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BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 03 (17-18)

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ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 14, 2017

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WHEREAS, Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy in order to enable the District to maintain K-12 educational programs and services, including teaching, nursing, school supplies, athletics, arts, music, building health, safety and security, additional special education costs, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levies expire next year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Washington State Legislature passed the Basic Education Funding Act (Laws of 2017, 3d Spec. Sess., ch. 13) which makes changes to education funding in the state, including re-designating maintenance and operations levies as "enrichment levies," placing limits on levied amounts and directing the deposit of taxes levied commencing in 2020 to a sub-fund of the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington. (the "District") during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational enrichment programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational enrichment programs and operations support and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary

to renew the expiring levy taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$25,500,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019;
- B. \$29,500,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020;
- C. \$34,000,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- D. \$39,000,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The exact levy rate and the actual amounts to be collected shall be adjusted based upon (1) the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy and (2) the legal limit on the levy rate and levy amount applicable at the time of the levy. At this time, based upon information provided by the Pierce County Assessor's Office, the estimated levy rate for the 2018 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2019 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the

District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years, may incur an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay for eligible activities in accordance with the Basic Education Funding Act, as it may be amended and supplemented, and other applicable law.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 13, 2018.

The Pierce County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 03 (17-18) concerning renewal of an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. This proposition provides funding for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the state. If approved, Proposition 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$25,500,000
2020	\$1.50	\$29,500,000
2021	\$1.50	\$34,000,000
2022	\$1.50	\$39,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?


YES.....

NO.....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 14th day of November, 2017.

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

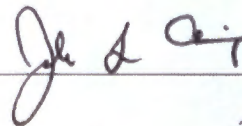


President and Director

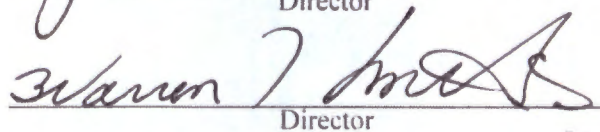
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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors

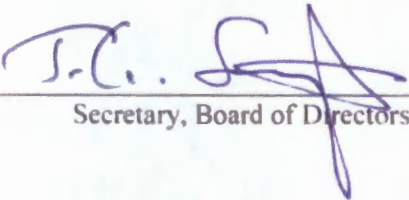
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403, Pierce County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 03 (17-18) of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14th day of November, 2018.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of November, 2017.


Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 13, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

NOTICE
BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 13, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2018, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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