

Education technology survey opens for public input

The N.D. Department of Public Instruction has launched a statewide survey designed to gather public input on responsible technology-use policies in North Dakota classrooms.

Running through Aug. 1, the survey invites parents, educators, students and community members to share their perspectives on how technology can best support learning across the state. The feedback will help guide policymakers.

Key questions from the survey include:

1. Should there be restrictions on the

number of allowable hours of device use at schools at the elementary level?

2. Should there be a prohibition on students taking devices home unless there's a specific educational purpose?

3. Should districts be required to adopt policies on how educational technology and student devices are and are not used in the classroom?

4. How many built-in make-up days should districts include in their annual calendar before utilizing virtual instruction that counts toward the state-required number of instructional hours?

5. Should the state

procure and require districts to use monitoring software to better enable parents and educators to see how and how often students are using school-issued devices?

Technology use has been a recurring topic throughout Superintendent Levi Bachmeier's visits to school districts this spring.

"Across our state, students, families and educators consistently tell me that educational technology should be a tool, not a toy. They want to ensure technology supports meaningful instruction while reducing distractions

that come from passive use," Bachmeier said. There is also universal recognition we need to equip our young people with the digital skills they need to succeed in today's world. That's the needle we must thread."

The effort is being advanced in partnership with leaders involved in the 2025 phone-free schools bill. Survey results will be used to inform potential policy recommendations ahead of the 2027 legislative session.

The survey can be found on the Department of Public Instruction's website and Facebook page.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given that on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the polling places of **the Enchanted Castle in Regent the Memorial Hall in New England and the Mott Armory in Mott,** an election will be held for the election of state, district, county and city officers, which election will be opened at **9:00 a.m. and will continue to be open until 7:00 p.m. of that day.**

The arrangement of candidate names appearing on ballots in your precinct may vary from the published sample ballots, depending upon the precinct and legislative district in which you reside.

Cameo Frieze
County Auditor

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA		HETTINGER COUNTY	
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT			
PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026			
ATTENTION! READ BEFORE VOTING POLITICAL PARTY BALLOT			
<p>In a Political Party Primary Election, you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains two political parties; one in each section. If you vote in more than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected; however, all votes on the No Party and Measures Ballots will still be counted.</p>			
<p>To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.</p>			
REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRATIC-NPL	
<p>Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julie Fedorchak</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alex Balazs</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Olson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Kringstad</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Trygve Hammer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Senator District 31 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kelly Spilman</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>State Senator District 31 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald Schaible</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mary Graner</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian Kroshus</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Senator District 39 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Representative District 31 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Spilman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rissa M Williams</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>State Senator District 39 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Greg Kessel</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Representative District 39 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sandy Baertsch</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>State Representative District 31 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Karen Rohr</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jim Schmidt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin K Remington</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dawson Holle</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Secretary of State Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Braunberger</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>State Representative District 39 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jason Dodge</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Keith Kempenich</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Schatz</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Lamb</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
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<p>Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Drew Wrigley</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John M Pederson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
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<p>Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sheri Haugen-Hoffart</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Deven Styczynski</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p><input type="radio"/></p>
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NOTICE: You may only vote in one political party's section.			
<p>Official Ballot HETTINGER COUNTY June 9, 2026</p>	<p>All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initiated by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.</p>	<p>Election Official Initials</p>	<p>Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01</p>

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA		HETTINGER COUNTY	
DEMOCRATIC-NPL		NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT	
<p>Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark Nelson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Mayor Mott City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Troy Mosbrucker</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.</p>	
NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT		MEASURES BALLOT	
<p>To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate.</p> <p>To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.</p>		<p>Mayor New England City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lyle Kovar</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)</p> <p>This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment is summarized as follows: constitutional amendments would be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.</p>
<p>Superintendent of Public Instruction Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charles Tuttle</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Levi Bachmeier</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tracy Layne Foss</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Mayor Regent City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lyle Hoffer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard Carlton</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>	
<p>Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ariston E Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jerod Tufte</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Council Member Regent City Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tristan Florey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Morgan Kouba</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Douglas Hoff</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>COUNTY MEASURE No. 1</p> <p>Shall Article 2 of the Home Rule Charter for the County of Hettinger be amended to impose an increase in the existing one-half percent (.05%) tax of retail sales, use and gross receipts (taxed pursuant to NDCC Chapters 57-39.2, 57-39.4, 57-40.2, 57-39.5, and 57-39.6), such that, said tax is increased to no more than an additional one-half percent (.05%), therefore, totaling a tax of no more than one percent (1%) of the foregoing matters.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means that you approve this proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for the County of Hettinger as published in the Hettinger County Herald.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means that you reject this proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter for the County of Hettinger as published in the Hettinger County Herald.</p>	
<p>Justice of the Supreme Court Unexpired 8-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Douglas A Bahr</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Council Member New England City Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Breann Krebs</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Fitterer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Aldersperson Ward 1 Mott City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jody Messmer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>County Commissioner District 2 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Devan Laufer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Aldersperson Ward 2 Mott City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kellen Messmer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Aldersperson Ward 3 Mott City Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Wangsvick</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>County Auditor/Treasurer Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cameo Frieze</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>County Recorder/Clerk of District Court Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robyn Ulrich</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Park Board Member New England Park Board Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>County State's Attorney Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David M Crane</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>County Sheriff Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Anthony Awender</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kennedy Pippenger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sarah D. Warner</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Park Board Member Regent Park Board Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Merle Stewart</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Roderick Meier</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>Director, Southwest Water Authority Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald Schaible</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>County Official Newspaper Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hettinger County Herald</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Park Board Member Mott Park Board Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Corey Warner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rebecca Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gerrie Jacobson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
		<p>Regent City City Measure No. 1</p> <p>Shall the city of Regent publish the minutes of its governing body in the official city newspaper for the next four years?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>	
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