

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
LAKE GENEVA JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, CITY OF LAKE GENEVA, TOWNS OF
BLOOMFIELD, GENEVA, LAFAYETTE, LINN, LYONS AND SPRING PRAIRIE
APRIL 1, 2025

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie on April 1, 2025, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
BY \$4,000,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie the authority to exceed the revenue

limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 208 East South Street, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

City of Lake Geneva – Lacey L. Reynolds
626 Geneva Street, Lake Geneva
262-248-3673
Regular Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am–5:00pm

Village of Bloomfield – Candace Kinsch
N1100 Town Hall Road, Pell Lake
262-279-6039 Ext 1
Mon.-Thurs. 10:00-4:00

Town of La Fayette – Cairie Virrueta
N5573 Bowers Rd, Elkhorn
262-723-4321
By appointment

Town of Lyons – Karla Hill
6339 Hospital Road, Lyons
262-763-9936
Mon & Wed 10:00am-2:00pm Fri 11:00am-2:00pm

Town of Bloomfield – Lori Domino
N1100 Town Hall Road, Pell Lake
262-279-6039 Ext 6
Mon. & Tues 10:00am-3:00pm
Wed. 10:00am-12pm

Town of Geneva – Debra Kirch
N3496 Como Road, Lake Geneva (Absentee/Early)
Como Community Church Hall
W3901 Palmer Rd (Election Day)
262-248-8497
Mon.-Fri. 9:00am–4:00pm

Town of Linn - Alyson Morris
W3728 Franklin Walsh St
Zenda, WI 53195
262-275-6300 Ext 1
Mon 8:00am-6:00pm, Tues, Wed, Fri. 8:00am-4:00pm, Thurs 8:00am-11:00am

Town of Spring Prairie – Jessica Fuchs
N6097 State Hwy 120, Burlington
262-642-7477
Wed. 1:00pm-4:00pm

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” Clear Access or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 1, 2025

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

Question: Shall the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie, Walworth County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of expenses for school safety and security improvements, to pay teacher and staff compensation, to sustain educational programming for students, to maintain class sizes and ongoing operational expenses?

Yes

No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Peter C. Wilson, Superintendent.

Done in the Lake Geneva Joint School District No. 1, City of Lake Geneva, Towns of Bloomfield,
Geneva, LaFayette, Linn, Lyons and Spring Prairie
on March 26, 2025
Linda Bailey Boilini
District Clerk