

# Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Steilacoom School District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 840-11-08-17 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to provide support for educational programs and daily operations in addition to the State's statutory program of basic education:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$4,975,000   |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$5,475,000   |
| 2021                   | \$1.50  | \$6,025,000   |
| 2022                   | \$1.50  | \$6,625,000   |

all as provided in Resolution No. 840-11-08-17. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace the District's expiring levies and allow the District to levy \$4,975,000 in property taxes within Steilacoom Historical School District for collection in 2019, \$5,475,000 for collection in 2020, \$6,025,000 for collection in 2021 and \$6,625,000 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 840-11-08-17 approving this proposition, these funds would be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to pay for educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, instructional aids, nurses, librarians and other staff, technology, athletics, arts music and safety programs, textbooks and other classroom materials, and maintaining playgrounds, playfields and other facilities. If authorized by the voters, property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

### Statement For

Every four years, Steilacoom Historical School District's voters are asked to approve a school levy. This Education Programs and Operations Levy provides a sizable portion of the District's operating costs for schools, and requires renewal by voters for another four-year term. The tax rate will be set at a \$1.50 per thousand for the next four years of the levy authorization to pay for programs beyond state basic requirements. The projected levy rate is \$1.48 lower per thousand than the rate passed in 2014 due to changes in the way the state now provides for school funding. The levy is not a new tax nor an increase. Our children and teachers rely on this local funding for athletic programs, choirs, bands, early learning, additional transportation and school security. *These programs will not be available or very limited without this funding.*

Please vote yes to renew this important levy.

**Committee Members:** Lenore Rogers and Patrick Lewis, (253) 389-3006,  
[www.SupportSHSDStudents.com/](http://www.SupportSHSDStudents.com/)  
Concerned Citizens for Steilacoom School District

### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# Yelm Community Schools

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Bonds to Rebuild and Renovate Schools and Improve Safety

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 03-17-18, concerning financing to relieve overcrowding and improve infrastructure and safety. This proposition would authorize the District to: rebuild Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary School on existing property; renovate and expand Prairie Elementary School; remove 34 portable classrooms from these schools; make District-wide safety and security improvements, which may include control entry/access, security cameras, lighting and fencing; issue no more than \$76,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 03-17-18. Should this Proposition be approved or rejected?

### Explanatory Statement

Approval of the bond measure will provide funds for Yelm Community Schools to alleviate overcrowding and improve safety. Since the last bond in 2003, the district has grown by over 1,300 students. The district is projected to grow by an additional 424 students over the next five years. By rebuilding Yelm Middle School to serve 720 students and Southworth Elementary for 550 students, additional classrooms will address the anticipated growth. Two story construction will remove 26 portable classrooms which are 20-40 years old and are costly to maintain. Prairie Elementary will be renovated and expanded. Eight portables classrooms will be removed, and safety improvements include adding doors to all classrooms. The remaining six campuses will receive safety and security improvements based on the needs of each campus. Further information is available on the district's website at [www.ycs.wednet.edu/bond](http://www.ycs.wednet.edu/bond). Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are disabled, senior citizens, and/or who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call Thurston County – 360-867-2200 or Pierce County – 253-798-2169.

### Statement For

#### The Current Situation

Yelm Community Schools currently serves 5,800 students with projected growth of 500 more by 2020. With increased enrollment, we must assure students are not impacted by aging facilities, outdated security or overcrowding. Yelm Middle School, built for 480 students, now serves 690 students. Southworth Elementary is 215 students over capacity and has 6 lunch periods. Prairie Elementary serves students in classrooms with no doors or secure hallways.

#### The Ask

Vote *Yes* for a \$76M bond to *rebuild* Southworth and Yelm Middle School; *remodel* Prairie; and provide *all schools with safety upgrades*. *The last voter approved bond passed in 2003, benefitting McKenna Elementary.*

#### Taxpayer Considerations

Individual tax rate depends on assessed home value. 2017 legislative changes will result in an initial increase in the state school tax, but *local school taxes will likely decrease in 2019*. We owe it to present and future YCS kids to vote *Yes*!

**Committee Members:** *Sandra Manwiller, Tracie Choate, and Nicole Rutledge, [citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com](mailto:citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com), <https://citizens4yelmschools.com>*  
*Citizens for the Support of Yelm Schools*

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Puyallup School District No. 3

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 122 2017-18 concerning educational programs, operations and maintenance of educational facilities. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will continue to fund daily operations not funded by the state including teachers, paraeducators, nurses, textbooks, materials, class sizes, arts, music, athletics, playgrounds/playfields, heating, plumbing, health, safety, fire-alarm and security; and levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$31,500,000  |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$33,000,000  |
| 2021                   | \$1.50  | \$34,500,000  |
| 2022                   | \$1.50  | \$36,500,000  |

all as provided in Resolution No. 122 2017-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement

Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval to renew the educational programs and operations levy that will expire in 2018. The replacement levy would be in effect for 2019-2022.

Proposition 1 will help the school district to maintain K-12 programs and fund daily operations in all neighborhood schools including programs not funded by the state. Proposition 1 would continue funding classroom teachers, instructional assistants, nurses, special education instruction, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, textbooks and learning materials, reasonable class sizes, technology support, arts, music, extra-curricular programs and athletic programs, maintain school playgrounds and playfields, heating, plumbing, health, safety, fire-alarm/security systems, campus security and emergency preparedness. An approved levy will generate a maximum of \$31.5 million for 2019 which is \$22.6 million less than the 2018 levy approved by voters in 2014. The actual amount collected may be less based on the current maximum levy rate of \$1.50.

Exemption from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169

#### Statement For

##### Proposition 1

Successful students and strong communities need excellent schools. Replacement of the levy ensures support for Puyallup students.

##### Renew the expiring levy

This levy is not a new tax. It renews a levy which will expire in 2018. The daily operations of each school rely on our support of this levy.

##### Fiscally responsible

The school board has kept taxpayers in mind when asking us to approve this levy. They approved an inter-fund loan to reduce the amount of taxes collected in 2018. We think directors have been good stewards of the funding provided in the past and trust them to make good decisions with this funding as well. The proposed 2018 levy rate is \$1.98 less than the current tax rate – significantly lower! It's less than half of what is being collected now!

##### Great communities have great schools

Invest in our community. Invest in our students. Vote Yes for Puyallup Schools and ensure support for Puyallup students.

**Committee Members:** *Suzanne Foster, fabulousfosters@hotmail.com, Lynnette Butler, and JMarie Johnson-Kola*  
*Citizens Committee For Education Puyallup*

#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Tacoma School District No. 10

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2031 to fund educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and fund eligible educational programs, including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, student safety, security and emergency preparedness, special education, preschool, textbooks, instructional materials, arts, music, and building maintenance; and levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

| Collection Year | Estimated Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value | Amount       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2019            | \$2.72                                | \$70,000,000 |
| 2020            | \$2.66                                | \$72,000,000 |
| 2021            | \$2.65                                | \$74,000,000 |
| 2022            | \$2.65                                | \$76,000,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 2031. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Tacoma School District's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring programs and operations levy for K-12 educational programs. Proposition 1 would continue funding approximately 17% of day-to-day budgets and operations of all neighborhood schools including programs not funded by the state. Proposition 1 would continue funding small classes, teachers, instructional aides, librarians, nurses, special education, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, athletics, arts, music, extra-curricular programs, textbooks and classroom instructional materials, and summer school. Proposition 1 would continue funding for maintenance of school buildings, playgrounds and playfields, alarm and sprinkler systems, campus security and emergency preparedness. Passage of this proposition would authorize the District to levy up to \$73 million on average annually from 2019-2022, subject to applicable limits. If approved, Proposition 1 would result in a tax rate lower than the current local school property tax rate. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of \$2.72/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, \$2.66/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2020, \$2.65/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2021, and \$2.65/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2022 and would replace the current Educational Programs and Operations levy that expires in 2018.

