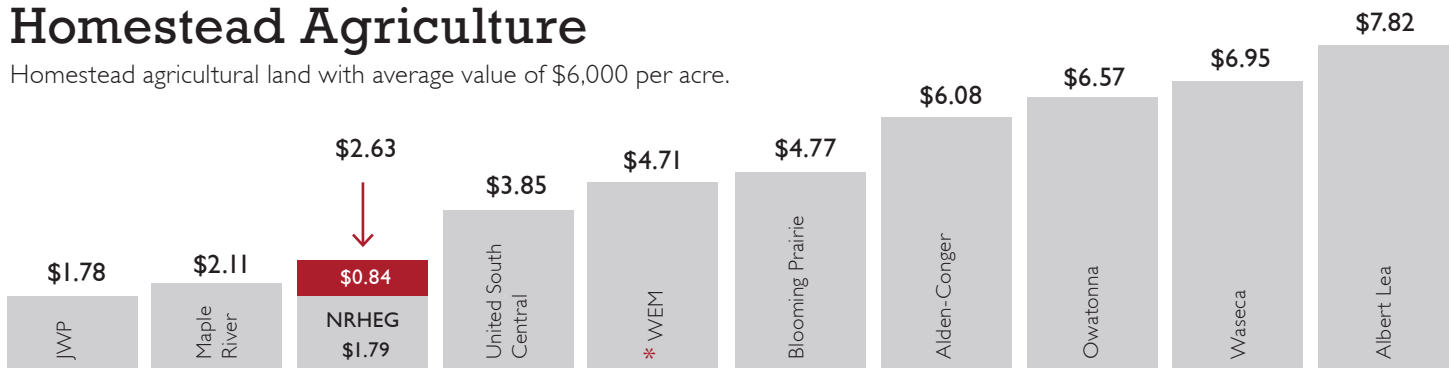
Residential Home

Proposed Tax Impact value at \$100,000.



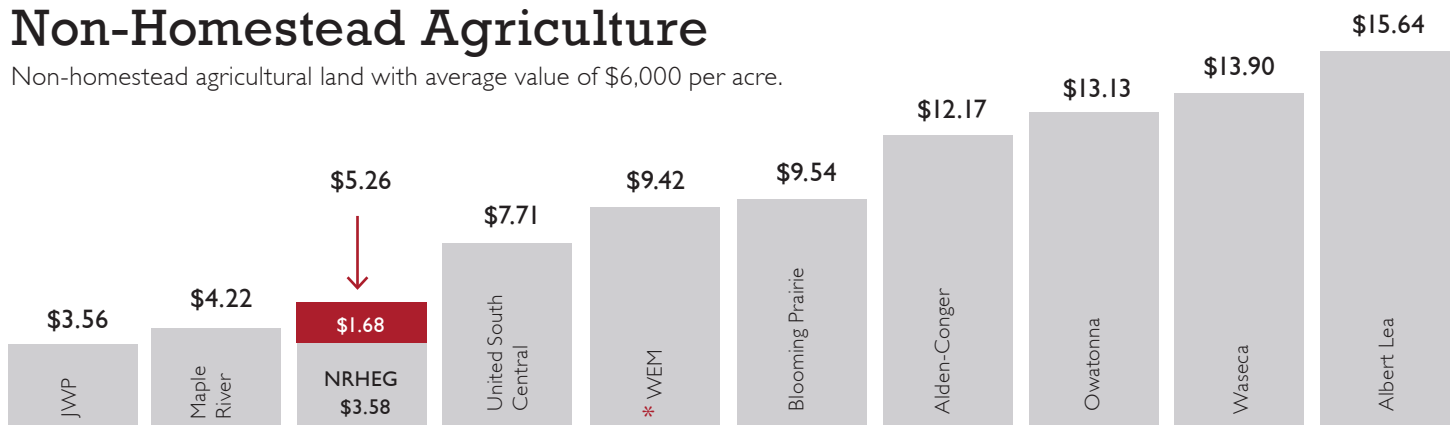
Homestead Agriculture

Homestead agricultural land with average value of \$6,000 per acre.



Non-Homestead Agriculture

Non-homestead agricultural land with average value of \$6,000 per acre.



Source: MDE pay 2018 school tax data report

* Based on 2018 Passed Referendum

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JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE!

Elementary School Open House

March 11, 2019 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Secondary School Open House

March 14, 2019 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Presentation
School Tours
Open Discussion

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