

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

OPERATING LEVY REFERENDUM INFORMATION

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools will be holding an operating levy referendum election on November 7 with two questions on the ballot. Question 1 extends the expiring levy at the same dollar amount for ten years and Question 2 asks voters to approve an increase by an additional \$313.63 per pupil for ten years and to increase both Question 1 and Question 2 authorities by the rate of inflation. Passage of Question 2 will result in new taxes and, for Question 2 to be enacted, Question 1 must be first approved by voters.

Why does ZM need an operating levy? Simply put, the state of Minnesota’s General Education Funding formula has not kept pace with inflation. For 2017-18, 99% of Minnesota school districts have operating referendum levies. Without the levy funding, schools would have to make significant budget reductions in programming and activities.

At ZM, we believe every learner, from early childhood to a graduating senior, deserves a quality education. The current ZM Operating Levy generates approximately \$1,250,000 in revenue for the district each year. Renewal of this funding will provide “general fund” dollars that go towards books, materials, technology, staff wages, transportation, and more. The increase requested in Question 2 is needed to ensure that the district will be able to maintain this level of educational programming and services in the future. ZM’s students benefit from the funding we receive by keeping our class sizes smaller and our programs pertinent.

Need Operating Levy Information?

You have the opportunity to attend one or both of the upcoming informational meetings, explaining what an operating levy is, and why ZM is holding a special election.

Mazeppa Site: Mon., October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

Zumbrota Site: Mon., October 23 at 7:00 pm in the HS/MS Media Center

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.



Goodhue County residents vote in the Primary Gym in Zumbrota.

Wabasha/Olmsted residents vote in the foyer of the new gym in Mazeppa.

[Click here to see the Election Day ballot.](#)

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Levy Information Public Meetings 10/9 & 10/23

WHAT’S COMING UP?

- 10/4 Walk to School Day
- 10/6 Gr 9 Retreat
- 10/7 Color Run 9-12 @ Primary School Zta
- 10/9 School Board Work Session, 6pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa with Referendum Information meeting @ 7pm
- 10/11 Early Release. PSAT Test. HS/MS Picture Retakes
- 10/16 Community Flu Clinic 3-6 pm, ZM Cafeteria, Zta
Grade 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm
- 10/19-20 No School, MEA Conferences
- 10/23 School Board Meeting, 6pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota with Referendum Information meeting @ 7 pm
- 10/25 Student Flu Clinic, 9-11:30 am, Zumbrota
- 10/27 Student Flu Clinic, 9-11 am, Mazeppa

[Click here for Flu Clinic Information and sign-up form](#)

For additional information, visit www.zmschools.us

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY IS OCTOBER 4

ZM students will have the opportunity to once again participate in the National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4th. The previous two Walk to School Days were such a positive experience for students and they walked into the schools moving, smiling, and ready to learn! We are excited to make this an annual part of our school year.

All students will be accompanied by staff and support volunteers and the school patrol. Parents are welcome to join. Primary students will be dropped off on West Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street at the empty lot by Hub Foods. Elementary students who ride the bus will be dropped off at the softball fields between 240th Avenue Way and West Cherry Street. Middle and high school



students who ride the bus will be dropped off on West Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street.

Students who do not take the school bus are welcome and encouraged to walk with us. If you drive, please be conscious of buses unloading children at the drop off location. If you would like your son/daughter to walk with other students and staff please drop them off at the lot next to Hub on 4th street between 7:35 and 7:45 am.

We will start walking as buses and parents drop students off, about 7:40 am. For those students

who ride the Mazeppa shuttle bus, they will be dropped off directly at school at their normal time of 7:55.

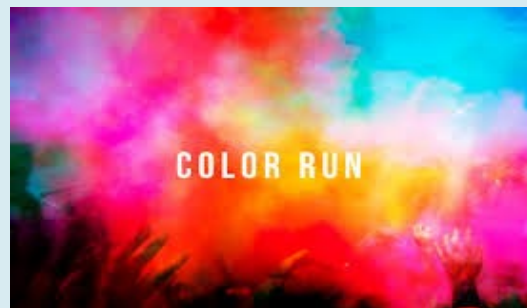
Thank you for supporting and joining us on this day!!

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELORS

- Juniors who would like to take the PSAT test on October 11th should see Ms. Hunstad. This test is optional and is practice for the SAT. The fee for this test is \$16. There is a booklet of sample questions available in Ms. Hunstad's office.
- Juniors can attend a college fair at Rochester Community and Technical College on Thursday, October 26th. A permission slip was sent to all junior parents.
- Freshman will be attending their annual retreat at Camp Victory on Friday, October 6th. Thank you to the Education Foundation for funding this!

