



February 14, 2024

Dear Families and Staff,

On **Tuesday, March 5**, our community will head to the polls to consider renewing the Linn-Mar Community School District's voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, commonly known as a PPEL.

This levy has been an important revenue source for our school district's budget for many years and must be renewed every decade. By law, PPEL money can only be used for infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases, and improvements.

Linn-Mar CSD received approximately \$3.5 million in the recent fiscal year thanks to its voted PPEL. These funds have allowed us to address critical needs, including roof repairs, purchasing computers for students, improving our security systems, and replacing school buses.

The district is asking our voters to renew the voted PPEL at the same rate it has been since 2015, which is \$1.34 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. A voted PPEL is common statewide, as more than 83% of school districts have this levy in place. You can find more information about Linn Mar CSD's voted PPEL by visiting <https://bit.ly/LinnMarPPEL>.

As I mentioned, election day is Tuesday, March 5, and the polls will be open that day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you're not sure about your polling location, the [Iowa Secretary of State's website](#) can help find it using your home address.

Registered voters can cast an in-person absentee ballot at the [Linn County Auditor's Office](#) at 935 2nd Street SW in Cedar Rapids. This option will be available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until March 4.

Our voters also have the option of requesting a mailed absentee ballot from the County Auditor's Office by completing a [request form](#). The final day to request a mailed ballot is February 19. These ballots must be returned to the auditor's office or the ballot drop box before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Please let me know if you have any questions. As always, thank you for your support of Linn-Mar CSD and the students we serve!

Sincerely,

Amy Kortemeyer  
Superintendent