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Tacoma School District No. 10

Special Election - February 13, 2018

BALLOT DROP BOXES OPEN 24/7 JAN. 26 - FEB. 13

ANDERSON ISLAND - Anderson Island Park and Ride, Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)

BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake (South) Park and Ride, Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E

BROWNS POINT/NORTHEAST TACOMA - NE Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE

BUCKLEY - Buckley Library, 123 S River Rd

DUPONT - DuPont Ross Plaza, 1500 Wilmington Dr

EATONVILLE - Barney's Corner, 40512 Meridian E

EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E

FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E

GRAHAM - Graham Fire & Rescue Station 91, 10012 187th St E

LAKEWOOD - Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW * Lakewood (SR 512) Park and Ride, 10417 South Tacoma Way

ORTING - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY - Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718

Pacific Ave S * Roy Y Park and Ride, SR 507 & Pacific Ave S

PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL - Puyallup Library, 324 S Meridian

* Skookum Archers, 11209 Shaw Rd E *South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S

STEILACOOM - Steilacoom Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd

SUMMIT - Summit Library, 5107 112th St E

SUMNER - Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave

TACOMA - 72nd Street Transit Center, 1319 E 72nd St * Central District, 902 S L St * Community Health Care at Salishan, 1708 E

44th St * Kandle Park Police Substation (parking lot), 5140 N 26th

St * Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St * Tacoma Area Coalition

of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Tacoma Dome

Park and Ride, 610 Puyallup Ave E * Wapato Park, 1501 S 72nd St

TILlicUM - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW

UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W

VOTING CENTERS OPEN FEB. 13, 7 AM - 8 PM

PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION CENTER, 2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma

PUYALLUP LIBRARY - 324 S Meridian, Puyallup

TACOMA AREA COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

(TACID) - 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma

Services available:

- Accessible voting using a touch screen marking tool — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options available.
- Replacement ballots — Lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballot replacements provided.
- Ballot drop off — In addition to our ballot drop boxes, all voting centers have a secure ballot deposit box available.
- Helpful election workers to assist you.
- Provisional ballots.

Using a Drop Box?
(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 PM
Feb. 13, 2018.



Mailing your ballot?
(Stamp required)
Must be postmarked by
February 13, 2018.



We recommend mailing no later than February 10, 2018 to ensure postmark.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

- Online - PierceCountyElections.org
- In person - Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail - Call to request a form.

Registration deadline:

In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is February 5, 2018.

QUESTIONS?

NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT?

PierceCountyElections.org
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



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Tacoma School District No. 10

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2031 to fund educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and fund eligible educational programs, including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, student safety, security and emergency preparedness, special education, preschool, textbooks, instructional materials, arts, music, and building maintenance; and levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$2.72	\$70,000,000
2020	\$2.66	\$72,000,000
2021	\$2.65	\$74,000,000
2022	\$2.65	\$76,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2031. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Tacoma School District’s Proposition 1 would replace an expiring programs and operations levy for K-12 educational programs. Proposition 1 would continue funding approximately 17% of day-to-day budgets and operations of all neighborhood schools including programs not funded by the state. Proposition 1 would continue funding small classes, teachers, instructional aides, librarians, nurses, special education, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, athletics, arts, music, extra-curricular programs, textbooks and classroom instructional materials, and summer school. Proposition 1 would continue funding for maintenance of school buildings, playgrounds and playfields, alarm and sprinkler systems, campus security and emergency preparedness. Passage of this proposition would authorize the District to levy up to \$73 million on average annually from 2019-2022, subject to applicable limits. If approved, Proposition 1 would result in a tax rate lower than the current local school property tax rate. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of \$2.72/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, \$2.66/ \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020, \$2.65/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2021, and \$2.65/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2022 and would replace the current Educational Programs and Operations levy that expires in 2018.

Statement For

Our Schools Are Doing Great – We Need to Keep Up the Momentum!

We are proud of Tacoma Schools. Graduation rates have improved from 55% to 86% since 2010 and more students are entering college and the workforce prepared to succeed. We are a nationally recognized leader in innovation, providing school choice through the Science and Math Institute (SAMI), Industrial Design, Engineering, and Arts (iDEA), and more. Let’s renew our commitment now.

Proposition 1 Funds Core School Services

This measure funds 17% of local school budgets, including essential classroom needs like teachers and textbooks plus athletics, arts, and music. It also funds Early Childhood Education programs like pre-school which are critical to student success.

This Is Not a New Tax – It Replaces the Existing Levy

State education funding cuts put our schools and student success at risk. Voting yes will guarantee stable, local funding for our schools while the average household will see taxes decrease by \$278 per year.

Vote Yes to Renew Our Commitment!

Proposition 1 funds core education needs at neighborhood schools and ensures that every child has a chance to succeed.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

Why put our schools and student success at risk? Renewal of this EP&O levy will keep Tacoma Schools’ funding stable. In fact, our taxes will decrease. Proposition 1 funds essential school needs including teachers, textbooks, nurses, librarians, and pre-school programs. The past support of voters has yielded positive results for our students and community. Now it’s time to renew our commitment – vote Yes to ensure every student has a chance to succeed.