### Statement For

#### Our Schools Are Doing Great – We Need to Keep Up the Momentum!

We are proud of Tacoma Schools. Graduation rates have improved from 55% to 86% since 2010 and more students are entering college and the workforce prepared to succeed. We are a nationally recognized leader in innovation, providing school choice through the Science and Math Institute (SAMI), Industrial Design, Engineering, and Arts (iDEA), and more. Let's renew our commitment now.

#### Proposition 1 Funds Core School Services

This measure funds 17% of local school budgets, including essential classroom needs like teachers and textbooks plus athletics, arts, and music. It also funds Early Childhood Education programs like pre-school which are critical to student success.

#### This Is Not a New Tax – It Replaces the Existing Levy

State education funding cuts put our schools and student success at risk. Voting yes will guarantee stable, local funding for our schools while the average household will see taxes decrease by \$278 per year.

#### Vote Yes to Renew Our Commitment!

Proposition 1 funds core education needs at neighborhood schools and ensures that every child has a chance to succeed.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Why put our schools and student success at risk? Renewal of this EP&O levy will keep Tacoma Schools' funding stable. In fact, our taxes will decrease. Proposition 1 funds essential school needs including teachers, textbooks, nurses, librarians, and pre-school programs. The past support of voters has yielded positive results for our students and community. Now it's time to renew our commitment – vote Yes to ensure every student has a chance to succeed.

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Willie Stewart, and Mark Starnes, [RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com](mailto:RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com), [RenewOurCommitment.org](http://RenewOurCommitment.org)  
Tacoma Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

#### A penny for a spool of Thread. A penny for a needle.

Blame it on the state? Blame it on the schools? Blame it on the Teachers Union? *No!* The blame is on you! I never thought I'd see the day when the property taxes on my modest 2 bedroom home would rise to over \$4,000/year. Well, that day has come.

#### That's the way the money goes, Pop! Goes the weasel

The state is adding a new line to your property tax bill *This Year*. They will cap the school ops levy *Next Year* at \$1.50/1,000. They do not address the tech/capital levy *At All*. Thus the shift in funding to that levy.

#### Baa! Baa! Black Sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir! Yes sir! Three bags full.

The state has stepped up and doubled school funding over the last ten years. Billions, to all school districts. TSD received nearly \$22.8M in augmented funding in the 2015-16 school year and even more the following year. This should have presented us with some relief in our levy funding. Vote No! Send this one back to the table.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

No! Errors: 17%? *Because* \$14M of the revenue was shifted to the tech/capital Levy. \$278 decrease? *Not This Year*. This year an increase, a substantial increase, with the new state schools levy. Education funding cuts? The state has been dumping *Billions* additional into our schools for 10 years now, \$22M additional to Tacoma Schools in 2015-16 alone. A windfall! That should relieve our local tax burden. Please vote no! Do your homework.

**Committee Member:** Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687

# Tacoma School District No. 10

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Replacement Technology Improvements and Upgrades Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2032 to fund technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will replace an expiring levy and fund expansion of student technology access in all neighborhood schools, replace outdated classroom computers, fund technical training, improve District-wide systems, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.93   | \$24,000,000  |
| 2020                   | \$0.89   | \$24,000,000  |
| 2021                   | \$0.86   | \$24,000,000  |
| 2022                   | \$0.84   | \$24,000,000  |
| 2023                   | \$0.81   | \$24,000,000  |
| 2024                   | \$0.79   | \$24,000,000  |

all as provided in Resolution No. 2032. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Tacoma School District's Proposition 2 would replace the expiring Technology Improvements and Upgrades levy and extend the Tacoma Technology Renewal and Excellence Program and classroom technology improvements at all neighborhood elementary, middle and high schools. Passage of Proposition 2 would *expand student access to technology district-wide*, provide up-to-date tools for teaching and learning, replace outdated classroom computers for teachers and students to stay within state standards, support technical training of updated computer systems for teachers and students, make high-speed internet upgrades and other systems improvements, and improve the district's online system for parents, students and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance. Passage of this proposition would authorize the levy of \$24 million annually from 2019 through 2024. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of 93 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, 89 cents/1,000 in 2020, 86 cents/1,000 in 2021, 84 cents/\$1,000 in 2022, 81 cents/\$1,000 in 2023, and 79 cents/\$1,000 in 2024, and would replace the Technology Improvement levy funding that expires in 2018.

### Statement For

#### Preparing Our Students to Succeed in a 21st Century Workforce

We all know technology and digital literacy are essential to the jobs of tomorrow. Proposition 2 funds classroom technology training for teachers and students. More classrooms will be equipped with the technology resources to enable students to learn best.

#### Expanding Equal Access to Technology

Every student deserves an equal opportunity to learn regardless of their background or family income. This measure funds additional devices and upgrades to give every student with access to technology. It also funds online tools so students and parents can check classroom material, homework, grades, assignments, and attendance.

#### This Is Not a New Tax – It Replaces the Existing Levy

Voting yes will renew the levy passed overwhelmingly by voters 4 years ago. This measure ensures stable and sustained funding to keep computers up to date so our students don't fall behind.

#### Vote Yes to Renew Our Commitment!

Proposition 2 expands equal access to technology. Our students deserve the opportunity to learn the skills they need to succeed.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Renewal of this technology levy will help to ensure that Tacoma's graduates have the skills they need to be competitive in the 21st century workforce. Technology is a core feature in our daily lives and our workplace, and it's a core need for our students' education. Voting Yes will keep devices updated, expand equal access to technology in all of our neighborhood schools, and provide instructional training to prepare our kids for the future.

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Willie Stewart, and Mark Starnes, [RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com](mailto:RenewOurCommitment@gmail.com), [RenewOurCommitment.org](http://RenewOurCommitment.org)  
Tacoma Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

#### A Loophole. Stop this Train! The McCleary solution does not address Tech/Capital Levies.

You don't have a say in how McCleary plays out. You have a say now. McCleary does *Not* address this levy. It has grown from \$10M to \$24M since 2014. A 140% increase.

#### Vote No. Close this loophole.

Six years. Why? To stagger them. To confuse you. To trick you in the 2024 election. Do it for the kids. So they can move out when they turn 18. Or vote yes, and then whine about affordable housing, the cost of living, the hours you work.

#### It's an Ask. The answer is No!

Vote No. Remove the excess. Demand a 4 year levy for fairness in the 2024 election. Do it for the kids. So they can move out when they turn 18. Or vote yes, and then whine about affordable housing, the cost of living, the hours you work.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

There is no argument that the Tacoma schools have been improving in great strides and we all want that to continue, but at what cost? A 140% increase in funding to support systems that are already in place. The math doesn't work. There is an obvious shift in levy dollars from M&O to Tech/Capital. Nice try. A 6 year renewal to stagger levy asks? Again, nice try. No! Vote No! Let's revisit this one.

