







NRHEG Public Schools

REFERENDUM VOTE

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!

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"> Science classrooms would expand lesson opportunities Spaces would improve career readiness learning opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career + Technical Education: "Shop" space expansion, agriculture-based learning and construction trade curriculum spaces. Family + Consumer Science: Commercial culinary arts equipment.

Where Do I Vote?

<p>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 600 School Street Ellendale, MN 56026</p>	<p>SECONDARY SCHOOL 306 Ash Avenue S. New Richland, MN 56072</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE VOTING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
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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.



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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.

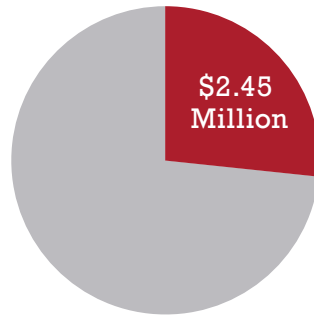
This permanent bill does not have a sunset clause, meaning there is no end date and that the bill will be effective for the entirety of the bond. Repealing this law is highly unlikely, as it would require both houses of Congress and the governor's approval to do so. Moreover, repealing this bipartisan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

Learn more on the NRHEG District website:

<http://bit.ly/NRHEGFacilityPlanning>