SEA BEGINS

The Students Education Adventures (SEA) Fall Challenge Course began in September and will run through November. The program consists of special education students within the Goodhue County Education District who meet each Thursday for four hours and are able to learn a 0.5 credit. SEA participants learn skills necessary to be a quality leader and teammate, learn skills to be able to teach and manage 8—12 students, and lead two challenge course events for third grade elementary students.



is Returning October 7

The annual ZM Color Run will be held Saturday, October 7. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the run will be held at 10:00 am at the Primary School in Zumbrota. Funds raised will be put towards the elementary playground and the weight room. Be part of this exciting event!!

Looking for a part-time job?

Drivers are needed now for this school year. Contact Kennedy Transportation at 507-732-7670 and speak with Scott.



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The ZM School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 25 in the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Chystine Haferman and her dog, Izzy, and Brenda Debner, SPED teacher, were in attendance to demonstrate how Izzy the Therapy Dog helps students develop a love of reading. Izzy visits Mrs. Debner's room two days a week and sits with students while they read. This program has great benefits for children who struggle with reading and Izzy is a great friend to them.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high schools. He discussed PLCs, the site team activities, Power Hour, and data walls. Students earned 244 credits in 2016-17 through the College in Schools program and CLEP courses.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary schools. The extra bus for fifth and sixth graders has been an improvement, especially on band days. The third annual color run is scheduled for October 7; the first data days are September 27 and 28.

Ms. Ahern reported that the targeted services program has been approved and will begin October 24 for grades 1-8. The online speech program has begun and is working well for students.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was steady at 1,212. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. He gave a referendum update, noting the upcoming public meetings on October 9 and 23. He will be meeting with various civic groups and, if the board or faculty knows of other groups that might benefit from a presentation, they should let Mr. Harvey know. The following

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PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND

In an effort to make sure students have nutritious food on non-school days, Zumbrota-Mazeppa schools, in partnership with United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce Counties, will be offering an opportunity for families to participate in a program to receive needed food for the weekend. Through this program we are offering to send child-friendly food home on the last day of the week in student backpacks.

This program is being offered, without charge, to qualifying students at the Primary, Elementary, Middle and High School. Food items for breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack will be provided. Some of the food may need to be prepared. Everything possible will be done to keep participation in this program confidential.



Beginning around the 1st week in October, we will provide a bag of food each weekend for up to 30 families' district wide. Families will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis. The school reserves the right to withdraw a family from participation in the program if it finds the food is not needed, not used, or distributed inappropriately.

If you would like to become a volunteer and help with this program, please visit United Way's website at www.uw-gwp.org. If you have questions about the Packing for the Weekend Food Program, please contact Katie Kennedy, School Social Worker (Grades PreK-2) @ 507-732-7848 ext. 1124 or katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us or Pam Potter-Langley, Elementary Counselor (Grades 3-6) @ 507-732-1414 ext. 1117 or paml@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

-----DETACH HERE-----

Please send food home with my child: _____

My child's teacher is: _____

Number of children in the family: _____ Ages: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Do you have a child living in the home that attends the Middle or High School? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which school do they attend? _____

Name of Student(s) _____

The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home—William Temple



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businesses were acknowledged for their support of our staff during workshop week: Bank of Zumbrota, Leo's, Kwik Trip, and Lunchtime Solutions

ZM received an offer for the 2016-17 vocational construction house. A resolution approving the purchase agreement and sale price of \$292,000 was presented with the chair and clerk authorized to execute a warranty deed on behalf of the district.

Personnel: The following new hires were approved:

- Vincent Herges, High School/College Assistant beginning 8/21/17,
- Jane Peterson, Copy Center, beginning 9/7/17.
- Cindy Sand, paraprofessional, beginning October 2, 2017, pending passing of the para pro test.

The following resignations were approved:

- Chad Cooper, Jr Hi Softball Coach
- Jamie Quam, 8th Grade Softball Coach, 8/31/17
- Heather Liffbrig, SPED Para, effective 9/5/17

Lane changes for the following teachers were approved:

- Beverly Prodzinski from MA to MS+10
- Aaron Schumacher from MS to MA+10
- Michelle Jentsch - MA+10 to MA+20
- Katie Kennedy - BA+10 to BA+20
- Christine Schmitt - MA+10 to MA+20
- Selene O'Reilly - MA+10 to MA+20

Medical leave was approved for Jennifer Moore, SPED paraprofessional, beginning August 29 through October 31, 2017.