**Committee Member:** Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687

# University Place School District No. 83

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at  
[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 807-11-08-17 concerning a proposition to fund educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and authorize the District to levy, subject to applicable limitations, the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund eligible educational programs and operations, including teachers, nurses, counselors, safety personnel, textbooks, athletics and special education:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$2.50  | \$9,961,000   |
| 2020                   | \$2.50  | \$10,957,000  |
| 2021                   | \$2.50  | \$12,053,000  |
| 2022                   | \$2.50  | \$13,258,000  |

all as provided in Resolution No. 807-11-08-17. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of University Place School District Proposition 1 would replace the expiring education and operations levy in 2018. Proposition 1 would continue to pay for educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, nurses, counselors, support staff, athletic and extra-curricular programs, instructional materials, transportation, performing arts and music programs, staff training, after-school extended day and summer academic programs. Proposition 1, subject to applicable limits, allows the District to levy \$9,961,000 in 2019, \$10,957,000 in 2020, \$12,053,000 in 2021, and \$13,258,000 in 2022. If approved, Proposition 1 would result in a tax rate lower than the current local school property tax rate. Property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.50/\$1,000 of assessed value in each of the years from 2019 to 2022. The actual levy rates will be adjusted based upon the assessed value of property within the District and the legal limits on the levy amount and levy rate at the time of each levy. The actual amount collected may be less based on the current maximum levy rate of \$1.50/\$1,000 of assessed value.

### Statement For

**Vote Yes! On Proposition 1 to Continue Support for Our Great Local Schools** Prop 1 funds educational programs and operations that citizens expect and our kids deserve. Local levies are still needed to fund school programs and activities not funded by the state. These funds are used in every school, at every grade level, to support all kids in UP.

**Prop. 1 Replaces an Expiring Levy and will Result in a Tax Decrease** Local taxes and tax rates for schools will decrease substantially by 2019. The district is asking for millions less than in prior elections because the state is funding more.

#### The Educational Program Levy Funds Important Programs for UP Kids

Prop. 1 provides for teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors, safety personnel, teacher training, athletics, low class sizes, music, transportation, special education, advanced placement classes and extra learning support to help all kids' succeed.

#### Local Support for Schools is a Key to Success and a Great Investment

University Place School District is among the best in the state. Graduation rates are above 90%; literacy and math test scores are high. This success is possible because of local support for kids and education.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

UPSD is asking for millions less from local citizens in Prop 1 because of state increases. Local levy funds are still needed to support the programs our kids need and deserve. State increases will allow UPSD to reduce local taxes, but not eliminate them. Please join us in voting Yes for this replacement levy. UP kids need our support. Get accurate information about UP levies on the school district website: [www.upsd.wednet.edu](http://www.upsd.wednet.edu).

**Committee Members:** Nate Angelo, Gary Gilchrist, and Bob Lucey, [www.citizensforupschools.org](http://www.citizensforupschools.org)  
Citizens for UP Schools

### Statement Against

**Baa! Baa! Black Sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir! Yes sir! Three bags full.**

The state is adding a new line to your property tax bill *This Year*. Next year they will cap this levy. The solution? Add more to the other levy since it is not mentioned in the legislative action to address state funding. A huge loophole. They'll jump through it. And you'll vote yes for the kids.

#### A penny for a spool of Thread. A penny for a needle.

The state has already stepped up and doubled school funding in the last ten years. Billions, to all school districts. UPSD received nearly \$5M in augmented funding in the 2015-16 school year and even more the following year. That should have presented us with some relief in our levy amounts.

#### That's the way the money goes, Pop! Goes the weasel

Death and Taxes. Well, we've got one covered. Out of district enrollments is also very costly. Classrooms, teachers, admin staff, books and supplies, roads, traffic, property values. Vote no and put a stop to that practice.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Decrease in 2019? Oh! *After* the 2018 increase! Right! A great deal of levy funding has shifted to tech/capital levy. A huge loophole in the state plan to relieve our local tax burden *Because* the M&O levy will be capped next year at \$1.50/1,000. The tech/capital levy will not be touched. The state has provided a great deal of additional funding which should have relieved our tax burden already. *Please* vote no!

**Committee Member:** Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687  
<https://www.facebook.com/UniversityPlaceVoterResource/>

# University Place School District No. 83

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Replacement Capital Improvements Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 808-11-08-17 concerning district-wide capital improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to fund renovations and upgrades to roofs, floors and HVAC systems in District buildings and to grounds, outdoor facilities and safety and technology systems:

| Collection Year | Assessed Value | Amount      |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2019            | \$0.50         | \$1,992,300 |
| 2020            | \$0.48         | \$2,082,000 |
| 2021            | \$0.46         | \$2,218,000 |
| 2022            | \$0.44         | \$2,318,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 808-11-08-17. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the University Place School District to repair, renovate or upgrade roofs, floors, HVAC systems, outdoor facilities, safety systems, and technology throughout the district to enhance student learning and safety. The proposed replacement levy would allow the district to maintain and improve current technology infrastructure, and invest in additional classroom technology for staff and student use. Several HVAC systems, roofs, and floors are original construction and are nearing the end of their usage life.

The proposed four-year levy will replace the District's current capital improvement levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires in 2018. The proposed four year capital levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$1,992,300 in 2019, \$2,082,000 in 2020, \$2,218,000 in 2021, and \$2,318,000 in 2022. Property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.50/\$1,000 assessed value in 2019, \$0.48 in 2020, \$0.46 in 2021, and \$0.44 in 2022. The actual levy rates will be adjusted based upon the assessed value of property within the District at the time of each levy.

### Statement For

#### The Safety, Technology and Capital Improvements Levy is a Replacement Levy

This levy is not new. UP citizens have provided our kids with classroom technology, safety and security equipment and funds to maintain our schools for many years.

#### Proposition 2 Funds Technology for Safety and Security

Technology and security equipment help keep our kids safe. A Yes vote on Prop 2 will ensure that video surveillance, facility access security and emergency communication technology is in place and up-to-date in all schools.

#### Proposition 2 Funds Technology for Classroom Teaching and Learning

A Yes vote will also ensure that our kids and teachers have access to classroom technology by funding equipment, software and infrastructure.

#### Vote Yes on Prop 2 to Maintain our School Facilities and Grounds

Our schools are well maintained, but some have aging HVAC systems, roofs, flooring, fields and parking lots. We need to maintain our schools just like we maintain our homes so they are safe and last far into the future. Funds from this levy will be used to make necessary repairs and improvements to these basic systems.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

A yes vote on Prop 2 will allow the district to take good care of our local school facilities by funding basic school infrastructure like HVAC and roof systems. It will also allow the district to maintain and improve the technology that has become a *basic expectation* of our schools. These systems are essential to promote learning, improve communication and ensure safety. The state does not provide funding to cover these basic needs.

**Committee Members:** Nate Angelo, Gary Gilchrist, and Bob Lucey, [www.citizensforupschools.org](http://www.citizensforupschools.org)  
*Citizens for UP Schools*

### Statement Against

#### A Loophole. Stop this Train! The McCleary solution does not address Tech/Capital Levies.

In 2006 this levy was presented as a one-time investment to upgrade technology at around \$300,000 per year. It ran out and was left for dead, as promised. In 2012 and 2013 we did not pay this. In 2014 it rose from the dead and was presented as a 'renewal', 'not a new tax' and every time we see it it has a different name and function. Since 2014 it was running at about \$650,000 per year. Now it has new and improved values at over \$2M per year. Nearly a 700% increase in 7 years.

#### Vote No. Close this loophole.

Vote No! Close this loophole in the state plan to fix our school funding. We support our schools. That does not give them an automatic yes on everything they ask for.

#### It's an Ask. The answer is No!

Vote no. The school district will need to make adjustments and re-present it to us.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Again! A loophole. A 700% increase since 2011. Initially offered as a *One Time* levy for technology improvements. And then reinstated, after a lapse, as a 'renewal'. Sure, we all want safe and well maintained schools, but this is asking too much and for all the wrong reasons. Using a loophole to secure funding beyond 2018 when the *Maintenance and Operations* Levy will be capped at \$1.50/1,000. Do your homework. Please vote no.

