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## University Place School District No. 83

# 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

**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](http://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.

### 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.

### QUESTIONS?

### NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT?

[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)  
[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)  
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



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# University Place School District No. 83

## 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 University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 807-11-08-17 concerning a proposition to fund educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and authorize the District to levy, subject to applicable limitations, the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund eligible educational programs and operations, including teachers, nurses, counselors, safety personnel, textbooks, athletics and special education:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$2.50	\$9,961,000
2020	\$2.50	\$10,957,000
2021	\$2.50	\$12,053,000
2022	\$2.50	\$13,258,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 807-11-08-17. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of University Place School District Proposition 1 would replace the expiring education and operations levy in 2018. Proposition 1 would continue to pay for educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, nurses, counselors, support staff, athletic and extra-curricular programs, instructional materials, transportation, performing arts and music programs, staff training, after-school extended day and summer academic programs. Proposition 1, subject to applicable limits, allows the District to levy \$9,961,000 in 2019, \$10,957,000 in 2020, \$12,053,000 in 2021, and \$13,258,000 in 2022. If approved, Proposition 1 would result in a tax rate lower than the current local school property tax rate. Property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.50/\$1,000 of assessed value in each of the years from 2019 to 2022. The actual levy rates will be adjusted based upon the assessed value of property within the District and the legal limits on the levy amount and levy rate at the time of each levy. The actual amount collected may be less based on the current maximum levy rate of \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed value.

### Statement For

**Vote Yes! On Proposition 1 to Continue Support for Our Great Local Schools** Prop 1 funds educational programs and operations that citizens expect and our kids deserve. Local levies are still needed to fund school programs and activities not funded by the state. These funds are used in every school, at every grade level, to support all kids in UP.

**Prop. 1 Replaces an Expiring Levy and will Result in a Tax Decrease** Local taxes and tax rates for schools will decrease substantially by 2019. The district is asking for millions less than in prior elections because the state is funding more.

**The Educational Program Levy Funds Important Programs for UP Kids**

Prop. 1 provides for teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors, safety personnel, teacher training, athletics, low class sizes, music, transportation, special education, advanced placement classes and extra learning support to help all kids' succeed.

**Local Support for Schools is a Key to Success and a Great Investment**

University Place School District is among the best in the state. Graduation rates are above 90%; literacy and math test scores are high. This success is possible because of local support for kids and education.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

*UPSD is asking for millions less from local citizens in Prop 1 because of state increases. Local levy funds are still needed to support the programs our kids need and deserve. State increases will allow UPSD to reduce local taxes, but not eliminate them. Please join us in voting Yes for this replacement levy. UP kids need our support. Get accurate information about UP levies on the school district website: www.upsd.wednet.edu.*

**Committee Members:** Nate Angelo, Gary Gilchrist, and Bob Lucey, [www.citizensforupschools.org](http://www.citizensforupschools.org)  
*Citizens for UP Schools*

### Statement Against

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

The state is adding a new line to your property tax bill *This Year*. Next year they will cap this levy. The solution? Add more to the other levy since it is not mentioned in the legislative action to address state funding. A huge loophole. They'll jump through it. And you'll vote yes for the kids.

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

The state has already stepped up and doubled school funding in the last ten years. Billions, to all school districts. UPSD received nearly \$5M in augmented funding in the 2015-16 school year and even more the following year. That should have presented us with some relief in our levy amounts.

**That's the way the money goes, Pop! Goes the weasel**

Death and Taxes. Well, we've got one covered. Out of district enrollments is also very costly. Classrooms, teachers, admin staff, books and supplies, roads, traffic, property values. Vote no and put a stop to that practice.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Decrease in 2019? Oh! *After* the 2018 increase! Right! A great deal of levy funding has shifted to tech/capital levy. A huge loophole in the state plan to relieve our local tax burden *Because* the M&O levy will be capped next year at \$1.50/1,000. The tech/capital levy will not be touched. The state has provided a great deal of additional funding which should have relieved our tax burden already. *Please* vote no!

