

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2174
(PINE RIVER-BACKUS SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus), Minnesota, on November 8, 2005, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION**

The school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus Schools) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by a maximum of \$600 per pupil. The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations, including maintaining current academic programs and opportunities and ensuring reasonable class sizes. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus) be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES.**

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property with the School District as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. For seasonal recreational residential property (e.g., cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

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| <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Dollar Increase</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| \$50,000 | \$57 |
| 60,000 | 69 |
| 70,000 | 80 |
| 80,000 | 92 |
| 90,000 | 103 |
| 100,000 | 115 |
| 125,000 | 143 |
| 150,000 | 172 |
| 175,000 | 201 |
| 200,000 | 229 |
| 250,000 | 287 |
| 300,000 | 344 |
| 400,000 | 459 |
| 500,000 | 573 |
| 1,000,000 | 1,147 |
| 2,000,000 | 2,293 |

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING MAINTENANCE BOND ISSUE**

The school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus Schools) has proposed a project for the betterment of school sites and facilities, including the renovation, remodeling, upgrading, and equipping of improvements to various school district sites and facilities, including window and boiler replacement; installing energy efficient electrical systems; remodeling and updating science labs, vocational classrooms, and other classrooms; and upgrading Pine River Elementary School to meet current safety and security standards. To provide funds for the project costs, the school board has proposed to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

If Question 1 is approved, shall the issuance of general obligation school building bonds proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus) be approved?

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YES

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NO

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PROPERTY TAXES.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 3
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDING EXPANSION BOND ISSUE**

The school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus Schools) has proposed a project for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the equipping and construction of improvements to various school district sites and facilities – adding an auditorium to the commons area between the high school and the elementary school with instructional space for band and choir; adding an additional vocational classroom, a multi-purpose activity room, a weight room, and a wrestling room to the high school; and remodeling the existing band and choir rooms. To provide funds for the project costs, the school board has proposed to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000. The projects to be funded have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

If Question 2 is approved, shall the issuance of general obligation school building bonds proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2174 (Pine River-Backus) be approved?

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YES

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NO

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES.**

The polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

South Precinct (Maple Township Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the Townships of Maple, Moose Lake, Meadow Brook, and Home Brook.

West Precinct (Ansel Township Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the Townships of Ansel and Poplar.

Timothy East Precinct (Timothy Township Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the Cities of Manhattan Beach and Crosslake, and the Townships of Timothy and Ideal.

Fifty Lakes East Precinct (Fifty Lakes City Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the City of Fifty Lakes.

South Central Precinct (Pine River Elementary School):

All eligible voters residing in the Cities of Pine River and Chickamaw Beach, and the Townships of Bungo, Pine River, Barclay, Walden, Wilson, Gail Lake, and Jenkins.

North Central Precinct (Backus Elementary School):

All eligible voters residing in the City of Backus and the Township of Powers.

East Precinct (Ponto Lake Township Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the Townships of Ponto Lake, Blind Lake, and Woodrow.

North West Precinct (Bull Moose Township Hall):

All eligible voters residing in the Townships of Bull Moose, McKinley, and Deerfield.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be open between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: 8/29, 2005

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/

Randy D. Dyer
School District Clerk

Independent School District No. 2174

(Pine River-Backus Schools)

State of Minnesota