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VOTED PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT LEVY

ELECTION DAY: SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

On **Tuesday, September 8, 2026,** South Winneshiek CSD voters will consider a measure that would allow the district to raise its voted **Physical Plant & Equipment Levy** (PPEL) limit. This funding tool provides support the district uses for **infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases, and improvements.**

Why is this necessary?

In November 2025, voters approved a $13 million general obligation bond issue to partially fund $23.5 million in renovations and additions at the high school. The funding plan for these projects relied heavily on sales tax revenue South Winn receives from the state's Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) fund.

Earlier this year, the Iowa Legislature restructured SAVE and diverted a larger share of its funds away from school infrastructure, leaving the district with a funding shortfall for the high school project and less money available for ongoing facility, transportation, and technology maintenance.

Without an approved voted PPEL, the School Board and administration will need to explore budget reductions that could affect staffing and programming.

What's the tax impact?

The measure seeking approval to raise the voted PPEL limit up to $1.34 per $1,000 of taxable property value (from $0.67) is designed ***not to raise*** the overall tax rate for the district.

After having a cumulative levy rate of $12.33 per $1,000 in Fiscal Year 2026, the approved bond issue was expected to raise the rate to $15.03. Instead, the board set it at $14.58 for FY2027.

The proposed PPEL adjustment **would not increase taxes**. Instead, it will allow the district to use already-collected tax revenue by reallocating a portion of that revenue from the Management Fund to the PPEL Fund. This will provide South Winn with the flexibility to shift money back to the Management Fund in the future if building operations require it.

How will PPEL funds be spent?

The money will support the high school renovation and additions and ensure the $23.5 million project remains on track. South Winn will also continue to use PPEL for facility and grounds maintenance, computer and technology upgrades, and transportation expenses.

Voted PPEL measures require 50% +1 voter approval to pass, per state law.

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