

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce Transit
PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION,
0.3% SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area, commonly known as Pierce Transit, adopted Resolution No. 01-068 concerning a proposed 0.3% increase in the sales and use tax. This proposition would authorize Pierce Transit to impose an additional sales and use tax, with the increased revenue being used to replace funds lost by elimination of the state Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, and thereby ensure continued delivery of the current level of public transportation, including local and express bus services, SHUTTLE services for people with disabilities, vanpools, park and ride lots, other improvements, and provide for future needs, as authorized by Resolution No. 01-068. Shall this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters, this proposition would authorize Pierce Transit to replace funds lost by the state legislature’s repeal of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax through a sales and use tax adjustment of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%). This sales and use tax increase would provide the funds to preserve the public’s transportation choices at current levels, including local and express bus services, Shuttle services for people with disabilities, vanpools, park and ride lots, and other services and improvements for the community. These replacement funds would maintain Pierce Transit’s funding at approximately the level that existed prior to repeal of the state Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. If approved, this increase in Pierce Transit’s share of the sales and use tax would be the first increase since voters authorized Pierce Transit’s present share in 1979. If this proposition is rejected by the voters, Pierce Transit would not be able to provide the current level of transportation services, resulting in a reduction or elimination of transportation services.

Statement For:

Voting “Yes” will prevent transit cuts of over 40% that would harm many Pierce County neighborhoods already choked with traffic.

Congestion Relief

Pierce Transit takes 19,000 cars off our roads every weekday. Rapid growth in Pierce County has clogged streets, making getting around difficult. Voting “yes” will allow Pierce Transit to help by providing more express buses, more vanpools and expanded Park & Ride lots.

Quality of Life For Everyone

For many seniors, disabled, students and working commuters, Pierce Transit’s 100% wheelchair accessible bus fleet and shuttle vans provide lifelines to work, school, shopping and medical appointments.

A Record of Excellent Service

More than 40,000 people use Pierce Transit buses every day and 11,000 citizens with disabilities use specialized shuttle vans. As one shuttle rider said, “Pierce Transit shows real caring for those of us who need this service - for many things that are a lifeline to our independence.”

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Committee Members Include: Barbara Skinner, Ted Bottiger, Tim Strege

Committee Members Include: Will Baker, L. Curtis Mehlhaff, Ralph Baldwin

Proposition No. 1
KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MAINTENANCE & OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of the King County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 2001-22 proposing to restore its regular levy rate to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the District in 2002 for collection in 2003, thus increasing its regular property tax levy in excess of the limit factor provided for in RCW 84.55.0101, in order to provide continued funding for the normal operation and maintenance of the King County library system. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

This proposition will authorize the **Library District** to **restore** its 2002 property tax levy rate to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 2003. This proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which limits total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of \$.50.

Approval of this proposition would allow the preservation of the current level of services, programs, resources, and building maintenance and repair at all 42 local community libraries.

Rejection of this proposition would lead to the Library District's revenue in 2003 being scaled back \$5.8 million from its pre-Initiative 747 level of support, necessitating cutbacks in library services, staffing and open hours, programming, acquisitions, and maintenance and repairs throughout the District.

Statement For:

Libraries are used more than ever. Budget losses from I-747 will reduce access unless funding is restored.

Library Services Help Students Succeed. In addition to books and materials available to adults, the library offers multiple services to help parents and teachers prepare students for academic success—such as homework help, tutoring, and special website pages.

Loss of Funds Will Hurt Library Service. Reduction of property tax funding will require existing services to be reduced, including books, open hours, computers, and maintenance.

Restored Funding to Begin in 2003. Voting '**approved**' restores funding limits in place before I-747. For a \$200,000 home, this means restoring \$8.80 in property taxes, allowing for inflation and keeping valuable services for students and families.

Library Use is Up! This year, items checked out increased 10%. Website visits increased 80%, to 18 million. These funds will allow us to *maintain services* needed by families and our communities.