**Committee Member:** Betsy Tainer, (253) 214-6687  
<https://www.facebook.com/UniversityPlaceVoterResource/>

# Sumner School District No. 320

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 8/17-18 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the state of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$20,000,000           |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$24,000,000           |

all as provided in Resolution No. 8/17-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would help Sumner School District fund educational programs and operation, including, but not limited to: additional staff for instruction, supervision and safety; teacher training and development; extracurricular programs; part of student transportation (staff and fuel costs); building maintenance, materials and supplies; textbooks, classroom supplies and library materials; and other educational programs and operations expenses.

The proposed two-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018. Passage of this proposition would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$20,000,000 in 2019 and up to \$24,000,000 in 2020. The tax levy rates required to produce these levy amounts are estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operation levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019.

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

##### **Don't Leave a Student Behind**

While the state legislature made significant investments in basic education, it's still a work in progress and actual costs are not fully covered. This levy bridges the funding gap where the state falls short.

##### **Not a New Tax**

This 2-year Levy renews the existing/expiring 2014-18 levy for an additional 2 years. Renewing this levy is actually a *Decrease* in school tax, estimated at a *Decrease* of \$1.81 per thousand of assessed home value per year when compared to the expiring levy.

##### **Funds the Essentials**

This levy funds 20% of the operating budget for Sumner-Bonney Lake schools. This equates to 1 in every 5 students. This levy affects everything from teachers, nurses, and counselors - to child health & safety, transportation and extracurricular activities. Don't leave a student behind! Please join us in voting yes for kids and yes for schools! Preserving *Today...preparing for Tomorrow!*

**Committee Members:** Mark Evers and Shane Gillispie,  
info@citizens4ed.org, www.citizens4ed.org  
Citizens for Education

#### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.



# Sumner School District No. 320

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 9/17-18 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for instructional technology improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure, upgrade computers and telecommunications, and provide related student and staff training:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.60  | \$5,200,000            |
| 2020                   | \$0.60  | \$5,800,000            |
| 2021                   | \$0.55  | \$5,800,000            |
| 2022                   | \$0.45  | \$5,200,000            |
| 2023                   | \$0.31  | \$4,000,000            |
| 2024                   | \$0.28  | \$4,000,000            |

all as provided in Resolution No. 9/17-18. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would allow Sumner School District to continue to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure (including maintaining one-to-one student digital device ratio); upgrade and replace computers, hardware, software and telecommunication systems; provide related staff training and support to implement such technology improvements; and make other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities, all to increase student access to technology.

The proposed six-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018, and would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$5,200,000 in 2019; \$5,800,000 in 2020; \$5,800,000 in 2021; \$5,200,000 in 2022; \$4,000,000 in 2023; and \$4,000,000 in 2024. The tax levy rates required to produce these amounts are estimated to be \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, decreasing to an estimated \$0.28 in 2024. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operation levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019.

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

#### Teaching Through Technology

Technology is our future! This levy is designed to support our local Sumner-Bonney Lake schools to ensure our kids have access to the technology they need to learn, compete and succeed.

#### Not a New Tax - Maintain technology initiatives for Every Student in Every Classroom

This 6-year levy will help maintain Chromebook initiatives and fund a replacement cycle to support 10,000 students over the next 6 years. This levy will only add an estimated \$.17 cents per thousand of assessed home value per year.

#### Creating an Environment for Students to Compete and Succeed

This levy helps our kids remain competitive in a world where technology has become a core aspect of almost every industry. Don't leave a student behind! Please join us in voting yes for students learning through technology! Preserving *Today*...preparing for *Tomorrow*!

**Committee Members:** Mark Evers and Shane Gillispie,  
info@citizens4ed.org, www.citizens4ed.org  
Citizens for Education

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Dieringer School District No. 343

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 02-17-18 concerning a proposition to replace an expiring levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the state of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$6,650,000            |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$7,250,000            |

all as provided in Resolution No. 02-17-18 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Dieringer School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$6,650,000 in 2019 and \$7,250,000 in 2020. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019 and \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, maintaining reasonably low class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes for levies 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 at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Levy money is vital

The state does not fully fund the basic education programs we provide our students. Dieringer and other school districts must ask voters to pay the cost of education the state does not cover through levies. Levy funds make up 32% of Dieringer's operating budget.

#### This is a replacement levy

This *Is Not* a new tax. This measure replaces the levy expiring at the end of this year. Voters will not see a noticeable change in their taxes.

#### What does the Levy pay for?

This levy pays for teachers, nurses, counselors, PE and art, books, special needs programs, extra-curricular activities, transportation, facilities maintenance and more.

#### We must maintain our schools

Our test scores are among the highest in the state. Let's continue to give our children what they deserve. Education is the best guarantee of a good future for our children. Without a quality education, our children will not succeed in tomorrow's complex world. *Your vote is important!* Reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

**Committee Members:** Laddie Wolfe, T.J. Navilio, and Alicia Thompson,  
DieringerVoters@gmail.com  
Dieringer Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Dieringer School District No. 343

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-17-18 concerning a proposition to replace an expiring levy for instructional technology. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to continue funding acquisition and integration of new technologies into classroom instruction, expanding infrastructure, increasing student access to computers and providing student and staff training:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.86  | \$1,725,000            |
| 2020                   | \$0.84  | \$1,725,000            |
| 2021                   | \$0.83  | \$1,725,000            |
| 2022                   | \$0.81  | \$1,725,000            |

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-17-18. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would allow the Dieringer School District to replace an existing levy for instructional technology improvements that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed replacement technology levy authorizes the District to make certain instructional technology improvements to support the District's growing technology needs not funded by the State. Recognizing the vital role of technology in teaching and learning, the proposed replacement technology levy would continue to pay costs to acquire and integrate new technologies into classroom instruction, provide students with greater access to technology devices, replace and upgrade technology equipment and systems, strategically maintain and improve networks, expand infrastructure, and provide student and staff training.

The proposed four-year instructional technology levy would authorize collection of taxes of \$1,725,000 each year 2019-2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be per \$1,000 of assessed value in \$0.86 in 2019, \$0.84 in 2020, \$0.83 in 2021 and \$0.81 in 2022.

Exemptions from taxes for levies 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 at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Why is a separate Technology Levy needed?

Technology plays a crucial role in our classrooms on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the state does not provide funding for our growing technology needs. Therefore, the District must ask voters to pay for school technology through levies.

#### What does the Levy pay for?

Computers for *every* student in the District, hardware in *every* classroom to facilitate teachers and improve learning, software and security, network infrastructure, training, and staff support.

#### Why do we need to continue to invest in technology?

In today's high-tech world, if we're not going forward, we will quickly fall behind. Technology is now an essential part of student learning throughout the day. Let's continue to bring the world *into* the classroom and support 1 to 1 computing for all Dieringer students.

#### Will my taxes go up?

No. This is *Not* a new tax. This simply replaces the levy expiring at the end of this year. You will not see a noticeable change in your taxes. *Your vote is important!* Reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 2.

**Committee Members:** Kathy Jacobson, Robert Corliss, and Tera Jones,  
DieringerVoters@gmail.com  
Dieringer Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Orting School District No. 344

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 4.2017-2018 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the state of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$3,300,000            |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$3,900,000            |

all as provided in Resolution No. 4.2017-2018. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Orting School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$3,300,000 in 2019 and \$3,900,000 in 2020. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019 and \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operations levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019. Even with passage of this proposition, the District anticipates a tax rate decrease from \$3.99 in 2018 to \$1.50 in 2019.

