

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION**

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: January 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Request from City of Bloomington to  
Participate in the Amended Normandale Area  
Tax Abatement Plan in 2017

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Office of the Superintendent

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR: Les Fujitake  
Superintendent of Schools

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**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:**

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 chooses not to participate in the City of Bloomington's Amended Normandale Area Tax Abatement Plan in 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Approve.

**DETAILED BACKGROUND:**

The City of Bloomington established a tax abatement district in 2007 and amended the tax abatement district in 2010 to help finance improvements in the area bounded by East Bush Lake Road, 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Stanley Road (as extended), and I-494. The City of Bloomington has revised the list of improvements and the financial projection and is seeking to amend the tax abatement plan in 2017 (on February 27, 2017). The main considerations before the City Council are to update the list of improvements to include transportation, pedestrian, urban design, and utility improvements; and to update the property descriptions included in the abatement area. In 2007 and 2010, the school district and Hennepin County chose not to participate in the abatement district. Should the school district or the county choose not to participate with the 2017 amendment, the City will hold each parcel open within the district for the 20 years allowed per state statute.

The Administration has reviewed the City's request with the District's legal counsel. The review indicates that there are no legal reasons or direct financial advantage for the school district to grant this abatement. Therefore, it is the recommendation of Administration not to participate in granting a tax abatement for this project.