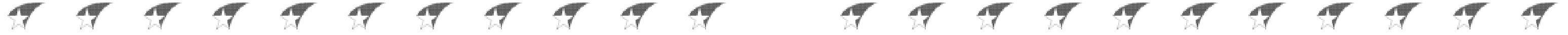
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Committee Members Include: Miguel Llanos, Betty Rae Green, Mark W. Berry

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of DuPont



Official Ballot Title:

The DuPont City Council has adopted Resolution No. 01-246, concerning property tax levy rates. This Resolution would increase the City of DuPont's regular property tax levy for collection commencing in 2003 to \$2.3288 per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation, with such rate to be subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits thereafter. Should City of DuPont Resolution No.01-246 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters, the City will be authorized to levy regular real property taxes at a rate not to exceed \$2.3288 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The actual levy rate will be established by the City Council. The current levy rate is \$0.3288 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The additional tax revenue would fund regular city operations. Voter approval for this increase is necessary because the increase exceeds statutory limitations.

Statement For:

DuPont has the second lowest city property tax in the State, and the lowest in Pierce County. Yet, DuPont is the second fastest growing city in Washington.

DuPont regular property tax collected in 2001 covered the cost of about 2.5 police officers. In order to provide adequate essential services, we must increase our revenue.

A \$2.00 increase in your city property tax means a house valued at \$150,000 would cost an additional \$25 per month. Of the 20 cities in Pierce County, this rate would move DuPont from 20th to 17th overall as to city tax.

To enjoy the quality of life we want, we need to invest in our city and our future. Please vote "Yes" for DuPont. Thank you. Endorsed and supported by DuPont Professional Firefighters L3829 and DuPont Police Officers Association L165.

Committee Members Include: Lee Reid, Carlos Torres, Pat Murphy

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Opponents have defined the "Yes" campaign goals "unrealistic" and "grandiose". It is "unrealistic" that the second fastest growing city supports its essential services with the second-lowest city tax. The opponents claim they support "adequate police and fire protection, equitable wages...for city employees, and well maintained...streets", yet term a tax plan to pay for these services "grandiose".

We cannot have it both ways. If we desire these services, we need to pay for them.

Committee Members Include: Lee Reid, Carlos Torres, Pat Murphy

Statement Against:

The proposed levy is based on ideas that are unrealistic and grandiose. What is being asked for is a 608% increase in our property taxes. The increase is not targeted for specific improvements or designated for significant city services. The money generated by this tax increase would go into the General Fund, to be spent at the discretion of the City Council. What it amounts to is a blank check for a slate of ill-defined, vague, feel-good "cultural" projects. We are very much in favor of adequate police and fire protection, equitable wages and benefits for city employees, and well maintained parks and streets. The present proposal fails to take into account the reality of our little City of DuPont. Please vote no on this proposal and require Council specify use of money, reduce amount ask for and resubmit in the fall if it is still needed.

Committee Members Include: Wayne L. Everett, David L. Warnick, Willard F. Shenkel

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement was submitted.

Committee Members Include: Wayne L. Everett, David L. Warnick, Willard F. Shenkel

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Tacoma
TACOMA POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD STATIONS - \$34,300,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Tacoma City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26893 concerning a proposition relating to public safety facilities.

If approved, this ballot proposition would allow the City to acquire, construct, improve, and equip a new police headquarters at the old Costco site, four neighborhood substations throughout Tacoma, issue up to \$34,300,000 of general bonds maturing within 25 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 26893. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The City of Tacoma requests voters to approve a Capital Facilities Improvement Bond issue to construct headquarters and four neighborhood substations for the Tacoma Police Department.

The headquarters will bring together Tacoma's police functions in one location. The new headquarters are planned to co-locate police administration, investigations, patrol, and training. In addition, four neighborhood substations, modeled after the McKinley Avenue station on the Eastside, will locate patrol officers in each of Tacoma's four sectors.

Bond proceeds will construct and equip these facilities. Without voter approval, the City does not have funding to pay for the projects.

The bonds would mature within 25 years and would be paid by annual excess property taxes. The cost would be approximately 20 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. This cost, combined with the tax-lowering effect of Initiative 747 and a decrease in the tax on Emergency Medical Services, would result in no increase in the City tax rate over 2001 levels.

Homeowners who are 61 years or older, disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption.

Statement For:

With an increased concern for national security, we must do our part right here at home to make our community safer.

In over a dozen public meetings, people told the City that a new police headquarters and neighborhood sector stations will:

- Increase police presence and visibility in neighborhoods to make them safer;
- Improve public access to police by creating "neighborhood-based customer-service centers" for crime victims and people reporting criminal activity; and
- Give Tacoma Police the tools they need to effectively protect our community.

