

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3
REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 11 2001-2002, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational program maintenance and operation expenses:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2002	2003	\$3.45	\$24.5 Million
2003	2004	\$3.45	\$26.1 Million
2004	2005	\$3.45	\$27.9 Million
2005	2006	\$3.45	\$30.0 Million

all as provided in Resolution No. 11 2001-2002. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Levy Money Supports 20% of School District Educational Programs

Our successful students need your support! The passage of this levy is critical as it will provide **essential funding** for classroom teachers, transportation of our students, and essential books and supplies for Puyallup students. The levy dollars are also the sole source of funding for all district athletic activities, band, orchestra and debate. The state formula does not fully fund basic education as we expect it for our children and we need local levy dollars!

This Is Not a New Tax. This Levy Replaces a Tax We Are Currently Paying

The current levy will expire in December 2002 and it needs to be replaced each year. The tax rate is **not** compounded and will stay fixed at \$3.45 per \$1,000 dollars assessed valuation. **Our tax rate will stay the same** for the next four years.

Support our students by **Voting Yes!**

Committee Members Include: Peggy Alston, Lloyd Freudenstein, Ken Charboneau

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The Puyallup School District is known for providing outstanding educational programs. **The legislature does not fully fund education in the manner our community expects and deserves. The tax rate proposed in this levy will remain stable as voiced by the taxpayers.**

The district continues to reassess its financial priorities to ensure that **93% of the budget goes directly to classroom instruction and support.** The district has **less than 7% in administrative costs.**

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Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval of a replacement educational program maintenance and operation levy that will be collected over four years, commencing in 2003. The replacement maintenance and operation levy will pay a portion of the District's costs for expenses such as textbooks, utilities, insurance, safety, classroom materials, student activities, and salaries.

The replacement maintenance and operation levy will impose an excess property tax levy of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$24.5 million to be levied in 2002 to be collected in 2003; an excess tax of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$26.1 million to be levied in 2003 to be collected in 2004; an excess tax of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$27.9 million to be levied in 2004 to be collected in 2005; and an excess tax of \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$30.0 million to be levied in 2005 to be collected in 2006.

The maintenance and operations levy will replace the District's current maintenance and operation levy that expires in the year 2002.

Statement Against:

Washington State Law requires the State to fully fund education. \$3.00 per thousand dollars of property valuation is collected for this purpose. The constant increase in real-estate property values provides the state with ever increasing education revenues.

The Puyallup School District needs to stop its own waste and reduce excessive management costs. The State and Federal governments are cutting waste and excessive administration costs. It is time the Puyallup School District learned to do likewise. **In addition to the \$3.00 per thousand, over 40% of our property taxes go directly to the Puyallup School district right now!**

Please vote "no" so we can get our rents and home ownership costs down.

Committee Members Include: Gary P. Vertrees, Harold E. Daskam, Mary V. Bennett

Rebuttal of Statement For:

It's time we demand integrity and accountability from the Puyallup School District, starting with complete and comparable budget information available online.

We want to support our children's education, not waste and ineptness.

This is a new increased tax! Note, they only talk about "tax Rate will stay the same". Misleading?? **Is It Clear How Much More Money They Will Pick From Our Pockets? Or Why?**

Please hold the school district Accountable, Vote No.

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