



Resolution by the Mounds View Independent School District:

Whereas Minnesota Statute 205A.03, "Primaries," Subdivision 1, "Required primary in certain circumstances" states:

In a school district election, if there are more than two candidates for a specified school board position or more than twice as many school board candidates as there are at-large school board positions available, a school district must hold a primary;

Whereas this statute was recently enacted without accompanying funding provided by the state;

Whereas conducting a school board primary election would consume considerable District resources including the following responsibilities for District staff:

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| * Attending mandatory training sessions | * Securing election judges |
| * Securing voting locations for each precinct | * Conducting training for chair judges |
| * Working with facility managers on Primary Election Day set-up | * Working with the county on ballot preparation |
| * Working with the city election coordinators to use their Accuvote machines | * Handling processing of all absentee ballots |
| * Conducting testing on the Accuvote machines | * Assembling all forms and supplies for judge use |
| | * Visiting each poll on Primary Election Day; |

Whereas the Mounds View School District's expenses related to holding elections historically have totaled \$20,000 - \$30,000, not including District staff time spent coordinating the election activities;

Whereas in consideration of these resources devoted to elections and the absence of any apparent benefit exceeding these resources, the School Board members of Mounds View Public Schools believe holding a primary for school district elections is unnecessary and an irresponsible use of District time and revenue;

Whereas recent legislation gives local units of government the opportunity to propose reforms of state mandates specifically included in the State Government Finance Bill House File 1481 (Article 2, Section 3) and reads as follows:

Sec. 3. [6.79] [STATE MANDATES.]

A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the state auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Mounds View School District Board that we object to and recommend repeal of the primary requirement for school board elections.

Respectfully submitted March 14, 2006, by:

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