Revised language for health and hospitalization and dental insurance and annual salary for the 2017-19 Superintendent Master Agreement was approved as presented. A resolution appointing Mike Harvey as the Identified Official with Authority for the ZM School District in regards to assigning job

duties and authorizing external user's access to the MN Department of Education' secure systems for the local education authority was approved.

The following election judges were appointed for the November 7 operating levy referendum election: West Half of ZM Primary Gymnasium in Zumbrota—Jennifer Prigge, Jane Hawbaker, Susan Panzer, Mary Rohe, Ruth Hinderaker, Joanne Cluth, and alternate, Jennifer Ziebell. Foyer of ZM Elementary School (New) Gymnasium in Mazeppa—Blaine Hentz, Sharon Gruhlke, Dora Hellerud, Judith Hofschulte, Gladys Vagt, and Alternate, Michael Hammes. The election judge pay was set at \$13 per hour and Blaine Hentz and Dora Hellerud were appointed to the Ballot Board, along with previously approved board members Brenda Windhorst and Julie Vath.

The statewide ACT test for juniors is no longer covered free of charge. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will have the ACT exam paid for by the state of Minnesota. It was recommended and approved to offer the ACT to all juniors interested in signing up for a \$15 fee. The district will pay for the remainder of the test fee, which is \$47.50. The test will be administered at ZM High School in April.

Other items approved included the PEIP insurance renewal rates effective January 1, 2018, membership in the Rochester Area Math Science Partnership, and adoption of the 2017 Pay 2018 levy at the maximum amount for non-Q Comp and \$31 for Q Comp. The board approved a revision to the Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources and reviewed two revised policies: Credit for Learning and Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites.

Minutes were available from the Southeast Service Coop and Goodhue County Ed District.

There were no future agenda items and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Pertinent Dates

October 9 –
School Board Work Session, 6:00 pm
Referendum Information Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

October 11 –
Early Release

October 16 –
Grade 7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm

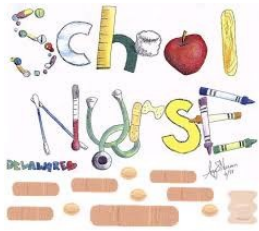
October 19, 20 –
No School, Education MN Conferences

October 23 –
School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
Referendum Information Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota

November 7 –
Election Day. Polls open at 7:00 am—8:00 pm.



Ms. Bonde's 1st graders learned how to sow seeds and will watch their plants grow!



The school year is off to a great start. Please help up to keep your kids safe while at school. If your child needs to take any medications (self-carry or to be administered by a nurse) or an emergency health plan at school please make sure to get the correct paperwork filled out and returned to the health office. Forms are located on health services page of the ZM website—www.zmschools.us Location: Parents tab, Health Services - choose either Health Conditions or Medication. Please

call Nancy or Tiffany with any questions at 507-732-1414.

Community Influenza Clinic:

10/16—Zumbrota Cafeteria: 3-6 pm

Student Influenza Clinics:

Oct. 25 - Zumbrota: 9-11:30 am

Oct. 27 - Mazeppa: 9-11 am

[Flu Clinic Info—Click here](#)

Cold and flu season is just around the corner! The Minnesota Department of Health has compiled a screening tool for parents to use when deciding whether or not to keep their child home from school. Please follow these guidelines and keep your child home if in doubt to lessen exposure to other children and school staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE:

1. A fever of 100 degrees F or higher? (Be sure to take the temperature before giving fever-reducing medicines such as Tylenol), sore throat, or cough?

SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

1. If you answered yes for fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for at least 24 hours after his/her fever is gone without fever-reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 to 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate in school before returning. If you have questions about your child’s health or symptoms, call your child’s doctor or clinic.
2. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, follow your doctor or clinic’s recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD’S SCHOOL?

1. If you answered yes for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the school that your child is home with influenza-like illness.
2. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child’s school. You can also view the checklist here: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf>



Queen Lyndsey Quam and King Hayden Voxland

9th - Audrey Downes, Willie Holm
10th -Ali Hunstad, Calven Voxland
11th - Megan Johnson, Cole Peters



Homecoming Court includes Sam Nordquist, Jarret Haglund, Hayden Voxland, Ian Niles, Lauren Miller, Lyndsey Quam, Ashli Christopherson, and Madi Enger.

HOMECOMING 2017



Dress up day as frat boys/sorority girls



Toga/PJ Day



SCHOOL TAKES OFF AT A RUN!!



National Honor Society students clean up around town

Art Class visits Crossings



Girls Cross Country Takes 1st Place!!



STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts, Math) is active in all grades this year. LEGOS Robotics classes now include 6th graders. Thanks to IBM engineers to their expertise!



Grade 1 art class above & Mr. Harvey enjoys lunch with elementary students

