



# Indianola Community School District Public Vote

## March 3, 2020

### **Public Educational and Recreational Levy (PERL)**

The state of Iowa allows districts to levy \$0.135 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for a Public Educational and Recreational Levy (PERL). Funds from this levy may be used to establish and maintain public playgrounds, public recreation purposes and community education purposes.

Over the past 5 years, the district has spent an estimated \$500,000 per elementary playground. Adding this levy allows the district to be more proactive in funding for future and ongoing playground needs and consider the expansion of community education services.

Although the vote is asking for an added levy rate, the district anticipates that the overall levy rate for the district will not increase, due to increased valuations and the district levying fewer cash reserve dollars. Preliminary budget calculations show that the school levy rate will drop by approximately \$0.50 per thousand dollars taxable valuation, from \$18.50 down to \$17.99.

### **Renewal of Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement:**

On 3/3/2020, voters will be asked to renew the Indianola Schools' Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement. The 2019 Iowa legislature renewed the 1-cent Sales Tax for Schools for another 20 years (2029 through 2051). This law change did not increase the percentage of sales tax being paid to Iowa schools. However, the new law requires all local school districts to renew their Revenue Purpose Statement to provide voter approval for the use of the funds. Indianola is requesting approval for all eligible purposes provided under the law. The law requires a simple majority vote to pass.

The State of Iowa collects a 1% Sales Tax and distributes this money to all Iowa schools on a per student basis to fund school construction, building and site improvements, technology and large equipment purchases. The State began collection sales tax for schools in 2005. This funding was renewed in 2008 for 20 years years guaranteeing the funding until 2030. In the spring of 2019 the Iowa legislature renewed it again for another 20 years, stretching the funding out until 2050. With the 2019 renewal, the Iowa legislature required all local districts to renew their local Revenue Purpose Staemtent so local voters would be aware and involved in how the school district are using the funds. Once approved the local school board will use the Revenue Purposes Statement as a guide to determine building projects and other uses. Indianola has placed the renewal of the Revenue Purposes Statement on the 3/3/2020 ballot. The full ballot question is posted on the Schools website.

Below are examples of how the district has used the Sales Tax funds:

Athletic field improvements	School Furniture
Auditorium Renovation and HVAC Upgrades	High School Music Expansion and Equipment
Baseball Field Updates and Lighting	Middle School Renovation and Expansion
Blake Fieldhouse	Tennis Courts
Computers for students, other computer equipment	District Administration Office
Debt Reduction	Window Replacements at Whittier, Emerson

**Please vote on 3/3/2020.**

Precinct Official's Initials

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
Special Election  
Warren County, Iowa  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
Indianola School District  
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use only the marking device provided.
- Fill in the target next to your choice like this:
- Notice to voters:** To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the target in front of the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the target in front of the word "No".
- Do not cross out. If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.**

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**PROPOSITION F**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Indianola Community School District in the County of Warren, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the School District of not to exceed thirteen and one-half cents (13½¢) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the School District for public educational and recreational activities and community education purposes?

YES

NO

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**PROPOSITION G**

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Indianola Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the Indianola Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Indianola Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under a district-to-community college as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Indianola Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Indianola Community School District.

YES

NO