



Press Release

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## **Middleton patrons pass \$1.5 million levy**

Middleton Trustees and school officials are grateful today that school district patrons supported the \$1.5 million levy in Tuesday's election with 52.28 percent of the votes.

Voter turnout was 31 percent, 1,869 people voted yes, and 1,706 voted no.

"The Middleton Board of Trustees and staff offers our sincerest thanks for choosing to support Middleton Schools. Our hearts are grateful for all those who came out and supported the levy," Superintendent Kristin Beck said.

Beck credited the hard work of parent volunteers, led by Lori Bishop and Diana Furrow, who organized two "Yes for Middleton Schools" levy campaigns and raised funds for informational mailings and flyer distribution. Beck said she also appreciated staff members who worked to provide voters with accurate and credible information.

"With state mandated budget cuts, we were facing some dire circumstances," Beck said. "But now we can infuse the \$1.5 million into the budget this year and next. That's a huge relief for administrators and teachers who want to provide the best education possible for our students."

With levy passage, the district will be able to focus on restoring some of what has been cut as well as subsidizing some of the fees that have been implemented for pay to participate.

The Board of Trustees decided in June to ask Middleton School District patrons a third time to support the ongoing levy that supplements state funding after the levy failed in March and again in May.

Board Chairman Kirk Adams said he appreciated the volunteers and voters who worked to understand what the supplemental levy meant to the district.

“I remember when I was hesitant to ask voters a third time, but I’m happy we did because voters understood the importance of this election,” Adams said. “Now we can focus on the needs of our students as we navigate these unprecedented times. I look forward to continuing our work with staff, students and the community to build trust and prepare for the future.”