

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Submitted by University Place School District No. 83**  
**SCHOOL SUPPORT REPLACEMENT LEVY**



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 approved Resolution #654-12-12-01 concerning this proposition. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain essential educational program funding levels and support the District's educational programs, student services and operations:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$4.00	\$6,841,861
2004	\$4.08	\$7,183,954
2005	\$4.18	\$7,543,152
2006	\$4.28	\$7,920,309

Should this proposition be approved?

**Statement For:**

Your **Yes** vote **renews** University Place School District's Maintenance and Operations levy. This **replacement levy** ensures quality conditions for teaching and learning in UP schools.

State funding alone does not provide the quality of education we expect for our students. Levy dollars account for 20% of the budget for current school programs. These funds support school **safety and security officers; lower class sizes; extra-curricular music, athletics and activities; after-school and summer programs; student transportation** and basic maintenance of **district facilities**.

This levy renews the expiring Maintenance and Operations levy for four more years. A four year renewal reduces election costs by 50%, allows for long range financial planning and ensures educational program continuity and stability.

Quality schools reflect pride in our community and protect home and business property values. **The Best Community Needs the Best Schools-Vote Yes for UP Schools** on February 5.

**Committee Members Include:** Ray Tennison, Scott Swanson, David Graybill

**Explanatory Statement:**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$6,841,681 in property taxes within University Place School District for collection in 2003, the levy of \$7,183,954 in taxes for collection in 2004, the levy of \$7,543,152 in taxes for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$7,920,309 in taxes for collection in 2006. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$4.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$4.08 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004, \$4.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$4.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

In accordance with Resolution No. 654-12-12-01 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the University Place 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.

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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