Committee Members: Marilyn Strickland, Willie Stewart, and Mark Starnes, RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com, RenewOurCommitment.org
Tacoma Citizens for Schools

Statement Against

A penny for a spool of Thread. A penny for a needle.

Blame it on the state? Blame it on the schools? Blame it on the Teachers Union? *No!* The blame is on you! I never thought I’d see the day when the property taxes on my modest 2 bedroom home would rise to over \$4,000/year. Well, that day has come.

That’s the way the money goes, Pop! Goes the weasel

The state is adding a new line to your property tax bill *This Year*. They will cap the school ops levy *Next Year* at \$1.50/1,000. They do not address the tech/capital levy *At All*. Thus the shift in funding to that levy.

Baa! Baa! Black Sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir! Yes sir! Three bags full.

The state has stepped up and doubled school funding over the last ten years. Billions, to all school districts. TSD received nearly \$22.8M in augmented funding in the 2015-16 school year and even more the following year. This should have presented us with some relief in our levy funding. Vote No! Send this one back to the table.

Rebuttal of Statement For

No! Errors: 17%? *Because* \$14M of the revenue was shifted to the tech/capital Levy. \$278 decrease? *Not This Year*. This year an increase, a substantial increase, with the new state schools levy. Education funding cuts? The state has been dumping *Billions* additional into our schools for 10 years now, \$22M additional to Tacoma Schools in 2015-16 alone. A windfall! That should relieve our local tax burden. Please vote no! Do your homework.

Committee Member: Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687

Tacoma School District No. 10

Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Replacement Technology Improvements and Upgrades Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2032 to fund technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will replace an expiring levy and fund expansion of student technology access in all neighborhood schools, replace outdated classroom computers, fund technical training, improve District-wide systems, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$0.93	\$24,000,000
2020	\$0.89	\$24,000,000
2021	\$0.86	\$24,000,000
2022	\$0.84	\$24,000,000
2023	\$0.81	\$24,000,000
2024	\$0.79	\$24,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2032. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Tacoma School District’s Proposition 2 would replace the expiring Technology Improvements and Upgrades levy and extend the Tacoma Technology Renewal and Excellence Program and classroom technology improvements at all neighborhood elementary, middle and high schools. Passage of Proposition 2 would *expand student access to technology district-wide*, provide up-to-date tools for teaching and learning, replace outdated classroom computers for teachers and students to stay within state standards, support technical training of updated computer systems for teachers and students, make high-speed internet upgrades and other systems improvements, and improve the district’s online system for parents, students and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance. Passage of this proposition would authorize the levy of \$24 million annually from 2019 through 2024. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of 93 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, 89 cents/\$1,000 in 2020, 86 cents/\$1,000 in 2021, 84 cents/\$1,000 in 2022, 81 cents/\$1,000 in 2023, and 79 cents/\$1,000 in 2024, and would replace the Technology Improvement levy funding that expires in 2018.

Statement For

Preparing Our Students to Succeed in a 21st Century Workforce

We all know technology and digital literacy are essential to the jobs of tomorrow. Proposition 2 funds classroom technology training for teachers and students. More classrooms will be equipped with the technology resources to enable students to learn best.

Expanding Equal Access to Technology

Every student deserves an equal opportunity to learn regardless of their background or family income. This measure funds additional devices and upgrades to give every student with access to technology. It also funds online tools so students and parents can check classroom material, homework, grades, assignments, and attendance.

This Is Not a New Tax – It Replaces the Existing Levy

Voting yes will renew the levy passed overwhelmingly by voters 4 years ago. This measure ensures stable and sustained funding to keep computers up to date so our students don’t fall behind.

Vote Yes to Renew Our Commitment!

Proposition 2 expands equal access to technology. Our students deserve the opportunity to learn the skills they need to succeed.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

Renewal of this technology levy will help to ensure that Tacoma’s graduates have the skills they need to be competitive in the 21st century workforce. Technology is a core feature in our daily lives and our workplace, and it’s a core need for our students’ education. Voting Yes will keep devices updated, expand equal access to technology in all of our neighborhood schools, and provide instructional training to prepare our kids for the future.

Committee Members: Marilyn Strickland, Willie Stewart, and Mark Starnes, RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com, RenewOurCommitment.org
Tacoma Citizens for Schools

Statement Against

A Loophole. Stop this Train! The McCleary solution does not address Tech/Capital Levies.

You don’t have a say in how McCleary plays out. You have a say now. McCleary does *Not* address this levy. It has grown from \$10M to \$24M since 2014. A 140% increase.

Vote No. Close this loophole.

Six years. Why? To stagger them. To confuse you. To trick you in 2024. To secure it now before you find out how much the McCleary decision will cost you.

It’s an Ask. The answer is No!

Vote *No*. Remove the excess. Demand a 4 year levy for fairness in the 2024 election. Do it for the kids. So they can move out when they turn 18. Or vote yes, and then whine about affordable housing, the cost of living, the hours you work.

Rebuttal of Statement For

There is no argument that the Tacoma schools have been improving in great strides and we all want that to continue, but at what cost? A 140% increase in funding to support systems that are already in place. The math doesn’t work. There is an obvious shift in levy dollars from M&O to Tech/Capital. Nice try. A 6 year renewal to stagger levy asks? Again, nice try. No! Vote No! Let’s revisit this one.

Committee Member: Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687