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Community School Districts

January 19th, 2021

Revenue Purpose Statement

Proposition _

SAVE (*Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund*)

Bettendorf, North Scott, and Pleasant Valley community school district voters will find “Proposition _” on their Tuesday, March 2nd, special election ballot. The propositions are the districts’ Revenue Purpose Statements specifying how they would continue to use the funds they receive from the State one-cent sales tax, known as Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund (SAVE).

Frequently Asked Questions

ONE CENT SALES & SERVICE TAX

Q. Why are the school districts asking for re-approval of the Revenue Purpose Statement?

A. In 2019, the Iowa Legislature extended the one-cent sales tax through 2051. Current District Revenue Purpose Statements are valid through January 31, 2031. If Iowa districts want to use these funds for long-term facility planning beyond 2031, the Revenue Purpose Statement must be updated to align with the 2019 legislative changes. Iowa Code 423F.3 outlines in which order revenues must be expended without a Revenue Purpose Statement. Re-approval allows districts to plan for facility improvements during long-range planning.

The one-cent sales tax allows districts to:

- Maintain the investment our communities have made in facilities
- Facilitate long-term planning and provide a stable revenue source to respond to changing facility needs.
- Provide funds to purchase technology and equipment.

- Utilize SAVE revenues for bond principal and interest payments as opposed to issuing General Obligation bonds, which are funded with property taxes.

Q. Will re-approving the Revenue Purpose Statement raise my taxes?

A. No. The Iowa Legislature approved the sales tax to go through 2051. This is NOT a property tax but a sales tax paid at the time of purchase, so you'll pay this regardless of whether the Revenue Purpose Statement is re-approved. Re-approval of the Revenue Purpose Statements simply dictates how revenues may be spent, and allows districts to prioritize expenditures on facilities and technology so that all students have high-quality schools.

Q. What is SAVE?

A. Secure an Advanced Vision for Education or SAVE is a statewide one-cent sales tax for schools that started as a county-voter-approved tax. Scott County voters first approved the 10-year One-Cent tax in May of 1999. In March 2008, Scott County voters approved a second 10-year tax that remained in effect through September 2019. In 2008, the Iowa Legislature enacted the state-wide SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) that provides revenue to all school districts through 2029. Bettendorf updated its Revenue Purpose Statement in 2011 when the Iowa Legislature, allowing the district to use SAVE funds for facilities and technology through 2029. The District is looking to update its Revenue Purpose Statement again through 2051, or until the law expires.

Q. How would passage of the Revenue Purpose Statement affect facilities planning?

A. Re-approval of the Revenue Purpose Statement allows District Administrators to present long-range facilities and technology planning to the Board of Education and community. This allows a more productive planning process, allowing the District to provide a 21st Century education to **all** students and minimizes costs of deferred maintenance on facilities.

Q. How much longer does the current, state-wide, one-cent tax run?

A. The District's current Revenue Purpose Statement is valid through January 31, 2031. The District will still receive these funds through 2051. However, if the Revenue Purpose Statement is not updated, funds must be spent in the order listed below. This drastically limits the District's ability to plan for long-term facilities and technology projects.

- Reduce any debt service levy
- Reduce any Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)
- Reduce any Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL)
- THEN the District can use the funds for school infrastructure and any lawful State Penny purpose

Q. How much does the Bettendorf Community School District receive annually in SAVE dollars?

A.

2020 - 2021 Revenue (estimated)	
Bettendorf CSD	\$4,037,315

Q. What projects does Bettendorf Community School District have planned for 2020-2029?

A.

- Herbert Hoover Elementary Secure Entrance and Office Updates (Phase I)
- Herbert Hoover Elementary Phase II Campus Updates
- Edison Academy Campus Updates
- Bettendorf Middle School Roof Replacement
- 1:1 Chromebook purchases
- Paul Norton Elementary Secure Entrance (summer 2020)
- Mark Twain Elementary New Campus (opened January 2020)

Q. Which items are exempt from the local option tax?

A. Exempted items include food, prescription drugs, gasoline and special fuels, new and used automobiles, farm equipment, seed, feed, and hotel and motel rooms.

Q. How do you decide what to spend on each project?

A. We're building for the future, with flexibility built-in to help us meet tomorrow's needs. The Board and community will continue to provide guidance and input on how best to use our SAVE dollars. We use long-range forecasting and planning to allocate annual dollars over a period of time.

USES OF REVENUE

Q. How could the tax proceeds be spent?

- A. See the detailed wording of the proposition in the "Election" section below. Basically, the sales tax funds would be used for:
- Property tax relief
 - Technology infrastructure
 - School safety and security
 - Build and furnish a new school building or buildings
 - Remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings
 - Establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds
 - Principal and interest on, or retirement of, bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes

ELECTION

Q. How will the ballot be worded for the Bettendorf Community School District?

Proposition A

Shall the following public measure be adopted: Yes | No

PROPOSITION A

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

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

To provide funds for property tax relief.

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; and

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

Q. What percentage is required for passage?

A. A simple majority (one more than 50%) of all those voting in the school district election is required.

Q. How long would the Revenue Purpose Statement be in effect?

A. It would immediately replace our existing Revenue Purpose Statement (the two are essentially the same) and would expire in 2051 unless the legislature extends the expiration date.

Q. Could the school board by resolution pass or modify the Revenue Purpose Statement without a vote of the electors?

A. No.

Q. What happens if the Revenue Purpose Statement fails?

A. If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for education fund shall be expended in the following order:

- The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;
- Reduction of on levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;
- Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2;
- Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2
- For any authorized infrastructure purpose if the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6);
- For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 and 423F.

Q. Does my vote impact the vote in any other school district?

A. No. Each school district has a separate vote. They are being held on the same day.

Q. When and where do we vote?

A. The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Voters can also request an absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Fill out an absentee ballot, available from the [Scott County Auditor](#), and mail it to the auditor's office by February 19th (11 days prior to the vote). The election date is March 2, 2021. The type is "special." Absentee ballots MUST be postmarked by March 1st.

POLLING LOCATIONS

Bettendorf Community School District Residents

Information Coming Soon

If you are not sure of your polling place, check your voter registration card or call the Scott County Auditor's Office at (563) 326-8631.

Vote – Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021