Your **Yes** vote will build:

- a centrally-located police headquarters at the old Costco site and
- four police substations in neighborhoods not currently served.

Your **Yes** vote will cost \$30 yearly on a \$150,000 home – investing \$34.3 million directly toward law enforcement.

Keep Tacoma safe – vote **Yes!**

Committee Members Include: Brian Ebersole, Ray Fjetland, Bil Moss

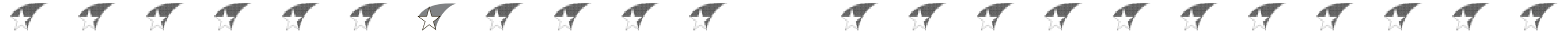
Statement Against:

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Committee Members Include: Will Baker, Ralph Baldwin, Curt Mehlhaff

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1
EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs, maintenance and operations, as specified in District Resolution No. 439-11-30-2001:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$2.59	\$2,917,137
2004	\$2.59	\$3,088,957
2005	\$2.59	\$3,270,896
2006	\$2.59	\$3,463,552

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$2,917,137 in property taxes within Steilacoom Historical School District for collection in 2003, \$3,088,957 in taxes for collection in 2004, \$3,270,896 in taxes for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$3,463,552 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 439-11-30-2001 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Steilacoom Historical 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. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004, \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$2.59 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

Statement For:

Four years ago, Steilacoom Historical School District's citizen-voters approved a first-ever Four-Year Maintenance and Operations School Levy (M&O Levy). The four-year period was chosen because it saves thousands of dollars in election costs, saves school staff and citizen volunteers' campaigning time, allows school district citizens to have a four-year stable tax plan, and the district to achieve big gains in student performance due to longer-term, consistent school funding.

The M&O Levy, which provides approximately 20% of the operating costs of the schools, now needs to be renewed by the voters for another four-year term. The proposed **levy tax rate is the same as the current one; no new increase in tax rate** is proposed; the **tax rate is one of the lowest in all Pierce County and is likely to decrease** in each succeeding year. Please **vote "Yes" to maintain the legacy of high quality student education in our schools.**

Committee Members Include: John Hemphill, Al Lawrence

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1

**Submitted by Yelm Community Schools District No. 2
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES**



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 11-20-01-54 concerning a proposition to levy property taxes. Upon the expiration of the current maintenance and operation levy, the proposition would authorize the following taxes for purposes of operation and maintenance in excess of all regular property tax levies, upon all taxable property within the Yelm Community Schools district for the district's general fund:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.42	\$4,375,000
2004	\$3.42	\$4,637,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Yelm Community Schools No. 2 provides educational services to children of the community in grades K-12. Passage of this proposition would allow for the replacement of the existing maintenance and operations levy that is expiring. The proposed two-year levy would be paid into the District's General Fund during school years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. The taxes collected under this proposition would mean \$3.42 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2003 and \$3.42 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2004.

The funds collected by this levy will be applied to the general operating funds of the District for purposes of maintenance and operation of the District's educational services, supplementing state funds for such purposes. Staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, and staff inservice training are examples of costs supported by levy dollars.

Statement For:

Yelm Schools deserves your support on February 5th for the maintenance and operations **replacement** levy. The levy rate (\$3.42 per \$1000) is the **lowest** of any neighboring district. The large majority of levy dollars go toward direct classroom assistance; items like textbooks, teaching materials, staff training, libraries, and technology assistance.

Our district is doing a great job educating our kids. Test scores are rising, attendance rates are up, and our effort to align district curriculum and teaching strategies with the new, higher state standards is well underway. School safety and student discipline continue to be high priorities for our district.

Keep our schools strong by voting **"Yes"** on the Yelm Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy on February 5th.

Committee Members Include: Glenn Blando, Glen Cunningham

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 2

**Submitted by Yelm Community Schools District No. 2
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$39,600,000**



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 11-20-01-53 concerning a proposition to issue general obligation bonds. The proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip new school facilities and carry out other capital purposes; issue no more than \$39,600,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No.11-20-01-53. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Yelm Community Schools No. 2 provides educational services to children of the community in grades K-12. Passage of this proposition would allow the district to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$39,600,000, to mature in 20 years. The principal and interest on the bonds will be collected annually from property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies, at approximately \$1.40 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The funds collected by this bond will be used together with state funds to remodel Yelm High School and McKenna Elementary School and to fund construction of a new junior high school adjacent to Mill Pond Intermediate School.

