

Special Election Notice: There will be a Special Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to consider the following three questions:

- 1. Should the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District merge and become one school district named the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District? (The ballot language below titled Proposition A relates to question #1.)**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

Shall the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District be reorganized to form a new school district known as the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District to include all of the historical territory of both districts which has been legally described in the published Decision of the Board of Directors of Northwest Area Education Agency and the Board of Directors of Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency regarding the Petition for the Reorganization of the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District, shall the initial board of directors be comprised of seven (7) directors with two (2) directors appointed by the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District Board of Directors, four (4) directors appointed by the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District Board of Directors, and one (1) director appointed by the members of the initial board, or, in the absence of such appointment, by special election, shall the proposed school district be governed thereafter by a regular board of directors comprised of seven (7) directors, shall the method of election for the regular board be the election of six (6) directors being residents of six single-member director districts and one (1) member elected at large, with all directors elected by the electors of the entire district as set forth in Iowa Code Section 275.12(2)(c), and shall the assets and liabilities of the two districts merge and become the assets and liabilities of the newly reorganized district on the effective date for reorganization of July 1, 2017?

- 2. Should the Revenue Purposes Statement outlined in Proposition B below be approved for the new Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District. (The ballot language below titled Proposition B relates to question #2. If the vote to merge into one district is approved a new Revenue Purposes Statement would need to be approved so that the new district is able to utilize the state sales tax funds it receives for the SAVE fund that are used for facility improvements, technology upgrades, etc.)**

PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO

Summary: To adopt the revenue purpose statement for the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District and authorize the expenditure of revenues from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund received by the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District.

If the reorganization of the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District is approved, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of the sales, services and use tax funds from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund for school infrastructure (penny sales, services and use tax for schools) shall be adopted:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

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, 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, as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electrical system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.

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; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District.

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.

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 any authority previously granted by the voters to either the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District or the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District to expend receipts from the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall become effective on July 1, 2017 and shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District.

- 3. The third question on each district's ballot will be to select a new board member to finish out a term that was vacated in each school district. Patrons have until Friday, August 19 to file the paperwork with the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts Board Secretary/Business Manager, Mrs. Kathy Leonard, in order to be placed on the Special Election Ballot.**

We will update this information when the ballot has been completed.

Information regarding the Special Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 can be found on the district website. The information identifies the time that the voting stations will be open, where voting stations will be located, how an individual can register to vote and the various methods that an individual may use to cast a ballot in the special election.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Terry Kenealy, Shared Superintendent or Mrs. Kathy Leonard, Shared Board Secretary for the Odebolt-Arthur and Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School Districts