letters

Vote yes on both WAPS opportunities

From: Barbara Beeman
Winona

Public education in Minnesota is the greatest opportunity our children have to successfully meet the ever-changing and evolving economic and technological challenges that continue to present themselves. Two measures to support our schools are on the ballot and require your affirmative vote.

First is a measure to renew dedicated funding over the next 10 years to provide the necessary support for capital projects. These resources protect and enhance classroom technology, classroom and student safety, and career education. This capital projects levy, which voters approved 10 years ago, remains unchanged, but continues as ongoing support separate from the general fund. Vote yes, absolutely!

The second is in support of the Minnesota Permanent School Fund, a constitutional amendment, which is valued at $2.3-2.4 billion. These funds would come from revenue raised by school trust lands, mining, timber sales, and mineral leases rather than individual income and property taxes. A majority yes vote is required for success. Not voting on this state-funded local support counts as a no vote. Vote yes on both of these vital issues, supporting opportunities for our Winona and Minnesota students. Our future collectively is the success of our children.

How climate change worsens big issues

From: Daniel Botz
Winona

As we close in on the general election, many contemporary issues are on people's mind. However, climate tends not to be on the forefront. Of the top 10 issues polled in the last election cycle, climate change was #10 with only 37% of all voters rating it as a very important issue. Part of the shortfall in public concern is due to the psychological distance, as humans have difficulty assessing problems that seem far in the future or somewhere else on Earth. Imagery of melting glaciers and bleached coral reefs, while serious, don't help elicit a sense of urgency in the typical voter. That said, I hope to convince you readers that for virtually every issue on the ballot, climate change has a negative impact on it. Let me list a few:

Immigration: It is predicted that by 2100, sea levels will have risen by over seven feet. Even before then, many coastal communities, and even inhabited islands, will be underwater. Drought and wildfires will destroy the livelihoods of those situated more inland. Since the poorest residents on Earth are the first one's affected, they will be the first ones to cross borders and seek new homes. This last decade alone has seen global migration double. How will the already overburdened immigration pipeline deal with the surge in refugees? Judging by the past few years, not well at all.

Crime: According to a study done by the NIH, there is "evidence supporting the association between elevated temperatures, crime, and violence, particularly for violent crimes." As temperatures rise, the heat alone could increase the likelihood of being a victim of violence.

National security: The U.S. military, until perhaps recently, has considered climate change a threat multiplier. Resource scarcity contributes to geopolitical conflicts and ultra-nationalism. Even our combat capabilities could be compromised. Many naval bases are at risk of being sunk, and heat protection is becoming a greater factor when equipping soldiers.

Home insurance: Back in 2024, the American National Group had "plans to cease its homeowners insurance business in nine states," including Minnesota. This is because the increased frequency and severity of weather events have made investments unprofitable. According to the nonprofit research organization First Street Foundation, "This trend will likely continue across the insurance industry."

Healthcare: Much like home insurance, health insurance companies in the U.S. look to cover enough healthy individuals to counterbalance those with more expensive needs. Any of the events described above could result in hospitalization, but heat and humidity are even more likely to lead to this. According to OSHA, extreme heat is the leading cause of death among weather-related fatalities. Even medication is at risk. According to the Montreal Children's Hospital, "Many prescription drugs are very sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity, and may their potency and effectiveness can be altered if they are exposed to extreme heat."

The range of topics climate change impacts isn't really that surprising when you consider how environments (natural and man-made) shape the events that occur within them. What is a more all-encompassing environment than planet Earth? I have only begun detailing the issues affected by the climate crisis, and more impacts are being realized as days go by without significant national or state-level action. So the next time you consider the issues important enough to vote on, remember that they all tie back to climate change.

Vote to support our future leaders

From: Marianne Ewing Texley
Winona

Tuesday, November 3, is Election Day. Winona Area Public Schools is asking the public for support of the two questions on the ballot. I cannot think of anything more important than supporting our future leaders. Students who graduate from well-supported schools, in turn, support the same educational issues when they become voters. There is long-term value to the investment.

I came from a household that supported public education, and each time the community was asked to monetarily support the schools, there was conversation around our kitchen table to discuss the issues, get more information, and debate those issues. More often than not, it was agreed to support the school levies and projects because of the long-term commitment to our children and to build a strong educational system for our community.

In the current climate, there is a lot of noise surrounding the economy, taxes, and the cost of living and rightfully so. I believe you can never go wrong supporting schools because you can hold the administration and school board accountable by attending the school board meetings, participating in focus groups, and expressing your concerns. You don't have to go far to express your concerns. This is your opportunity to make a difference in your community.

We are educating our children for the future. Let's be prepared to do that! I am voting *yes* for safe, secure, and supported schools. I am voting *yes* for the capital projects renewal. I am voting *yes* for our students, teachers, and community.

Winona Has Always Supported Its Kids

From: Lindsay Abrahams
Homer Township

The Winona community supports its kids.

In 1997, when the community voted on a referendum to build a new middle school, I remember hearing plenty of talk around town about whether it would pass. I also remember my father, Peter Woodworth, saying he was confident it would. He believed in Winona and knew this community understood the importance of investing in its young people.

The health of a community can be measured by how it raises and supports all of its children.

Today, our public schools need that same community support. Please vote yes on the Capital Projects Levy on November 3. This is not a new proposal, but a renewal of an existing levy that provides essential funding for technology and helps ensure our schools remain safe, secure environments for digital learning.

Winona has a history of showing up for its kids. Let's continue that tradition. Remember, leaving this question blank counts as a no vote.

On November 3, please vote yes for our kids.

Dear MnDOT

From: Joan Teich
Winona

Let me get this straight. You want to put a new sidewalk on the south side of Sarnia Street when there is already a perfectly good unused sidewalk on the north side. That one has lots of mature trees for summer shade, lots of homeowners to shovel it in the winter, and it's already paid for. Do you know there's a wonderful bike path with lovely views and a seldom used road inside the park for the herds of bikers and joggers you seem to expect?

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Court File No. 85-CV-26-865
CASE TYPE: Quiet Title Action
Daryl Buck and Dawn Buck, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Elsie Young and Thomas Young and their heirs and assigns, and other persons, unknown, claiming any right title estate, interest or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an Answer to the Complaint which is on file in the Office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court within twenty (20) days after service of the first day of publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Winona, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:
The South 33 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE¼ NW¼) of Section 33 and the South 33 feet of the East 640 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼ NW¼) of said Section 33 which lies northeasterly of the northeasterly right of way line of Interstate Highway 90; all in township 106, Range 10 West, Winona County, Minnesota
The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that the Plaintiffs are the owner in fee of the above-described real property, and that Defendants do not have the estate or interest indicated in the tract index.
Dated: May 2, 2026
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