

# Special Election - February 14, 2017



Drop off ballot by 8 p.m.  
February 14, 2017.  
(No stamp required)



By U.S. Mail (Stamp required)  
Must be postmarked by  
February 14, 2017.

We recommend mailing no  
later than February 10, 2017  
to ensure postmark.

## Ballot Drop Boxes: Open January 27 - February 14

### Bonney Lake

Bonney Lake (South) Park and Ride  
Sky Island Dr E &  
184th Ave E

### Edgewood

Edgewood City Hall  
2224 104th Ave E

### Orting

Orting Public Safety Building  
401 Washington Ave SE

### Puyallup/South Hill

Puyallup Library  
324 South Meridian

South Hill Library  
15420 Meridian E

### Sumner

Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Ave

## Questions?

Need a replacement ballot?

Pierce County Elections  
PierceCountyElections.org  
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us  
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or  
(800) 446-4979

## Voting Center: Open February 14, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



**Pierce County Election Center**  
2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma, WA 98409

To vote on a touch screen,  
don't return your ballot and  
bring photo ID.

## Need to register to vote?

### You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

### How to register:

- Online**  
PierceCountyElections.org
- In person**  
Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail**  
Call to request a form.

### Registration deadline:

**In person** deadline (new Washington voters only) is **February 6, 2017.**



## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

### Bonds to Construct and Renovate School Facilities - \$9,500,000

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-16-17 concerning a proposition to finance construction and renovation of school facilities. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to: renovate North Tapps and Dieringer Heights Schools; refinance the bond issued to pay the Lake Tapps School expansion and renovation; pay Dieringer's share of expanding and modernizing Sumner and Bonney Lake High Schools that serve Dieringer students; issue no more than \$9,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 03-16-17. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of this proposition would authorize Dieringer School District to issue no more than \$9,500,000 of bonds to: renovate North Tapps and Dieringer Heights Schools; refinance the bond issued to pay the Lake Tapps School expansion and renovation; and pay Dieringer's share of expanding and modernizing Sumner and Bonney Lake High Schools that serve Dieringer students.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The District anticipates a tax rate increase (over the 2016 rate) of approximately \$0.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$9.58 per month for a \$500,000 home. The total bond tax rate will be approximately \$2.47 through 2022, and thereafter, the rate is expected to decrease to approximately \$0.35 for the remaining life of the bonds.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

#### Statement For

##### ***Our elementary schools are full***

Full day kindergarten, reduction in kindergarten–third grade class sizes, and our growing community have caused Dieringer to run out of classrooms, despite cutting all waiver students. More families continue to arrive; new housing developments are planned.

##### ***Safety enhancements recommended by Dieringer's Citizens Growth and Facilities Task Force***

To provide for our students' safety, we need to add school security entrances, as well as improve heating systems, roofs and floor coverings.

##### ***As a Non-high district, Dieringer is required to provide for our high school students***

By law, our community must help pay for expansion of Sumner high school, where the majority of our students attend, or Dieringer will be annexed to other school districts.

##### ***The future of the Dieringer School District is at stake***

Vote Yes for our Dieringer School District bond. This bond issue will provide much needed classroom space for our students, upgrade existing schools, and fulfill our legal obligation to provide for our high school students. Support our children and our property values. For 23¢ per \$1000 of assessed valuation we can avoid annexation and save the Dieringer School District.

**Committee Members:** Greg Johnson, [gregwjohanson@gmail.com](mailto:gregwjohanson@gmail.com), Corey Pawlak, and Kellie Rust, Dieringer Citizens for Schools

#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.