Statement For:

The greater Yelm area is growing rapidly. With frequent new businesses openings, numerous housing starts, and the ever-present traffic, everyone feels the pinch, including our schools. We have been adding students at the rate of just under 100 per year for the past 26 years!

We last approved a bond for Mill Pond Intermediate School in 1990 and have added over 1350 students since then. Yelm High School is seriously overcrowded. Originally the school was built to serve 700 kids and today we have almost double that number attending classes.

By passing this bond, we can modernize and expand McKenna Elementary and take care of our biggest overcrowding problem at the high school. We also will build a new 8-9 junior high that will give us room to grow for the foreseeable future.

Help our kids by voting **"Yes"** for the Yelm School Construction and Modernization Bond.

Committee Members Include: Glenn Blando, Glen Cunningham

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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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.**

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



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.

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

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10
EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition will meet the educational needs of students in Tacoma School District #10 and authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to support educational programs and school maintenance and operations as specified in District Resolution No. 1650:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$4.80	\$60,535,000
2004	\$4.85	\$62,977,000
2005	\$4.88	\$65,226,000
2006	\$5.08	\$69,950,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Successful students need your support. Quality education is a must, to maintain achievement and prepare children for the future.

Levy dollars help pay for teachers, textbooks, supplies, classroom assistants, teacher training, buses, special education programs, crossing guards, highly capable programs, student safety programs and security. Approximately 20% of the district's general fund, plus mandated programs not funded by the state, are paid by local levy funds.

This is not a new tax. It is a replacement levy and continues long-standing, local levy support. **The tax rate will go down,** from today's total collection rate of \$7.48 (for levy and outstanding construction bonds), to an estimated \$7.30 for 2003-2006.

Our community takes care of its children. Years of support have built a district where more children than ever are staying in school and graduating with a strong foundation for the future. Our children need your continued support.

Committee Members Include: Kurt Miller, Jim Washam, Betty Drost

Explanatory Statement:

Tacoma School District is requesting voter approval of a replacement maintenance and operations levy.

Levy money helps provide teachers, textbooks, supplies, special education, buses, student safety programs, athletic and arts programs. It pays approximately 20% of the general fund, including mandated programs not funded by the state.

Passage of this proposition would authorize the levy of \$60,535,000 in property taxes for collection in 2003, \$62,977,000 for 2004, \$65,226,000 for 2005 and \$69,950,000 for 2006.

If authorized by voters, the replacement levy would be assessed at a rate currently estimated to be \$4.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$4.85 per \$1,000 in 2004, \$4.88 per \$1,000 in 2005 and \$5.08 per \$1,000 in 2006.

Overall tax rate for the district, including previously voter-approved construction bonds and this replacement levy, will decline. The overall rate will decline from \$7.48 in 2001 to an estimated rate of \$7.30 in 2002. With passage of this replacement levy the tax rate is estimated to remain at or below \$7.30 through 2006.

Statement Against:

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Committee Members Include: Will Baker, Ralph Baldwin, Curt Mehlhaff

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19
SCHOOL OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Carbonado Historical School District No. 19 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition will meet the educational needs of students in Carbonado Historical School District #19 and authorizes the District to levy the following taxes, in addition to regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District to support the District's maintenance and operation expenses, as specified in District Resolution No. 04-01:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$4.85	\$395,000
2004	\$4.88	\$411,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Carbonado Historical School District #19 is requesting local support for the maintenance and operations replacement levy on property within the District in the amount of \$395,000 for 2003 collection and \$411,000 for 2004 collection. If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$4.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003 and \$4.88 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004.

In accordance with Resolution No. 04-01 approving this levy proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. The maintenance and operations levy provides approximately 25% of the district's operating budget. These local dollars support educational programs not fully funded by the state; such as lower class sizes, textbooks, classroom supplies, utilities, insurance, technology, safety, maintenance and operations costs.

Statement For:

The quality of a school district is one of the most important measures of a communities' overall health. Although the State of Washington funds basic education, the operation and maintenance levy picks up costs that are underfunded by the State such as additional teachers to give each grade a separate class and a separate teacher, plus a special services teacher and a technology teacher.

