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2025 CITY/ SCHOOL ELECTION
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF LOUISA COUNTY, IOWA, THAT THE COMBINED SCHOOL & CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4th, 2025.

The polls for said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voters must vote in their precinct of residence. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct voting location. If you are unsure of your voting precinct for this election, please contact the Louisa County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections at 319-523-3373 or by e-mail sschnedler@louisacountyia.gov . You may also verify the voting location for your home address at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/pollingplace/search.aspx>.

The precinct polling places and address for this election are as follows:

Columbus Junction (City of Columbus Junction, Columbus Junction Community School)- American Legion 99 2nd St. Columbus Junction, IA.
Grandview-Port Louisa (Cities of Grandview and Letts, Columbus Junction, L&M, and Wapello School Districts) – Louisa County Complex 12635 County Rd G56 Wapello, IA.
Morning Sun-Marshall (City of Morning Sun, Morning Sun, Winfield, & Wapello School)- Morning Sun Community Building 19 NE 1st St. Morning Sun, IA.
Southeast Louisa (Cities of Wapello and Oakville, Wapello, Mediapolis, and Morning Sun School Districts)- Briggs Civic Center- 317 N Water St. Wapello, IA.
West Louisa (Cities of Cotter, Fredonia, Columbus City, & Columbus, Highland, Winfield, Wapello, Waco, L&M, and Lone Tree School Districts)-Columbus City Masonic Lodge 2502 Market St. Columbus City, IA.

Note: These are the same polling places as Primary and General Elections.
Notice of polling place change: All School Districts will vote at their General Election polling places.

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 Louisa County Auditor’s office 319-523-3373 or e-mail sschnedler@louisacountyia.gov . For TTY access, dial 711+319-523-3373.

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 the 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 Louisa County Auditor’s office by Noon on November 10, 2025. 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/voterid> or phone (319) 523-3373.

The public test of equipment will be held on October 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Louisa County Auditor’s office on the first floor of the courthouse. The public test will continue until all equipment is tested.

Notice to voters: Not all offices will be on the ballot in every precinct nor for every voter in a particular precinct. See the listings below for the candidates for the various school district offices, community college boards, and for the candidates for the various city offices. Ballots issued to voters will reflect a similar layout as this sample but will contain only those offices the voter is eligible to vote for based on the voter’s residence. All ballots will contain school offices. Ballots for voters residing inside the corporate limits of a city will also contain city offices. Depending on the election cycle, some ballots may contain community college offices.

School Public Measures
Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Public Measure-QF
SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Shall the Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District in the Counties of Louisa and Muscatine, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,895,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip an addition to the junior/senior high school building for a competition gymnasium, including locker rooms and related spaces?
Lone Tree Community School District Public Measure-MD
SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Shall the Board of Directors of the Lone Tree Community School District, in the Counties of Johnson and Louisa, 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, in combination, as determined by the board, 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, 2027, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2026, or each year thereafter?
Waco Community School District Public Measure-JZ
SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Shall the Board of Directors of the WACO Community School District, in the Counties of Henry, Washington, Jefferson, and Louisa, 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 annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment property tax not to exceed One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, or each year thereafter?

School Candidates Candidates are Listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in the respective school districts. Columbus Community School District •Member-vote for no more than three - o Todd Salazar - o Michele Pegg - o Jeannene Clark - o Todd Heck - o Joshua Buckman - o Marvin Hardy Jr. - o Kollin Orris - o Bob Schwab •Member-To Fill a Vacancy-vote for no more than one - o Uriel D. Duran-Jimenez - o Frank Best Wapello Community School District •Member-Vote for no more than two - o Jenna Meeker - o Brandon Marquardt - o Melody Crow - o Kenny Marlette Louisa-Muscatine Community School District •Member- vote for no more than two - o Jeff Riggan - o Stacie Bieri-Ziegenhorn •Member-To Fill a Vacancy vote for no more than one - oNo Candidate Lone Tree Community School District •Member- vote for no more than three - o Christina Magruder - o Carrie Ronan - o Alecia Parizek Waco Community School District •Member District II- vote for no more than one - o Tim Braber •Member District IV-vote for no more than one - o Barb Shelman •Member At-large-vote for no more than one - o Bryce Shelman Winfield-Mt Union Community School District •Member-vote for no more than two - o Aaron Cummings - o Grant Klopfenstein	City Candidates Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballots for voters in the respective cities. City of Columbus City •Mayor-vote for no more than one - o David D. Kauffman •Council- vote for no more than two - o John J. Hand - o Theren Wagner - o Kevin Conrad City of Columbus Junction •Mayor-vote for no more than one - o Kenan Todd - o T. Mark Huston •Council- vote for no more than two - o Katie R. Sparrow - o Sean Dohrmann - o Harold Prior City of Cotter •Mayor- vote for no more than one - o Mark Jay •Council- vote for no more than three - o Betty Phillips - o Thad Fulton - o Britton Noble City of Fredonia •Mayor- vote for no more than one - o Marion Reid Jr. •Council- vote for no more than three - o David Coghlan Jr - o Olivia Cook - o Daryl Renken
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Winfield-Mt Union Community School District Public Measure-KA
SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Winfield Mt. Union Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund. In the Winfield Mt. Union Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Winfield Mt. Union 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 for radon testing and mitigation. 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 Winfield Mt. Union Community School District. It being understood that if this public measure 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 Winfield Mt. Union Community School District.
Revenue Purpose Statement: “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;