

SAMPLE BALLOTS



SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

Voters must approve bond funds for major maintenance and construction projects.

Q1 focuses on maintaining our community's schools.

Funds would be used for safety and security improvements, deferred maintenance projects and updates to classrooms and other district facilities.

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$59,225,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the acquisition and installation of safety, security, technology and accessibility improvements, including security cameras, communication systems, bus radio systems and fire sprinkler systems; the completion of various partial roofing replacement and repair projects, mechanical system infrastructure upgrades, electrical system and lighting improvements, exterior envelope repairs and interior finish upgrades, outdoor facilities improvements and upgrades, kitchen and cafeteria improvements, high school auditorium improvements and upgrades; the acquisition of furniture for use in various school facilities; the construction of parking lot, driveway and site improvements; the completion of classroom updates to accommodate early learning programs; and the completion of other facility improvements?

- Yes
- No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The estimated tax impact on the district's average homeowner (\$175,000 home) would be less than \$1 per month.

Funds would be used to build a gym addition to the high school to alleviate crowding and increase space for physical education classes, improve air quality in both the middle school and high school gyms and build a new weight room to improve safety.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 Approval of School District Bond Issue

Q2 focuses on improving athletic spaces.

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools) also be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,940,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a two-station gymnasium addition and a new weight room at the high school facility, and the completion of gymnasium dehumidification/air quality improvements at the middle and high school facilities?

- Yes
- No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The estimated tax impact on the district's average homeowner (\$175,000 home) would be less than \$4.50 per month.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3 Approval of Capital Project Levy Authorization to Fund Technology

The board of Independent School District No. 138 (North Branch Area Public Schools) has proposed a capital project levy authorization to fund technology in the amount of 3.203% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$500,000 for taxes payable in 2018, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$5,000,000. The money raised by this authorization will provide funds to increase technology access for students and staff through the acquisition, installation, replacement, support and maintenance of classroom technology, software, computers, student devices, improved technology systems, networks, infrastructure, and instructional technology, and for directly related training and personnel costs.

Shall the capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 138 be approved?

- Yes
 No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

This would provide a dedicated source of funding for classroom technology for ten years, freeing up operating funds to retain instructional staff.

Q3 focuses on classroom technology.

The estimated tax impact on the district's average homeowner (\$175,000 home) would be a little more than \$4.00 per month.

Funds would be used to invest in up-to-date technology tools and resources for teaching and learning.

HOW TO VOTE

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7am to 8pm, at one polling location: North Branch Area Education Center, 38705 Grand Avenue, North Branch. To vote early using an absentee ballot, call the district office at (651) 674-1011 or visit the school district office. All absentee ballots must be received no later than May 23, 2017.

LEARN MORE

- o Visit www.isd138.org/referendum
- o Email referendum@isd138.org
- o Call 651-674-1082



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