The levy provides additional classified workers (custodian, maintenance, secretary, bus driver, and four classroom aides) which are vital to the efficient running of the District's operations.

The levy also supports student learning materials, supplies, books, instructional technology materials, computer equipment, field trips, music programs, sports, transportation, maintenance and upkeep.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school and have never defeated an operation and maintenance levy. Supporting this levy will keep our investment working for us.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Committee Members Include: Jay Argo

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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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Sumner School District No. 320
SCHOOL PROGRAM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 6/01-02 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. This proposition will authorize the District to maintain current educational programs, maintenance and operations by levying 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:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1000	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.3768		\$10,000,000
2004	\$3.3475		\$11,200,000
2005	\$3.3332		\$12,600,000
2006	\$3.3248		\$14,200,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 6/01-02. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

On February 5, you can vote **Yes** to renew an existing maintenance and operation levy. This levy is not a new tax; it's one that our community has supported for years.

Why is it important to support school levies? The State of Washington funds only the most basic education programs and leaves enhancements up to individual school districts. Students in Sumner School District depend on levy dollars to maintain the quality of education that they currently receive. Levy tax dollars provide enough teachers to keep classes small, textbooks and teaching supplies, special education, student transportation, athletic, music and activity programs.

The Sumner School District, with strong citizen support, provides an award-winning education for our students.

Committee Members Include: Brian McDermott

Explanatory Statement:

Sumner School District is requesting voter approval of a four-year replacement school program maintenance and operation levy.

Levy money helps to pay for additional teachers and classroom aides to maintain smaller class sizes, textbooks and other instructional supplies, special education beyond state support, transportation services not funded by the state, and athletic and extra-curricular activity programs at all grade levels. Levy money also pays for general education-related costs and totals approximately 18 percent of the district's general fund budget. Additionally, levy dollars pay for state-mandated programs not funded by the state.

The current levy rate is \$3.38 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The projected tax rate for the replacement levy will remain at \$3.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2003, dropping to an estimated \$3.32 per \$1,000 in the year 2006.

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343
REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-01-02, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to maintain current educational programs, maintenance and operations by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational program, maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.02	\$2,280,000
2004	\$3.00	\$2,240,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-01-02. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters, Proposition 1 would authorize Dieringer School District No. 343, Pierce County, Washington, to levy a tax for support of the District's General Fund educational program and operations expenses to meet the educational needs of students. The amount of the tax would be \$2,280,000 levied in 2002 for collection in 2003, and \$2,400,000 levied in 2003 for collection in 2004.

The tax would be made upon all the taxable property within the District and would be in addition to all regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy.

Statement For:

M&O Levies Make Up for What the State Doesn't Provide

The Dieringer School District, like other local districts, gets its basic funding from the state and must rely on maintenance & operations (M&O) levies to make up for what the state doesn't provide.

We've Come to Depend on the Valuable Programs Paid for by Levies

M&O levies pay for what most of us today would consider the basic necessities of a well-rounded education: PE and music programs, smaller class sizes, counselors, library and technical materials, transportation for all students, sports programs, and many more such valuable programs.

Our High-School Student Expenses are Paid for by M&O Levies

Because the Dieringer School District does not operate a high school, as much as 30% of our M&O levy dollars go to pay for our high-school students' tuition to districts such as Auburn and Sumner. We owe this money regardless of whether we pass the M&O levies or not.

This Is Not a New Tax

This proposition will replace the expiring M&O levy and **won't cost us any more** than we are already paying in current taxes. **Please vote Yes** on Proposition 1 to preserve the treasure that is our local schools.

Committee Members Include: Lauri McLeod, Janis Suznevich, Sue Bradner

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 2
Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT BONDS - \$11,200,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 05-01-02, concerning a proposition to finance, construct and improve school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip new school facilities, modernize and improve existing school facilities and carrying out other capital purposes to enhance educational opportunities for students; issue no more than \$11,200,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 05-01-02. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

If approved by the voters, Proposition 2 would authorize Dieringer School District No. 343, Pierce County, Washington, to issue up to \$11,200,000 of general obligation bonds to pay costs of replacing Lake Tapps Elementary School by constructing and equipping a modern new school on the existing site.