The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including additional staffing, teacher training, extracurricular and athletic programs, transportation services, student technology and facility maintenance and operation.

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

#### ***Vote yes for our kids and our schools!***

Our schools are the heart of Orting where 2,629 children learn and thrive. They deserve the best. We urge voters to approve the February 13th Educational Program and Maintenance Replacement Levy. This levy replaces the M&O Levy expiring 2018 and is not a new tax. Upon approval, tax rates will decrease significantly to a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value (current rate is \$3.99 per \$1,000 AV.) The district is eligible to receive state levy equalization funding once approved.

Levy monies account for a significant portion of the district's budget to pay for crucial services: safety, security, technology, counselors, classroom materials, facilities maintenance, athletics, extracurricular clubs, music, and more.

#### ***50% yes vote is needed***

Approval of this replacement Levy will ensure the District's ability to provide quality programs needed. Please, join your friends, family, and neighbors in supporting our Orting kids! Follow Citizen's for Orting Schools on Facebook for ongoing information.

**Committee Member:** *Kristina Linkem, kristinalinkem3@gmail.com, yesorting.webs.com  
Citizen's for Orting Schools*

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 17-R-10 concerning a proposition to replace an expiring levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$4.71  | \$19,000,000           |
| 2020                   | \$4.31  | \$20,000,000           |
| 2021                   | \$3.93  | \$21,000,000           |
| 2022                   | \$3.58  | \$22,000,000           |

all as provided in Resolution No. 17-R-10 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would help Franklin Pierce School District fund educational programs and operations not funded by the State, including, but not limited to: classroom teachers; safety personnel; health services, librarians and counselors; student transportation (staff and fuel costs); programs for special needs students, such as gifted, remedial and disabled; textbooks, classroom supplies and library materials; music; art and athletic programs; and other educational programs and operations expenses. Taxes collected by the proposed levy will provide approximately 18% of the District's General Fund budget.

The proposed four-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018. Passage of this proposition would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$19,000,000 in 2019; \$20,000,000 in 2020; \$21,000,000 in 2021; and \$22,000,000 in 2022. The tax levy rates required to produce these levy amounts are estimated to be \$4.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, \$4.31 in 2020, \$3.93 in 2021 and \$3.58 in 2022.

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 at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Renew Our Commitment – Help Every Child Succeed

8,000 Franklin Pierce kids need your support! We can be proud of strong on-time graduation rates, clean safety and financial audits, students who participate in all kinds of educational programs, and graduates that successfully go on to employment, enlistment, and/or enroll in further education. Your support of this levy is a vote to continue funding neighborhood schools.

#### Approve – Not a New Tax

Prop. 1 replaces the levy that voters passed in 2014 that expires in 2018. These funds account for approximately one-fifth of the district's annual operating budget.

#### Approve – Not a Tax Increase

The rates for each of the next four years are calculated to *not exceed* the actual rate that people are paying in 2017.

#### Approve – Teachers, Small Classes, Books, Arts, and Athletics

Prop. 1 funds teachers, small classes, textbooks, programs for both high-achieving and struggling students, health services, counselors, transportation, special education, arts, music, athletics, maintenance of healthy & safe schools, playgrounds, playfields, safety/security systems, emergency preparedness, and more.

**Committee Members:** Shanna Brault, Tina Moorman, and David Moorman,  
fpcitizens4schools@gmail.com, www.yes4fps.org  
Franklin Pierce Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 17-R-11 concerning a proposition to replace an expiring levy for instructional technology. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to continue funding the acquisition, installation and modernization of instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities to enhance student learning:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy<br/>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.44  | \$1,777,000            |
| 2020                   | \$0.44  | \$2,043,000            |
| 2021                   | \$0.44  | \$2,350,000            |
| 2022                   | \$0.44  | \$2,700,000            |

all as provided in Resolution No. 17-R-11. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would help Franklin Pierce School District acquire, install and modernize instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities and make other improvements and upgrades to the District's instructional technology systems and facilities, all to enhance student learning. The proposed levy would significantly increase the number of technology resources available to students and staff, continuing the District's commitment to provide equity in technology accessibility for all students by funding much needed growth in network infrastructure, server and storage resources, continued maintenance, equipment replacement cycles, and data resources.

The proposed four-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018. The proposed four year capital levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$1,777,000 in 2019; \$2,043,000 in 2020; \$2,350,000 in 2021; and \$2,700,000 in 2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value in all four years of collection.

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 at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Renew Our Commitment – Help Every Child Succeed

8,000 Franklin Pierce kids need your support! Most jobs require the use of technology. The jobs of tomorrow will be even more dependent on a technology-trained workforce. Our students need access to the technology of today so that they will be competitive for the jobs of tomorrow. Your support of this levy is a vote to continue funding neighborhood schools. Our schools are an excellent investment for the future!

#### Approve – Not a New Tax

Prop. 2 replaces the levy that voters passed in 2014 that expires in 2018.

#### Approve – Not a Tax Increase

The rates for each of the next four years are calculated to *not exceed* the actual rate that people are paying in 2017.

#### Approve – Instructional Technology to Support a Quality Education

Access to current technology helps our kids graduate and be competitive. Prop. 2 will significantly increase the number of computers for students, expand technology-based curricula, fund the replacement of aging computers, and provide necessary infrastructure to support computing devices throughout the district.

**Committee Members:** Shanna Brault, Tina Moorman, and David Moorman,  
fpcitizens4schools@gmail.com, www.yes4fps.org  
Franklin Pierce Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# Bethel School District No. 403 - Special Election

## Proposition 1 - Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 03 (17-18) concerning replacement of an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to fund educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$25,500,000  |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$29,500,000  |
| 2021                   | \$1.50  | \$34,000,000  |
| 2022                   | \$1.50  | \$39,000,000  |

all as provided in Resolution No. 03 (17-18). Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No.1 would allow the District to renew an expiring levy for education and operations by levying \$25,500,000 in 2018 for collection in 2019, \$29,500,000 in 2019 for collection in 2020, \$34,000,000 in 2020 for collection in 2021, and \$39,000,000 in 2021 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 03 (17-18) these taxes would be used to pay for the District's eligible educational programs and operations expenses that are not funded by the state, including but not limited to teacher salaries, athletics, arts, music, special education, buildings and transportation. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be levied at a rate estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

### Committee Statement Information for Proposition No. 1

**For Committee:** Sandy Williamson and  
Tim Garber, [www.yesbethelkids.com](http://www.yesbethelkids.com)  
Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

**Against Committee:**  
Victoria Watson, (253) 531-1163

### Statement For

#### 20,000 Bethel Kids need your support

Keep our schools vital and strong! Vote *Yes* and renew the expiring Education and Operations levy.

By approving this levy you will be helping us protect the important services and programs our students need and our families expect.

Levies bridge the gap between what the state funds and what it actually costs to educate students. The levy pays for additional teachers, support staff, transportation, and other materials necessary to help our students be college and career ready. This levy is not a new tax - it is money well spent. Without it, our children will suffer - teachers and staff would be laid off, class sizes increased, student safety will be at risk, and important programs eliminated.

Our Bethel kids need your support now more than ever. Please don't let our children fall behind. Vote yes on the school education and operations levy.

### Statement Against

**The Educational Programs and Operations Levy will renew our taxes.** The Educational Programs and Operations Levy will renew our taxes \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 per assessed value. Even though we have been paying this tax forever do we need to pay \$1.50 for special education and busses?

