

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
March 7, 2023
GMG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a special election of the School District of GMG Community School, in the Counties of Tama and Marshall, State of Iowa, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Polls will be open **7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Absentee ballots will be available on, **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**, at the Tama County Auditor's Office and may be voted in the office until 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023. A ballot may be mailed to you upon your request. Requests must be in writing (you must include your name, address, date of birth, drivers license or Voter ID pin number, date of election or type of election, signature and date of signature) or on an official absentee ballot request form. Requests must be received by the auditor's office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, 2023**. Official forms may be obtained by contacting the auditor's office.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's Office at (641) 484-2740 ext. 3 or email krohrs@tamacounty.org.

POLLING LOCATIONS

PRECINCT

Carlton

Garwin Community Building
614 3rd St.
Garwin, IA 50632

TOWNSHIP/CITY

GMG Community School Residents of:

City of Garwin
Carlton, Indian Village, Howard,
Crystal, and Spring Creek Townships

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered-such, as voters registering to vote on Election Day-and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required. 1) may have voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's office by noon on Monday, March 13, 2023. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voter id> or phone 641-484-2740 ext. 3.

Voter pre-registration deadline is 5:00 P.M. February 20, 2023, at the Tama County Auditor's office.

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

The public test of Tama County's voting equipment to be used in the March 7, 2023 Special Election will commence at 8:30 a.m. on February 22, 2023 in the Tama County Administration Building and will continue until completed. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at 641-484-2740 ext 3.

Paper ballots will be used, a facsimile of the official ballot is published as a part of this notice. A Sample Ballot listing the public measures is shown below. Please note this is a copy of one rotation of the ballots. Any other rotations will be shown on the sample ballots posted in each precinct.

INSERT BALLOT FACSIMILIES HERE

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Kopsa, Tama County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, do hereby certify that the above ballot is a true and correct copy of one of the official ballots to be voted upon in the Special Election on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The following propositions will appear on the ballots in the specific jurisdictions:

Public Measure OT

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the GMG Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the GMG Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the GMG Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

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, reconstruct, 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 and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

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.

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 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the GMG Community School District.

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 authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the GMG Community School District.

NOTICE TO THE GMG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund shall be expended in the following order:

The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;

Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;

Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2;

Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2;

For any authorized infrastructure purpose of the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6); and

For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Sections 423E.5 and 423F.4.

Public Measure OU

Shall the Board of Directors of the GMG Community School District, in the Counties of Tama and Marshall, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and each year thereafter?

Laura Kopsa
Tama County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections
Tama County, Iowa