

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Peninsula School District No. 401
SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 02-01 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 the District's General Fund to pay maintenance and operation expenses in accordance with the District's Strategic Plan and to replace school buses:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2003	\$2.34	\$12,227,042
2004	\$2.33	\$12,654,989
2005	\$2.34	\$13,224,463

as specified in Resolution No. 02-01. Shall this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Peninsula Schools need and deserve your support on March 12th. The three year levy approved by voters in 1999 expires this year and needs to be renewed. It provides approximately 18% of funding to maintain quality education and local control **with the lowest levy rate in Pierce County.**

Your **yes** vote will enable Peninsula Schools to increase security in all our buildings, fund 38 teaching positions, provide health technicians at all schools, continue replacement of our aging bus fleet with new, safe, reliable equipment, improve much needed maintenance and repair of school buildings and grounds, and maintain custodial positions.

Levy funds support our community's priorities: Safety, student learning, facility maintenance and community partnerships.

Your **yes** vote helps assure safe, quality education, preparing our children for the future and enhancing our quality of life.

Your vote counts. Make it count for our schools. Make it count for our kids.

Vote yes.

Committee Members Include: Barbara Trotter, Jill Johnson, Tom Huff

Explanatory Statement:

The Peninsula School District is requesting renewal of local support for the Maintenance and Operation Levy which expires in 2002. The amount requested is \$12,227,042 for collection in 2003; \$12,654,989 for collection in 2004; and \$13,224,463 for collection in 2005. The estimated cost per \$1,000 of assessed value is \$2.34 for 2003; \$2.33 for 2004; and \$2.34 for 2005.

The District developed its commitment to educational excellence in its Strategic Plan, adopted in 2001. This replacement levy proposal is based upon goals which were established through wide-spread community participation. Approval of the requested levy will continue to fund the teaching and non-certificated positions and instructional programs supported by the expiring levy. Curriculum improvement, classroom instructional materials and increased funding for classroom support are included in this request. Additionally, facility maintenance and repairs will be continued, as will the replacement of school buses.

Local levy funding supports educational, maintenance, facility and equipment replacement programs not adequately funded by the State. This Maintenance and Operations levy will provide approximately 18% of the District's operating budget. The remaining fund sources for District operations are state (72%), federal (5%), and local fees, foundation grants, etc. (5%).

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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