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

The Bethel School District is over 200 square miles. The state does not provide adequate funding to transport the district's students to and from school. This levy will help bridge the gap in funding. The same is true for special education funding as well as athletics, the arts, and many other programs important to our community that the state fails to fund. Without this levy these programs would be cut.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

The Educational Programs and Operations Levy will renew our taxes \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 per assessed value. Now that we are recovering from the housing crisis our property values are rising again, that means the taxes will too. Even though we have been paying this tax forever do we need to pay \$1.50 for special education, smaller class sizes, and buses?

# Bethel School District No. 403 - Special Election

## Proposition 2 - Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 04 (17-18) concerning a replacement technology levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to acquire technology and equipment, including classroom computers:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.46  | \$5,500,000   |
| 2020                   | \$0.43  | \$5,500,000   |
| 2021                   | \$0.40  | \$5,500,000   |
| 2022                   | \$0.37  | \$5,500,000   |

all as provided in Resolution No. 04 (17-18). Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the district to renew an expiring levy for school technology by levying \$5,500,000 in 2018 for collection in 2019, \$5,500,000 in 2019 for collection in 2020, \$5,500,000 in 2020 for collection in 2021, and \$5,500,000 in 2021 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 04 (17-18) these taxes would be deposited to the District's Capital Projects Fund and used to pay for technology improvements and equipment for its educational programs and services. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be levied at a rate estimated to be \$0.46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018, \$0.43 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2019, \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2020, and \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021.

## Committee Statement Information for Proposition No. 2

**For Committee:** Sandy Williamson and Tim Garber, [www.yesbethelkids.com](http://www.yesbethelkids.com)  
Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

**Against Committee:**  
Victoria Watson, (253) 531-1163

### Statement For

**Opportunity** - Your Yes vote will continue to give Bethel kids current technological tools and skills that are essential for college and the workforce. The Bethel School District has developed an award winning technology-rich environment and is giving our kids new strategies to compete in today's job market. In fact, Apple has recently recognized Bethel as an Apple Distinguished District for the high quality work they are doing with their students. Bethel is being used as an example for other districts in the area and around the country.

**Access** - This levy renewal directs funding to classrooms to support the infrastructure needed to provide all students with unprecedented access to computers, tablets, and curriculum.

**Learning** - Currently, every student has access to a device and staff members throughout the district are finding innovative ways to integrate technology.

**Support** - Vote Yes to continue giving our students the essential tools and skills they need to be successful.

### Statement Against

**The district is planning to renew the taxes we pay for the technology levy.** The district is planning to renew the taxes we pay for the technology levy. That is for 23,500 devices, license agreements, software and internet access. This tax has been adjusted for inflation, and now must accommodate more students in our growing district.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

This levy gives students in our community access to technology that will allow them to be contributing members in a technologically rich society. All students are now accessing curriculum and completing assignments on their iPads. Teachers are able to provide students with more meaningful learning opportunities because of the incredible access to technology. Vote Yes and help Bethel continue to be a leader in the state and country in student technology

### Rebuttal of Statement For

The district is planning to renew the taxes we pay for the technology levy. The district plans to continue supplying all students with I pads and access to the internet. There are 20,000 students and the numbers keep growing. That is a lot of devices, license agreements, software, and time to teach both the students and the teachers how to use the I Pads.



# Bethel School District No. 403 - Special Election

## Proposition 3 - General Obligation Bonds - \$443,000,000

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 06 (17-18) concerning a proposition to finance construction and renovation of schools. If approved, Proposition No. 3 will authorize the District to: construct one new high school and two new elementary schools; replace Challenger High; renovate Bethel High; renovate and expand Cedarcrest Middle, Evergreen Elementary, Naches Trail Elementary and Elk Plain K-8; make District-wide health, safety, security and other capital improvements; issue no more than \$443,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 06 (17-18). Should Proposition No. 3 be approved or rejected?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of this proposition would authorize Bethel School District to issue \$443,000,000 of bonds to: construct one new high school and two new elementary schools, replace Challenger High, renovate Bethel High, renovate and expand Cedarcrest Middle, Evergreen Elementary, Naches Trail Elementary and Elk Plain K-8; and make District-wide health, safety, security and other capital improvements. The School Board determined overcrowding, deteriorating and educationally outdated schools and student safety and security made these projects necessary. Approximately \$127,100,000 in State match is anticipated to help complete these projects.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over a period of 21 years. The District estimates a tax rate for this bond of approximately \$1.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$12.83 per month for a \$100,000 home.

Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operations levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019. Even with passage of this new bond proposition, the District anticipates a combined tax rate decrease from \$5.92 in 2018 to \$4.89 in 2019. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

### Committee Statement Information for Proposition No. 3

**For Committee:** Sandy Williamson and Tim Garber, [www.yesbethelkids.com](http://www.yesbethelkids.com)  
Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

**Against Committee:**  
Victoria Watson, (253) 531-1163

### Statement For

**Local Property Tax rates for schools will not increase** - Voting yes will address overcrowding, renew our worst facilities, and improve student safety, as recommended by the 35 bipartisan community member Task Force that studied the facility needs in a comprehensive 6-month process. This is due to the Legislature's change in education funding model lowering local taxes in lower cost areas like ours, compensated by higher school taxes in King County. Therefore some of what we now pay towards local operating costs would go towards the cost of new buildings.

**The new and upgraded facilities will add significant value to our community** - Since 2009, the district has grown by nearly 2,000 students and 450 in the last year alone. We are overcrowded. The bond will build a new High School, 2 new Elementary Schools and modernize and expand 6 older schools.

**The Bethel School District has a great record of building efficiently** - The Bethel School District completed the last two bonds ahead of schedule and under budget.

**Vote yes for new and improved schools while taxes stay the same** - Your Yes vote for this bond will improve our community while taxes stay the same.

### Statement Against

**On February 13, 2018 the Bethel School District will ask you to vote yes.** The \$443 million dollar bond promises to provide additional schools and remodel the old ones. There are 200 hundred portable classrooms in use, but will they go away? No, the portables will be needed again, even though the project will provide classroom space for hundreds of current students it will not be enough space for the future.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Portable classrooms accommodate fluctuations in enrollment and growth until new buildings can be built. This is a sign of fiscal responsibility. The primary reason for portables, especially at new schools, is that the state-matching model only allows buildings designed for current enrollment. With our rapid growth, during the planning and building time for these schools, more students arrive; requiring portables to accommodate them. Another reason for portables is failure to get 60% yes votes.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

If the last bond was completed on time and under budget what was the left over money used for? Will this bond also be on time and under budget? With the tax cut making our taxes less then why not build more schools? We will still need portables at some schools.

# Eatonville School District No. 404

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 685 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials, and textbooks not funded by the State of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$2.51  | \$3,695,438   |
| 2020                   | \$2.51  | \$3,898,688   |

all as provided in Resolution No. 685. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$3,695,438 in property taxes within Eatonville School District for collection in 2019 and the levy of \$3,898,688 for collection in 2020. In accordance with Resolution No. 685 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Eatonville 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 \$2.51 per \$1,000 of 2018 assessed valuation and \$2.51 per \$1,000 of 2019 assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

#### Statement For

Eatonville School District has been the heart and soul of our community for nearly 90 years. In the last few years Eatonville schools have received distinguished awards such as Washington State School of Distinction, National Academic Achievement Award and Washington STEM Lighthouse designation. In order to maintain the quality of education we come to expect from Eatonville Schools, we must pass the 2019-2020 Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

#### ***This Is Not A New Tax.***

*This replacement levy is at a lower rate than taxpayers are currently paying.* The new levy will maintain the daily operations of our facilities and transportation, purchase textbooks, technology, and classroom/library materials. It will provide additional staff for instruction, supervision, and safety. Your yes vote will provide activities such as sports, music, drama, and afterschool academic support. This levy funds 20% of our school budget. Vote Yes!

