

**PERL Levy Information  
Alta-Aurelia Community School District  
Election March 2nd**

**What is PERL?** Revenues from the Public Education & Recreation Levy (PERL) are used to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds in the public school buildings and grounds of the district.

The PERL revenues are also used to provide public educational and recreational activities within the district boundaries and for community education as defined in Iowa Code.

The levy provides \$0.135 per \$1,000 to support public education and recreation opportunities in the Alta-Aurelia School District. If approved, the tax would take effect for the 2021-2022 school year.

There are 31 districts in Iowa that currently levy for PERL. Why has the public requested a vote for PERL? If approved, PERL will generate approximately \$70,000 per year (based on yearly valuation) to support:

- new playground equipment
- before/after school programming
- summer school programming
- adult education programs (Community Education)

**What is the property tax impact?** Changes in property taxes will be minimal. **The district can adjust other tax levies to make the PERL property tax neutral.**

The funding will begin 2021-2022 if PERL passes.

Why not just do this without the tax? The PERL will provide a funding stream for these items for many years to come.

Because of Federal Safety guidelines playground costs have more than tripled the past 20 years..

**Calculations**

Final Taxable Valuation 0.000135 = TOTAL potential PERL impact (Examples)  
Residential 50,880x 0.000135= \$6.87  
Commercial 90,000 x 0.000135= \$12.15

This would benefit both the Alta and Aurelia buildings. This revenue stream is not just for athletics. Community Education as well as other recreational needs would be included.

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**\*The PERL LEVY is not just for the Alta Elementary Playground Project.**

**Although the vote is asking for an added levy rate, the district anticipates that the overall levy rate for the district will not increase, due to adjusting other levies set by the school board.**