

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the River Ridge School District on April 2, 2024, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT FOR RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the River Ridge School District, Grant County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the River Ridge School District, Grant County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the River Ridge School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the River Ridge School District the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots April 2, 2024

Office Of The School District Clerk

To The Voters Of River Ridge School District:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the River Ridge School District on April 2, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly. After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot April 2, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters	
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).	
To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
School District	
Question: Shall the River Ridge School District, Grant County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,250,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, and by an additional \$250,000 a year in each of the following years, in the 2025-2026 school year (for a total of \$1,500,000), in the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$1,750,000) and in the 2027-2028 school year (for a total of \$2,000,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes consisting of operational costs to maintain instructional programs, staffing, technology and facilities management?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

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To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
School District	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey W. Thornton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Guthrie	
<input type="checkbox"/> write-in:	
<input type="checkbox"/> write-in:	

Location and Hours of Polling Places

At the election to be held on April 2, 2024, in the River Ridge School District, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards (if any) indicated:

Municipality	Location
Village of Bagley	Bagley Fire House, Bagley, WI
Village of Bloomington	Municipal Library, 453 Canal St., Bloomington, WI
Town of Beetown	Beetown Town Hall, 7764 Cty. U East, Beetown, WI
Town of Bloomington	Bloomington Township Garage, Hwy. 35, Bloomington, WI
Town of Glen Haven	Town Hall, 8744 Cty. Road V, Glen Haven, WI
Town of Little Grant	Town Hall, 8709 Cty. A, Bloomington, WI
Town of Patch Grove	Patch Grove Town Shop, N Main St., Patch Grove, WI
Town of Wyalusing	12296 Dry Hollow Road, Wyalusing Town Hall, Bagley, WI
Village of Mount Hope	Mt. Hope Fire Station, Main Street, Mt. Hope, WI
Village of Patch Grove	Village Hall, North Street, Patch Grove, WI
Town of Millville	Town Hall, 10247 Cty. Hwy. C, Woodman, WI
Town of Mount Hope	Fire Station, Main Street, Mt. Hope, WI
Town of Woodman	Town Hall, 15047 Hwy. K, Woodman, WI

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Lee Trudell Village of Bagley PO BOX 116 Bagley, WI 53801 608-996-2195	Kimberly Klein Town of Little Grant 11476 Milner Road Mount Hope, WI 53816 608-988-0244
Shawna Atterbury Village of Bloomington PO BOX 156 Bloomington, WI 53804 608-994-3851	Dawn Wachter Town of Millville 14141 Barker Hollow Road Woodman, WI 53827 608-988-4260
Robert Keeney Village of Mount Hope PO BOX 65 320 N. Aarlocker Street Mount Hope, WI 53816 608-988-6969	Linda Knapp Town of Mount Hope PO BOX 6 Mount Hope, WI 53816 608-988-4569
Kelly Conley Village of Patch Grove PO BOX 168 Patch Grove, WI 53817 608-533-3441	Gina Redman Town of Patch Grove 12712 Military Ridge Road Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 608-988-2094
Lisa M. Ellis Town of Beetown 7764 County Road U Beetown, WI 53802 608-885-0126	Deborah Knowles Town of Woodman 15247 County Road K Woodman, WI 53827 608-533-2913
Jane Patterson Town of Bloomington 10473 Aspen Road Bloomington, WI 53804 608-994-2807	Michelle Newhouse Town of Wyalusing 12742 Markley Hollow Road Bagley, WI 53801 608-996-2212
Lois Nemitz Town of Glen Haven 11037 Canal Street Glen Haven, WI 53810 608-794-2114	

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Clay Koenig, District Administrator.

Done in the River Ridge School District
on March 28, 2024
Adam Guthrie
District Clerk

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