

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 General Obligation Bonds - \$41,000,000

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 3.2016-2017 concerning a proposition for bonds. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to make District-wide safety and security improvements at all school facilities, construct a complete new elementary school, and construct a cafeteria addition at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School; to issue no more than \$41,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 21 years; and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 3.2016-2017. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

A citizens' committee which examined the District's facility needs recommended that the School Board seek voter approval for a \$41 million capital bond to fund safety and security enhancements, a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding, and additional space for community use. The bond would accomplish:

Safety and Security: All Orting schools require safety and security enhancements. The bond would pay for controlled school entrances, security cameras and improved alarm systems. *Overcrowding:* Growth in recent years has placed a strain on classroom space, especially at the elementary level. By school year 2021-22, the district's permanent classroom space housing grades K-5 will be 180% over utilized, resulting in more portable classrooms. The bond would pay for a new elementary school for 550 students. *Community Use of Schools:* The bond would pay for construction of a cafeteria addition to Ptarmigan Elementary School to allow simultaneous PE and lunch activities and increase availability for community use of the multi-purpose space.

The bond would cost voters approximately \$1.14 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Statement For

Vote yes for our kids and our schools!

Our school district is growing thanks to the quality of schools and the beauty of our town. With a significant enrollment increase over the past five years, we are in urgent need of additional space for students as well as safety improvements throughout the district.

We urge Orting voters to approve the February 14 school bond that would relieve overcrowding, improve safety and security, and add space for community use. Your yes vote will buy the community a beautiful new elementary school to house 550 students; safety and security improvements at all schools and a new cafeteria at Ptarmigan Elementary. The list of projects was developed and prioritized with extensive input from community. A 60% yes vote is needed to pass.

Our schools are the heart of our community and we need your support! Please join your friends and neighbors in voting yes for Orting kids!

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Citizens for Orting Schools

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.