

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416  
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-33

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 29, 2017

PREPARED BY:

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Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, classroom materials, extracurricular activities, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible activities for students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65th Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such maintenance and operations and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following

taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,750,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019;
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$5,100,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020;
- C. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$5,500,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- D. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,000,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,750,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019;
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$5,100,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020;
- C. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$5,500,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- D. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,000,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Pierce County Assessors' offices, the estimated levy rate for the 2018 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2019 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the eligible activities of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 13, 2018.

The Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition (Proposition 1) substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416

REPLACEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS  
LEVY

The Board of Directors of White River School District adopted Resolution No. 17-33 authorizing a renewal educational operations levy. To continue high quality academic programs that are eligible activities and not state funded, this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$4,750,000
2020	\$1.50	\$5,100,000
2021	\$1.50	\$5,500,000
2022	\$1.50	\$6,000,000

all as provided in Resolution #17-\_\_ and subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

YES .....

NO .....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor.


Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Director of Business Services (Kira Acker), telephone: 360.829.3393; email: kacker@whiteriver.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Business Services is

authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 13, 2018 election and requests that the Pierce County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

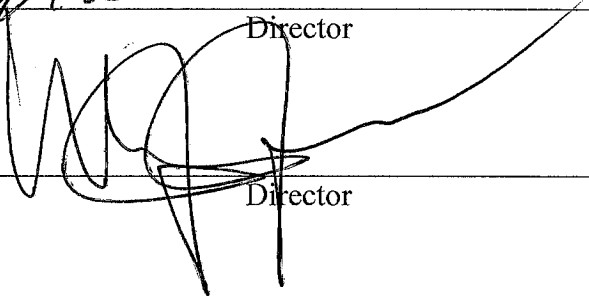
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington, at a special meeting thereof, held on the 29th day of November, 2017.

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416,  
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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President and Director

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors

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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 17-33 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a special meeting thereof held on the 29th day of November, 2017.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of November, 2017.

  
Secretary, Board of Directors



OFFICIAL BALLOT

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416  
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February 13, 2018

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES .....

NO .....

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

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February 13, 2018

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, a special election will be held by all mail-in ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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NO .....

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Pierce County Auditor