

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Submitted by Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1**  
**EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY**



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs, maintenance and operations, as specified in District Resolution No. 439-11-30-2001:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$2.59	\$2,917,137
2004	\$2.59	\$3,088,957
2005	\$2.59	\$3,270,896
2006	\$2.59	\$3,463,552

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$2,917,137 in property taxes within Steilacoom Historical School District for collection in 2003, \$3,088,957 in taxes for collection in 2004, \$3,270,896 in taxes for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$3,463,552 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 439-11-30-2001 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Steilacoom Historical School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004, \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

**Statement For:**

Four years ago, Steilacoom Historical School District's citizen-voters approved a first-ever Four-Year Maintenance and Operations School Levy (M&O Levy). The four-year period was chosen because it saves thousands of dollars in election costs, saves school staff and citizen volunteers' campaigning time, allows school district citizens to have a four-year stable tax plan, and the district to achieve big gains in student performance due to longer-term, consistent school funding.

The M&O Levy, which provides approximately 20% of the operating costs of the schools, now needs to be renewed by the voters for another four-year term. The proposed **levy tax rate is the same as the current one; no new increase in tax rate** is proposed; the **tax rate is one of the lowest in all Pierce County and is likely to decrease** in each succeeding year. Please **vote "Yes" to maintain the legacy of high quality student education in our schools.**

*Committee Members Include: John Hemphill, Al Lawrence*

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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