The School Board has found that there is an urgent need for the replacement of the existing Lake Tapps Elementary School because of the present condition of that facility and the institution of new educational programs for students.

Without voter authorization, there will be no funds to construct and equip a new Lake Tapps Elementary School to better serve students.

The bonds would mature within 20 years after issuance and would be paid by annual property tax levies made throughout the District in excess of regular property taxes.

Exemptions from taxes for the bonds may be available to homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, or disabled, and who meet income requirements set by state law.

Statement For:

Lake Tapps Elementary Needs are too Extensive for Renovation

Lake Tapps Elementary School in its present condition poses challenges to educators and parents that can only be mitigated by replacement of that building.

The outdoor concept of the school often leaves students out of sight of supervising adults. The flat roof is expensive and almost impossible to maintain in this climate. Pipes leak. A new school would provide better handicap access, needed electrical upgrades for technology and seismic reinforcements.

Cost of Replacement is Close to Cost of Renovation

Such problems likely could not be overcome by renovation. The cost of renovation is estimated to be \$8.6 million, with total replacement accomplished for \$11.2 million. The new school would be built on-site without disrupting students. It would feature secure, indoor hallways, a pitched roof, code upgrades and many more features to see our students into the 21st century and beyond.

Let's Provide a Safe & Healthy Environment

We urge you to **vote Yes** on Proposition 2 to provide our children with the safe, healthy, and secure learning environment they deserve.

Committee Members Include: Lauri McLeod, Janis Suznevich, Sue Bradner

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Orting School District No. 344
SCHOOL OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Orting School District #344 passed Resolution #2.01-02 concerning this proposition. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following taxes, in excess of regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.41	\$1,972,000
2004	\$3.35	\$2,090,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$1,972,000 in property taxes within Orting School District for collection in 2003 and the levy of \$2,090,000 in taxes for collection in 2004. In accordance with Resolution No. 2.01-02 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Orting 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. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.41 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003 and \$3.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004.

Statement For:

The Orting School District Maintenance and Operation Levy replaces our current levy that ends in 2002. Because the state does *not* adequately fund basic education, levy funds account for 15% of the general operating budget. It provides critical, and otherwise unfounded support, for transportation, purchase of school buses, classroom teachers, safety monitors for highway crossing, playground and lunchroom assistants, classroom supplies and materials, all sports and activity programs and necessary maintenance projects such as painting and repairing existing facilities.

Due to the tremendous growth in our community, the cost to taxpayers for this replacement Levy has dropped from a past rate of \$3.60 per \$1,000 to a projected \$3.41 for 2003 and \$3.35 in 2004.

The Levy Committee is pleased with the changes and progress made district wide. Its passage is absolutely crucial for the funds needed to properly maintain our schools and continue effective progress in students' academic achievement.

Committee Members Include: J.R. Inman, Rena Shawver, David Keers

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Franklin Pierce School District No. 402
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 01-R-27 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. This proposition will authorize the District to maintain current educational programs, maintenance and operations by levying 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:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1000	Assessed Value
2003	\$4.15	\$8,360,000
2004	\$4.15	\$8,860,000
2005	\$4.15	\$9,390,000
2006	\$4.15	\$9,960,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-R-27. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Dear Citizens,

The Franklin Pierce Kids and Schools Committee is urging you to vote yes on the Franklin Pierce School District's *Educational Programs and Operations Levy*. Historically, district patrons have approved all such school levies. We need these levy dollars to continue to maintain quality education for all our children.

The board has chosen to lower the levy rate by 29¢/\$1000 assessed value. By passage of a 4-year levy, the district saves additional election costs.

Educational Programs and Operations dollars provide approximately 14% of our district's budget. These dollars are not extras but help pay for basic programs not funded by the state - safety, security; programs for special needs students like gifted, remedial, handicapped; sports, music, drama, debate, clubs; instructional materials, nurses, counselors and librarians; and maintenance.

Your vote is important to our children. **Vote yes** for the *Educational Programs and Operations Levy*.