**Committee Member:** Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687  
<https://www.facebook.com/UniversityPlaceVoterResource/>

# University Place School District No. 83

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Replacement Capital Improvements Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 808-11-08-17 concerning district-wide capital improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to fund renovations and upgrades to roofs, floors and HVAC systems in District buildings and to grounds, outdoor facilities and safety and technology systems:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2019	\$0.50	\$1,992,300
2020	\$0.48	\$2,082,000
2021	\$0.46	\$2,218,000
2022	\$0.44	\$2,318,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 808-11-08-17. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the University Place School District to repair, renovate or upgrade roofs, floors, HVAC systems, outdoor facilities, safety systems, and technology throughout the district to enhance student learning and safety. The proposed replacement levy would allow the district to maintain and improve current technology infrastructure, and invest in additional classroom technology for staff and student use. Several HVAC systems, roofs, and floors are original construction and are nearing the end of their usage life.

The proposed four-year levy will replace the District's current capital improvement levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires in 2018. The proposed four year capital levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$1,992,300 in 2019, \$2,082,000 in 2020, \$2,218,000 in 2021, and \$2,318,000 in 2022. Property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.50/\$1,000 assessed value in 2019, \$0.48 in 2020, \$0.46 in 2021, and \$0.44 in 2022. The actual levy rates will be adjusted based upon the assessed value of property within the District at the time of each levy.

### Statement For

**The Safety, Technology and Capital Improvements Levy is a Replacement Levy**

This levy is not new. UP citizens have provided our kids with classroom technology, safety and security equipment and funds to maintain our schools for many years.

**Proposition 2 Funds Technology for Safety and Security**

Technology and security equipment help keep our kids safe. A Yes vote on Prop 2 will ensure that video surveillance, facility access security and emergency communication technology is in place and up-to-date in all schools.

**Proposition 2 Funds Technology for Classroom Teaching and Learning**

A Yes vote will also ensure that our kids and teachers have access to classroom technology by funding equipment, software and infrastructure.

**Vote Yes on Prop 2 to Maintain our School Facilities and Grounds**

Our schools are well maintained, but some have aging HVAC systems, roofs, flooring, fields and parking lots. We need to maintain our schools just like we maintain our homes so they are safe and last far into the future. Funds from this levy will be used to make necessary repairs and improvements to these basic systems.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

A yes vote on Prop 2 will allow the district to take good care of our local school facilities by funding basic school infrastructure like HVAC and roof systems. It will also allow the district to maintain and improve the technology that has become a *basic expectation* of our schools. These systems are essential to promote learning, improve communication and ensure safety. The state does not provide funding to cover these basic needs.

**Committee Members:** Nate Angelo, Gary Gilchrist, and Bob Lucey, [www.citizensforupschools.org](http://www.citizensforupschools.org)  
*Citizens for UP Schools*

### Statement Against

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

In 2006 this levy was presented as a one-time investment to upgrade technology at around \$300,000 per year. It ran out and was left for dead, as promised. In 2012 and 2013 we did not pay this. In 2014 it rose from the dead and was presented as a 'renewal', 'not a new tax' and every time we see it it has a different name and function. Since 2014 it was running at about \$650,000 per year. Now it has new and improved values at over \$2M per year. Nearly a 700% increase in 7 years.

**Vote No. Close this loophole.**

Vote No! Close this loophole in the state plan to fix our school funding. We support our schools. That does not give them an automatic yes on everything they ask for.

**It's an Ask. The answer is No!**

Vote no. The school district will need to make adjustments and re-present it to us.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Again! A loophole. A 700% increase since 2011. Initially offered as a *One Time* levy for technology improvements. And then reinstated, after a lapse, as a 'renewal'. Sure, we all want safe and well maintained schools, but this is asking too much and for all the wrong reasons. Using a loophole to secure funding beyond 2018 when the *Maintenance and Operations* Levy will be capped at \$1.50/1,000. Do your homework. Please vote no.

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