*Strong Schools = Eatonville Strong*

**Committee Members:** Ronda Litzenberger, rowronda@aol.com,  
Corrine Lucas, and Sarah Turner  
Citizens for Education

#### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# Eatonville School District No. 404

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Capital Projects Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 686 concerning a capital projects levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to modernize and remodel District facilities, including acquisition of technology infrastructure:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.25  | \$368,072     |
| 2020                   | \$0.25  | \$388,315     |
| 2021                   | \$0.25  | \$409,673     |
| 2022                   | \$0.25  | \$430,156     |
| 2023                   | \$0.25  | \$451,664     |
| 2024                   | \$0.25  | \$474,248     |

all as provided in Resolution No. 686. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$368,072 in property taxes within Eatonville School District No. 404 for collection in 2019, the levy of \$388,315 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$409,673 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$430,156 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$451,664 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$474,248 for collection in 2024, to fund construction, modernization and remodeling of existing facilities, to include roof replacements, heating and mechanical systems, and interior and exterior renovations, life safety and security improvements and acquisition of technology and technical infrastructure, including internet wiring and administrative systems. These taxes would be collected over the 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.25 for collection in the years 2019 through 2024, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

### Statement For

The community of Eatonville has invested in beautiful facilities for its students. Just like any home, they show wear over time and there is routine maintenance and upkeep that needs to occur to keep them in a condition our students deserve. In order to avoid using program funds to cover those costs, Eatonville School District is proposing a Capital Levy.

The Capital Levy will pay for the *maintenance and upkeep of our current facilities*. Items such as roof and septic replacements, and maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure would be paid for by the capital levy. Our students deserve to learn in buildings that are safe, secure, and meet their needs.

*Please vote yes!*

**Committee Members:** Ronda Litzenberger, rowronda@aol.com,  
Corrine Lucas, and Sarah Turner  
Citizens for Education

### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# White River School District No. 416

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 adopted Resolution No. 17-33 concerning a replacement educational programs and operations levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to continue high quality academic programs that are eligible activities and not state funded:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br/>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 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 No. 17-33, subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the time of levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$4,750,000 in property taxes within White River School District No. 416 for collection in 2019, the levy of \$5,100,000 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$5,500,000 for collection in 2021 and the levy of \$6,000,000 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 17-33 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the White River School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. These funds help to pay for costs associated with music, drama and art programs, student activities and athletics, school counselors and it supplements the costs related to special education, transportation and food service. The levy also provides dollars for instructional materials, campus security and staff costs beyond state funding allocation. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be no greater than \$1.50 for collection in the years 2019 and 2022, inclusive.

#### Statement For

For generations, the community has supported White River schools by approving the Maintenance and Operations levy. Again, the district must ask supporters for assistance in maintaining educational programs and staff levels by voting yes for what is now called a *Replacement of Educational Programs* levy.

Let's be clear – this is a *renewal of the current levy*. Regardless of its title, every four years the district asks voters to renew the levy to help pay for educational needs our community deems important but are not fully state funded.

The funds from this levy make up about 10 percent of the district's annual budget. These funds help pay for music and art programs, student activities, athletics, counselors, and supplements costs related to special education, transportation and food service.

Funding levies is a strong community tradition. Let's take this opportunity to renew our commitment to our students by voting *Yes* on Proposition 1.

**Committee Members:** Brandy Alonzo, [dragonphire\\_17@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonphire_17@yahoo.com),  
and Cindy Clark  
*Citizens for White River Schools*

#### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# White River School District No. 416

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Capital Projects Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 adopted Resolution No. 17-32 concerning a capital projects levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund education technology and critical repairs, school remodeling and updating for safety, security and efficiency:

| Collection Year | Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000<br>Assessed Value | Amount      |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 2019            | \$1.06  | \$3,170,000 |
| 2020            | \$1.09  | \$3,425,000 |
| 2021            | \$1.10  | \$3,625,000 |
| 2022            | \$1.09  | \$3,775,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 17-32. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$3,170,000 in property taxes within White River School District No. 416 for collection in 2019, the levy of \$3,425,000 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$3,625,000 for collection in 2021 and the levy of \$3,775,000 for collection in 2022, to fund improvements to technology, including but not limited to equipment, infrastructure, and staff training. These levy dollars will also support critical projects such as replacement of roof at White River High School, improved parking at Elk Ridge Elementary School, replacement of the maintenance building at Glacier Middle School, and add classrooms to meet K-3 class size reduction requirements. These taxes would be collected in the school years from 2018-2019 through 2022-2023. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.06 (2019 collection), \$1.09 (2020 collection), \$1.10 (2021 collection) and \$1.09 (2022 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

### Statement For

The White River School District strives to provide the best education for every student to prepare each for success during school and beyond. Voter approval of the *Capital Projects Levy* will continue the district's legacy as a great place to learn, work and grow.

Proposition 2, the four-year Capital Projects Levy, will fund current levels and expansion of district-wide technology including equipment, infrastructure and training that keep our students ahead of the rapid changes in the world around us. It will also support critical safety and facility projects that directly impact learning like replacing the White River High School roof, improving parking at Elk Ridge Elementary and adding classrooms to meet K-3 class size reduction requirements.

A Yes vote strengthens and promotes the commitment and partnership between the community and the district to provide every White River student with the opportunity they deserve to achieve his or her full potential.

**Committee Members:** Brandy Alonzo, [dragonphire\\_17@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonphire_17@yahoo.com),  
and Cindy Clark  
*Citizens for White River Schools*

### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# Fife School District No. 417

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 17-19 concerning a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will fund district education programs and school operations, and will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 2019                   | \$1.50  | \$9,600,000   |
| 2020                   | \$1.50  | \$9,700,000   |
| 2021                   | \$1.50  | \$9,800,000   |
| 2022                   | \$1.50  | \$9,900,000   |

all as provided in Resolution No. 17-19. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$9,600,000 in property taxes within Fife School District for collection in 2019, the levy of \$9,700,000 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$9,800,000 for collection in 2021, and the levy of \$9,900,000 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 17-19 approving this proposition, 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 employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.50 for collection in the years 2019 through 2022, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

#### Statement For

To maintain quality education for our children, the Citizens for Fife/Milton Schools is asking voters to support the Educational Programs and Operations *replacement* levy for 2019 to 2022 by voting "Yes" for Proposition 1.

#### **This is not a new tax.**

The current levy expires in 2018. This *replacement* levy continues long-standing local community support to ensure the success of our schools at the lowest tax rate in the area.

#### **Your "Yes" vote is important.**

Your "Yes" vote will continue funding for additional teachers and classified staff to keep class sizes small. Your "Yes" vote will support special programs, safe student transportation, and instructional materials; your "Yes" vote will provide maintenance, grounds, and custodial services to ensure longevity of our schools. Your "Yes" vote will continue funding athletics, the arts, and extracurricular activities.

#### **Our children are counting on your "Yes" vote.**

This levy will continue the resources and educational programs and services our children and community deserve. Please vote "Yes" for the Educational Programs and Operations *replacement* levy.