Committee Members Include: Faith Collins, Bernie Kingston, Janet Detering

Explanatory Statement:

Franklin Pierce School District is requesting to renew local support of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy in the amount of \$8.36 million for the 2003 collection, \$8.86 million for the 2004 collection, \$9.39 million for the 2005 collection and \$9.96 million for the 2006 collection. The approximate cost per \$1,000 assessed value is \$4.15 for 2003, \$4.15 for 2004, \$4.15 for 2005 and \$4.15 for 2006.

These local funds support educational programs not fully funded by the state. Some examples of what the levy dollars pay for include safety and security; programs for special needs students like gifted, remedial, handicapped; extra curricular activities like sports, music, drama, debate and clubs; instructional materials; nurses, counselors and librarians; and on-going maintenance.

The renewal of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy provides approximately 14% of the total General Fund budget. The remainder of the funds comes from the state (74%) and federal (12%) level.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Bethel School District No. 403
SCHOOL PROGRAM LEVIES



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution 14 (01-02) concerning a replacement levy for partial funding of educational programs. This proposition would finance, through the General Fund, educational programs and school operations, and authorize the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the district:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.53	\$17,400,000
2004	\$3.53	\$18,440,000
2005	\$3.53	\$19,550,000
2006	\$3.53	\$20,720,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Bethel School District is requesting voters to approve a four-year maintenance and operations levy proposition to replace the existing levy, which will expire at the end of this calendar year. This proposition authorizes the collection of taxes to provide \$17,400,000 in 2003, \$18,440,000 in 2004, \$19,550,000 in 2005, and \$20,720,000 in 2006 to pay for a portion of the general fund operations of the school district. The four one-year levies would pay for existing programs throughout the District that are not fully funded by the state and are deemed to be essential by the school board. Specifically, the levy dollars would pay a portion of the funds needed to employ staff and support the purchase of instructional materials and supplies, as well as computer software and provide staff training. In addition, the levy funds would pay a portion of the costs of a variety of district programs including transportation, special education, gifted, athletic, music and art. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2003 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Statement For:

Successful students need your support! To maintain achievement, prepare them for the future, and give us the educated, capable, and confident citizens this country needs, quality education is a must. It needs your continued support.

This is not a new tax. The Bethel schools educational levy continues the levies going back decades. The tax rate will not increase. Your money stays here to continue providing a sound instructional program for our children.

Levy dollars support basic education including textbooks, library books, school supplies, teachers, and teaching equipment. Transportation expenses, special education, crossing guards, highly capable programs and security share the other 20%.

Our community takes care of its children. More Bethel students than ever are graduating with a strong foundation to prepare them for their future. Your help and vote are needed. Continue your support of this levy.

Committee Members Include: Jennifer Harrison, Eddie Mason, John L. Briehl, Sr.

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Eatonville School District No. 404
FACILITY IMPROVEMENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$33,757,984



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District #404 adopted Resolution #460 concerning this proposition. The proposition authorizes the District to bring all schools up to fire, safety, earthquake, American with Disabilities Act and building code compliance, remodel and make improvements to District elementary, middle and high schools and make other capital improvements, issue \$33,757,984 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years, and levy additional property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #460. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$33,757,984 of bonds by Eatonville School District No. 404 (the "District") to provide funding for bringing all schools into fire, safety, earthquake, American with Disabilities Act and building code compliance, remodeling and improvements to Eatonville High School, Eatonville Middle School, Eatonville Elementary School, Weyerhaeuser Elementary School and Columbia Crest School. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to average approximately \$2.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

Statement For:

Yes, now is the time to provide all our children safe, healthy schools and tools. Dozens of fellow community members have developed commonsense solutions to extend the life of our schools for decades and help students compete for 21st century careers.

Eatonville High School: Last renovated 22 years ago, EHS needs the most attention. Add or upgrade: library, student commons, career counseling, restrooms, cafeteria, science and general classrooms. Renovate: communications, heating, ventilation, electrical and water systems.

Eatonville Middle School: EMS will gain general and science classrooms, restrooms, expanded lunchroom and P. E. instructional space to support learning and reduce overcrowding.

Eatonville and Weyerhaeuser Elementary Schools: Moving elementary school offices to the front of the buildings to improve safety and enhance kindergarten and special education learning. Add classrooms to reduce overcrowding.

Columbia Crest School: Is scheduled for interior earthquake safety changes and replacing the aging playshed.

Bring **all schools** to current earthquake, fire, and safety standards.

Please vote Yes for our children's schools and tools!

