



OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

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TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Lancaster be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay Lancaster's allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Full and concise summary of the question: G. L. c.59, §21C, otherwise known as Proposition 2½, limits the amount of revenue a city or town may raise from local property taxes each year to fund municipal operations. This amount is known as the annual levy limit. Generally, the levy limit is constrained in one of two ways. First, the levy cannot exceed 2.5% of the total assessed value of taxable real and personal property in the municipality. This is known as the levy ceiling. Second, the levy automatically increases by 2.5% above the prior year's levy after accounting for increased value from new growth. This is known as the levy limit. In no case, may the levy limit exceed the levy ceiling. However, Proposition 2½ allows a city or town to exclude certain debt from the levy with the approval of the voters at an election. The additional amount of the debt is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only. Here, Question 1 seeks to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay Lancaster's allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District of the costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School.

Effects of the vote:

A yes vote would exempt the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the District for the purpose of paying for the new school from the maximum amount the Town can levy through taxation.

A no vote would not exempt the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the District for the purpose of paying for the new school from the maximum amount the Town can levy through taxation.

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YES ○
NO ○