

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19
SCHOOL OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Carbonado Historical School District No. 19 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition will meet the educational needs of students in Carbonado Historical School District #19 and authorizes the District to levy the following taxes, in addition to regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District to support the District's maintenance and operation expenses, as specified in District Resolution No. 04-01:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$4.85	\$395,000
2004	\$4.88	\$411,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Carbonado Historical School District #19 is requesting local support for the maintenance and operations replacement levy on property within the District in the amount of \$395,000 for 2003 collection and \$411,000 for 2004 collection. If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$4.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003 and \$4.88 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004.

In accordance with Resolution No. 04-01 approving this levy proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. The maintenance and operations levy provides approximately 25% of the district's operating budget. These local dollars support educational programs not fully funded by the state; such as lower class sizes, textbooks, classroom supplies, utilities, insurance, technology, safety, maintenance and operations costs.

Statement For:

The quality of a school district is one of the most important measures of a communities' overall health. Although the State of Washington funds basic education, the operation and maintenance levy picks up costs that are underfunded by the State such as additional teachers to give each grade a separate class and a separate teacher, plus a special services teacher and a technology teacher. The levy provides additional classified workers (custodian, maintenance, secretary, bus driver, and four classroom aides) which are vital to the efficient running of the District's operations.

The levy also supports student learning materials, supplies, books, instructional technology materials, computer equipment, field trips, music programs, sports, transportation, maintenance and upkeep.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school and have never defeated an operation and maintenance levy. Supporting this levy will keep our investment working for us.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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