

FILLMORE CENTRAL ISD 2198

PRESTON, MN 55965

Referendum Levy Information

September 2023

The Fillmore Central Board of Education has discussed and reviewed the financial needs of the Fillmore Central School District. As a result, the Board of Education has officially approved that a special election be held. The question on the ballot will be to revoke our existing referendum revenue authorization of \$292.15 per pupil and replace it with a new authorization of \$783.86 per pupil to raise approximately \$300,000 annually for general operations of the district. A taxpayer impact chart is provided on the reverse side of this page.

Three informational meetings will be held. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

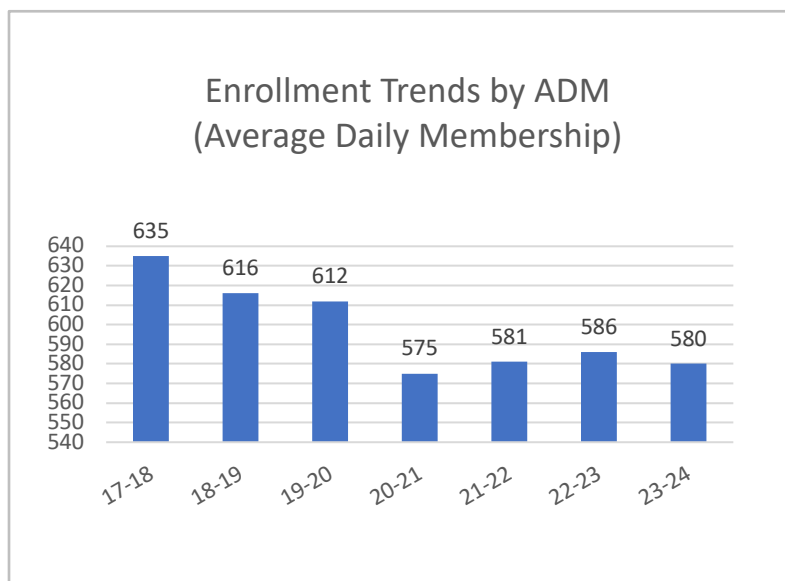
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| ➤ Wednesday | September 27 | 7:00 pm | Fountain Community Center, Fountain, MN |
| ➤ Wednesday | October 4 | 7:00 pm | Elementary School Stage Gym, Preston, MN |
| ➤ Wednesday | October 11 | 7:00 pm | High School Varsity Gym, Harmony, MN |

Reasons for the referendum request by the Board of Education:

- Declining enrollment
- Continued increases in general operating costs/inflation
- Expiration of federal Covid relief funds

FAQ:

- How will this additional funding be used?
 - It will be used to maintain current academic offerings and co-curricular offerings (athletics & fine arts)
- When is the last time Fillmore Central ISD 2198 requested additional operating levy dollars?
 - 2005
- How will this affect my taxes?
 - The average home value in the school district is \$187,900. For this home, taxes will increase by \$137.30 annually (\$11.44 per month). See reverse side for a taxpayer impact chart.



FILLMORE CENTRAL ISD 2198
REFERENDUM ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

POLLS WILL BE OPEN 5:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM

Where can I vote?

There will be 1 combined polling place located at the
Fillmore Central District Office
700 Chatfield Street NW, Preston, MN

NOTE: To reduce election costs only one polling place will be open during special elections held on a date when there is not a state election.

*Absentee ballots will be available, beginning September 22, 2023, at the
Fillmore Central District Office, 700 Chatfield Street NW, Preston, Minnesota 55965*

Taxpayer Impact:

Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Preston, Minnesota
Fillmore Central Public Schools

Estimated Tax Impact for Referendum Levy

Referendum Market Value	Estimated		
	\$300k Additional Annual Revenue		
	Pay 2024 Existing Authority	Pay 2024 Proposed Authority	Pay 2024 Net Annual Change
	\$292.15 0.04341%	\$783.86 0.11649%	\$491.71 0.07307%
\$50,000	\$21.71	\$58.24	\$36.54
75,000	32.56	87.36	54.80
100,000	43.41	116.49	73.07
125,000	54.27	145.61	91.34
150,000	65.12	174.73	109.61
187,900	81.58	218.88	137.30
200,000	86.83	232.97	146.14
250,000	108.54	291.21	182.68
300,000	130.24	349.46	219.21
350,000	151.95	407.70	255.75
400,000	173.66	465.94	292.28
500,000	217.07	582.43	365.35
750,000	325.61	873.64	548.03
1,000,000	434.15	1,164.85	730.70

Notes:

Does not include taxpayer impact related to existing \$172.14 authority approved in 2020 and expiring in FY 2031.

Estimates are calculated using referendum market value and does not include adjustments for fiscal disparities.

Calculations are based on current law and will require revision in the event of legislative changes.


The existing levy authority includes \$292.15/student with final collection in FY 2026 and \$172.14/student with final collection in FY 2031.

Sample Ballot:

**Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 2198
(Fillmore Central), Minnesota**

November 7, 2023

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

**School District Question
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;
Approving New Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$292.15 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$783.86 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2023 for taxes payable in 2024 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.



YES
NO

Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the new authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota be approved?

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



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