

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Fife School District No. 417
FIFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 approved a proposition for educational levies. This proposition provides for the support of educational programs, facilities maintenance and operations by authorizing the levy of the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, as specified in District Resolution No. 01-15:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$2.35	\$4,350,000
2004	\$2.34	\$4,600,000
2005	\$2.33	\$4,850,000
2006	\$2.35	\$5,200,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the placement of a four-year 2003-2006 **replacement** Maintenance and Operations levy of \$4,350,000 in property taxes within Fife School District for collection in 2003, the levy of \$4,600,000 in taxes for collection in 2004, the levy of \$4,850,000 in taxes for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$5,200,000 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 01-15, these taxes would be deposited in the Fife School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include additional staffing to maintain low class sizes, employee costs (such as salaries and staff development opportunities), added program offerings for students, instructional materials, special programs, co-curricular activities and athletics, technology support, transportation costs, maintenance of grounds and 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 \$2.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$2.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004, \$2.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$2.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

Statement For:

Replacement Levy Maintains Quality in Fife-Milton Schools

Your yes vote continues Fife-Milton's reputation for quality education in safe schools. On February 5th Fife-Milton's schools ask for your on-going support to pass the **replacement** maintenance and operations levy.

School District Reputation = Growth

Our children's future calls for a passing levy vote to keep pace with the addition of two new schools to the district, a growth of 20% and the need to enhance property values while maintaining outstanding schools.

Our Children Are Counting On Your Yes Vote

The levy passage keeps our most valuable resources intact including: quality teachers and support staff, learning in small classroom sizes, maintaining educational programs and purchase of textbooks, continuation of co-curricular activities, i.e. music, drama and sports, bus transportation services and technology.

Keep Fife-Milton A Desirable Place To Live

Your yes vote allows students and the community to benefit from high educational standards. Compared to neighboring districts our current and proposed levy tax-rate is the lowest. Support our children and keep our investment intact by voting yes for this **replacement** tax.

Committee Members Include: Terry Sylvestrin, Kathy Long

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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