**Committee Member:** *Bobbie de la Cruz, Bobcat030@gmail.com*  
*Citizens for Fife Milton Schools*

#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fife School District No. 417

## Special Election - Proposition No. 2 General Obligation Bonds - \$176,300,000

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 17-20 concerning a proposition for general obligation bonds. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to construct and equip new buildings for Elementary and Middle Schools, construct and equip a new CTE/STEAM Center of Excellence at the High School, relocate the ESC, acquire land, and make District-wide improvements for safety and security; to issue \$176,300,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and to levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 17-20. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved or rejected?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Fife School District No. 417 to borrow \$176,300,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 17-20 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for planning, developing, constructing and equipping a new elementary school building, a new middle school building, a new high school CTE/STEAM Center of Excellence building, planning, developing and constructing to relocate the District Educational Service Center, District wide safety and security upgrades and improvements to all schools, acquisition land for new buildings and future expansion, planning, developing and implementing other needed building improvements, including, but not limited to classroom modifications, to enable District facilities to meet instructional program needs, including the cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing Improvements to include all necessary furniture, and equipment and appurtenances. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 21 years.

### Statement For

#### **Yes! For Quality Schools**

Fife Schools are growing because of our quality educators, schools, and programs. With steady growth, our schools are over capacity and have an urgent need to add additional quality space for students as well as much needed safety and security improvements throughout the district.

#### **Yes! For our Community**

Your Yes vote for Fife students will result in a replacement of the middle school, an additional elementary school, a new Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Mathematics (STEAM) Center of Excellence building for Fife High School, in addition to safety and infrastructure improvements at all of our schools.

#### **Yes! For our Students**

Our schools are the heart of our community and our kids need your support! Please join your friends and neighbors in voting Yes for Fife's students! Our schools have 3750 reasons to vote Yes! For our students! Yes! For our schools! Yes! For our community's future!

**Committee Member:** *Bobbie de la Cruz, Bobcat030@gmail.com*  
*Citizens for Fife Milton Schools*

### Statement Against

No statement was  
submitted against this issue.

# Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire & Rescue)

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Excess Property Tax Levy for Maintenance and Operation Expenses

### Ballot Title

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire & Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 891 concerning a replacement levy for maintenance and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy, without regard to the dollar rate and percentage limitations imposed by Chapter 84.52 RCW, the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District, for maintenance and operations and to maintain current levels of fire and emergency medical services:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2019                   | \$0.60  | \$4,300,000        |
| 2020                   | \$0.56  | \$4,300,000        |
| 2021                   | \$0.54  | \$4,300,000        |
| 2022                   | \$0.51  | \$4,300,000        |

all as provided in Resolution No. 891. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Graham Fire & Rescue is placing a maintenance and operations excess levy proposition on the February 13, 2018 ballot. This proposition will authorize the fire district to collect \$4.3 million annually for four years, at an approximate rate of \$0.60 to \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, starting in 2019 and ending in 2022. The actual rate should decrease every year due to growth in the total assessed valuation. This proposition reauthorizes the same initial rate approved by the voters on November 4, 2014.

The fire district has seen significant growth in population (19% in the last ten years) with a greater increase in incident response demand (41% in the last ten years). Current staffing levels are inadequate to sustain the current response times due to this increase in demand for service. Ability to meet future service demands will be compromised without increased staffing levels. Graham Fire & Rescue responded to 6545 incidents in 2016.

Approval of this proposition would maintain the current level of services, by allowing an increase in staffing levels to meet current demand, provide for replacement of aging medical transport units and fire trucks, critical lifesaving equipment replacement, while maintaining District reserves.

### Statement For

**Not A New Tax** Proposition No. 1 is not a new tax. It reauthorizes the Fire Department to collect property taxes previously approved by voters. The proposed rate of \$0.60 per \$1,000.00 on a home valued at \$300,000.00 would cost \$180.00 annually - less than \$0.50 a day.

#### Increasing Populations With Limited Resources

Graham Fire receives two dimes out of every dollar collected in property taxes but provides emergency medical, life and property protection, as well as fire suppression and prevention services to more than 60,000 residents and growing.

To provide these essential, lifesaving services, professionally and accountably to an increasing population, this maintenance and operation measure must pass. Without your support, station closures, increased response times, and a reduction in first responders is inevitable.

#### Supported by Firefighters and Fire Commissioners

Professional Firefighters and the Board of Fire Commissioners determined this measure to be both necessary and essential for the protection of life and property. Thank you in advance for reauthorizing Proposition No. 1.

### Statement Against

Do not be fooled by misinformation, this union backed issue will increase your taxes! The call volume is incorrect, they have included mutual aid calls, they are not required to respond to. The idea that they are required or need to have more fire fighters on an engine is not based on facts or law. The National Fire Protection Association only requires that your Fire department meet the intent of the regulation.

Your new Board of Fire Commissioners and new Fire Chief wants to add up to 30 or more fire fighters based on new taxes, do not be fooled, make your Fire District live within the current 17 million dollar budget, which is supporting the current manpower levels.

When you hear about layoffs it's not based on the facts. This is your fire department, you control how it is run and funded not unions, or special interest. Vote no

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

The Fire Chief and Board of Fire Commissioners proposed *reauthorization* of the maintenance and operation levy previously approved by voters. The protection of life and property are the only special interest this measure serves. The opponents of Proposition No. 1 were either removed from the Board of Fire Commissioners by the voting public, or have drawn challenges seeking their removal from public office. Protect our community. This is *your* Fire Department. Yes on Proposition One!

**Committee Members:** Gina Blanchard-Reed, Ryan Portmann, and Lukas Wahl, YesGrahamFire@gmail.com  
Yes Graham Fire

### Rebuttal of Statement For

2014 your taxes to support the fire department were \$9,320,000. 2018 total will be \$17,150,000. It will have gone up more than \$7,830,000 in taxes and fees in just four short years. They want a M & O tax of \$4,300,000 a year, before knowing what the evaluation will have gone up. For 2018 new taxes and GEMT will bring in \$1,608,000 more. The average homeowner makes \$48,000. Now they want \$17,200,000 more. Vote no no.

**Committee Members:** Gerald Gustafson, quaysplace@hotmail.com, Robert Skaggs, and Terry Kindle  
Citizens Against Unreasonable Taxation



# Valley Regional Fire Authority

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

Shall Valley Regional Fire Authority, serving the communities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific, be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.26.140(1)(c)?

### Explanatory Statement

In 2006, voters approved the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) by more than 60%, and renewed use in 2012 with 76% approval. The FBC has supported about 48% of the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) operating budget. Every six years, approval to continue the use of the FBC funding model is required by state law. Renewing the FBC will allow the VRFA to improve response times and service levels for fire protection, emergency medical calls, training of personnel and the purchase of necessary equipment.

The FBC is based on occupancy type and square footage of structures. It reflects the cost of providing appropriate fire protection services to a particular building. Each year the Board of Governance reviews the FBC in a public hearing to ensure fiscal responsibility of this funding for the coming year. The FBC revenue is restricted by state law to not exceed 60% of the VRFA operating budget. By approving the FBC, state law prohibits imposing an additional property tax of fifty (50) cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value for services otherwise allowed by law. The law allows discounts for senior citizens and for buildings with approved fire sprinkler systems. Property owners may appeal their assessments.

### Statement For

*Funding for essential services needs to be renewed.* This is not a new tax or a tax increase, but simply a vote to maintain the current funding model. Valley Regional Fire Authority has managed our tax dollars very well while delivering superior fire & emergency medical services to our communities.

The Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) is about 48% of the department's operating budget. Failure to renew this funding model will result in fewer firefighters available to respond, longer response times, less training and elimination of important prevention programs.

Our VRFA firefighters respond to many different types of emergencies, from literally saving lives to helping an older citizen up from a fall. These services protect our property and improve our quality of life, providing value to our communities. Our firefighter/EMT's are always there for us, so please join us in *voting yes* in support of them and maintain this vital funding.

**Committee Members:** Donna Foxley, [DonnaFoxley@yahoo.com](mailto:DonnaFoxley@yahoo.com), Clint Steiger, and Troy Linnell

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.