

How to Register to Vote

You must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age by the date of the next election; a resident of Pierce County; and not presently denied your civil rights as a result of a felony conviction. You may obtain a form online at vote.wa.gov, register at the Pierce County Elections Department, 2401 S 35th St, Rm 200, Tacoma, or a form can be mailed to you by calling (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-446-4979. If you register by mail, your application must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to an election to vote. If you are a new registrant in Washington State, you may register to vote in person at the Elections Department no less than 15 days prior to the election.

Address or Name Change

If you move, be sure to notify the Auditor's Office of your new address, either by using the online address change form - piercecountywa.org/auditor or call (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-446-4979. If your name has changed, you will need to submit a new registration form to update your signature.

Cancellation of Registration

You will only be removed from the registration files if you fill out a cancellation card or register to vote in another county or state. If a voter is deceased, another voter may fill out a card to cancel his or her registration.

This election is being conducted entirely by mail. Polling places will be closed. First class postage rates increase to 41¢ on May 14, 2007. Mail your ballot early to avoid the increase, or use one of our Vote By Mail Express Booths.

If you want to vote by mail permanently, please fill out this form and send it in. If you already receive your ballot by mail for every election, you do not need to fill this out.

Permanent Absentee Ballot Request Form	
Permanent Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Send To: Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor 2401 S 35th St, Rm 200, Tacoma, WA 98409 (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979
Print Name as Registered	
Print Address Where You Live	
City/Town	Zip Code
Date of Birth	Home Phone Number
Year-Round Mailing Address (required if different from address where you live)	
City/Town	
Zip Code	
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Signature of Applicant	Date



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Special Election – May 15, 2007 Sumner School District No. 320 Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



First class postage rates increase to 41¢ on May 14, 2007. Mail your ballot early to avoid the increase, or save a stamp and use one of our Vote By Mail Express Booths.

Special Election - May 15, 2007

Sumner School District No. 320 has requested that this election be conducted entirely by mail.

Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off at the following Express Booth locations:



- Bonney Lake Fred Meyer, 20901 Highway 410 E
- Sumner Fred Meyer, 1201 Valley Ave E
- Puyallup Fred Meyer, 1100 N Meridian & River Rd
- Surprise Lake Shopping Center, 900 Meridian E
- Thun Field, 16715 Meridian E

Express Booths are open: Friday, May 11 through Tuesday, May 15 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Voted ballots may also be dropped off any time on or before Election Day at the Pierce County Auditor's Office at 2401 S 35th Street, Room 200, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday or at the Pierce County Auditor's Election Center 24-hour drop box located at 3009 S 36th Street in Tacoma. This box is closed at 8:00 p.m. on Election night.

If you need a replacement ballot: contact Pierce County Elections at (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979 or appear in person on or before May 14, 2007 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or on May 15, 2007 (Election Day) between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Sumner School District No. 320

BONDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, LAND AND MODERNIZATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 9/06-07 concerning a proposition to finance reconstruction, land and modernization. This proposition would authorize the District to reconstruct and modernize Lakeridge Middle School, acquire land for future school sites, modernize Sumner High School, and modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School; issue no more than \$114,406,211 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annually excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 9/06-07.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Statement For:

Neglecting our schools carries a high price.

This bond measure received overwhelming support in February, but failed to meet the required supermajority by less than 2%.

Two things haven't changed:

There is still an urgent need to renovate and modernize our schools. The cost of land and construction will only increase.

We cannot continue to use classroom dollars for repair and maintenance of our aging schools.

The average age of schools on the project list is 42 years old. We expect them to last much longer. Over half of our kids attend schools needing extensive modernization or replacement.

These schools don't make the grade.

They are poorly ventilated, don't meet current building code and do not have adequate plumbing and lighting.

The cost of repairing and upgrading schools is high; the cost of not acting is higher.

Please join us in supporting public schools by voting **Yes!**

Make a difference.

Committee Members: Mark Evers, April Evers and Linda Brenner. Citizens for Education

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The "no committee" asserts a 50% increase in taxes and 25% administration costs. Both claims are false.

School taxes actually went down - and your tax statement proves it. We are paying \$120 **less** in school taxes, because of commercial growth in our community despite an increase in the assessed value of our homes.

District administration costs are 7% and reflect reductions made last year.

We vote **Yes** for schools. It's the right thing for kids.

Committee Members: Mark Evers, April Evers and Linda Brenner. Citizens for Education

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize Sumner School District to issue \$114,406,211 of general obligation bonds to reconstruct and modernize Lakeridge Middle School, acquire land for future school sites, modernize Sumner High School, and modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School. Significant enrollment growth, the existing condition of school facilities and the desire to improve and support the delivery of academic and instructional programs necessitate these improvements. The District anticipates receiving approximately \$31,156,297 in State of Washington construction matching money to complete the improvements.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The District estimates the tax rate to repay all bonds will be approximately \$1.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2008.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor (253) 798-2169.

Statement Against:

Deep Cuts in the 25% Administration Costs Can Pay For Schools!

The administration hasn't made the proposed improvements knowing that your child's discomfort is their ticket to more money. Isn't it interesting that the administrators enjoy all the comforts, when your children do without.

How Much Money is Hidden Now?

Voters were asked to pay 100% of the \$44,000,000 to build the high school. After we voted yes, magically \$4,500,000 appeared for a new Administration Building. Why wasn't the money used for schools? They knew you'd pay for a new school but not an over priced building for administrators.

We Voted Last Year a 50% Increase for Schools.

This was done under the threats to parents and students that sports and busing would be cut. When they got the money they still made cuts. **Don't be manipulated.** Voting for this Bond will not assure \$31 million from the State.

The Tax Rate Goes Down but Your Taxes Go Up

Do not be deceived by their charts or numbers. **The taxes you pay increase as your property values increase.** Vote Cuts in Administration! Vote **No!** brianbernecker@hotmail.com

Committee Member: Brian Bernecker

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Cut Administrative Overhead to 10% and We Will Have the Money

Our teachers are under paid and our schools need repair while administrators enjoy a plush new building and spend our budget. If we continue to bankroll the administrators they won't cut administrative overhead. They know by **neglecting our children** they can manipulate you to vote for more money.

Are You Going To Be Sold?

Donald Eismann said, it doesn't matter how much money is requested, **"It will all be about selling it to the public"**. Vote cuts in administration! Vote No!

Committee Member: Brian Bernecker