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Committee Members Include: Paulette Gilliard, Robert 'Bob' Homan, Gwen Judd

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 1005 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund educational program and operation expenses:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$2.90	\$16,900,000
2004	\$2.83	\$17,500,000

all as provided in District Resolution No. 1005. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$16,900,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District for collection in 2003 and the levy of \$17,500,000 in taxes for collection in 2004. In accordance with Resolution No. 1005 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Auburn 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 athletics, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of 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 \$2.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003 and \$2.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004.

Statement For:

The Auburn Citizens for Schools Committee encourages voters to support Auburn School District's Educational Program and Operations **replacement** levy for 2003 and 2004 by voting "Yes" for Proposition 1. This levy will **replace** the expiring levy previously approved by local voters. It will fund 18% of the district's operating budget that is essential to the continuation of the quality education provided to our students. **Important Education Programs Dependent on Levy**

Currently, the state does not fully fund basic education. These **replacement** levy dollars will support lower class sizes, special and gifted education programs; safe student transportation; and maintenance and custodial services, which ensure school building longevity and student safety. Levy dollars fund **all** athletics and activities such as band, orchestra, and debate.

This levy will provide the resources to continue the educational programs and services our children currently receive and deserve.

Vote "Yes" - "Their education is our future."

Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson, Pam McKiernan

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 2
Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION and CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS -
\$54,000,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1006 concerning the construction of a new high school. This proposition authorizes the District to construct and equip a new high school, acquire new school sites and modular classrooms and make capital improvements to other District facilities, issue \$54,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and levy additional property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in District Resolution No. 1006. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the issuance of \$54,000,000 of bonds by Auburn School District No. 408 (the "District") to provide funding for constructing and equipping a new high school, acquiring sites for new schools, acquiring, installing and equipping new modular classrooms, improving access and increasing off-street parking, enlarging playfields, making safety improvements at existing playfields; and constructing and equipping additional classrooms and meeting facilities at existing facilities. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to average approximately \$.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

Statement For:

Based on two decades of citizens' recommendations, Auburn School District has had a long-term commitment to providing schools to house our growing student population in order to support quality education for our kids. Currently, Auburn High School and Auburn Riverside High School are among the largest four-year high schools in the region. Both high schools are already at their maximum capacity. Combined, they have 24 portable classrooms. These schools need relief from overcrowding. That is why the passage of this new high school bond is essential!

This new high school will meet the challenge of a rapidly growing high school population. It will also ensure the continuation of quality educational programs and extracurricular offerings within a safe school environment.

Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson, Pam McKiernan

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by White River School District No. 416
EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 approved a replacement levy for education. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs, maintenance and operations, as specified in District Resolution No. 01-27:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2003	\$3.58	\$5,200,000
2004	\$3.58	\$5,700,000
2005	\$3.49	\$6,100,000
2006	\$3.39	\$6,500,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Once again, the White River School District will put before the voters of our community The Maintenance and Operation Levy for 2003 through 2006. This measure will ensure funding for many crucial programs. These include teacher's salaries, curriculum, transportation, sports programs, which include the Senior High, Middle School and WRCAP, staffing at the schools from secretaries, food services, playground assistants, and counselors.

This levy, just as the last one you approved in 2000, will cost us as property owners, an estimated \$3.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value. It will also be a four year levy, which will provide longer stability with our property taxes.

Please join me in support of this essential levy, so we can continue to give our children the educational opportunities they need and deserve. Please vote Yes on February 5th.

Committee Members Include: Bret Peckham, Michelle Peckham

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1, a replacement levy would allow the levy of \$5,200,000 in property taxes within White River School District for collection in 2003, the levy of \$5,700,000 in taxes for collection in 2004, the levy of \$6,100,000 in taxes for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$6,500,000 in taxes for collection in 2006. The levy supports existing educational programs and operations not fully funded by the state. These programs provide many of the activities our student's access on a regular basis during their educational years in White River. Passage of this four year replacement levy would pay for additional teachers and support staff, instructional materials, music and athletics, outdoor education and the community activities program. The voters approved a two-year levy in 2000 with a rate of \$3.59. The new rates are estimated to be \$3.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2003, \$3.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2004, \$3.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$3.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006. Voter approval of this replacement levy is a continuation of a local tax for the support of local schools.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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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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