

REVISED FINAL 12/9/2021

Orting School District No. 344

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Official Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 1.2021-2022 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, to support educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State's statutory program:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$1.88	\$5,676,309
2024	\$1.88	\$6,527,756
2025	\$1.88	\$7,506,919
2026	\$1.88	\$8,632,957

all as provided in Resolution No. 1.2021-2022. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes...[]

No ...[]

ORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 344
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 1.2021-2022

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 8, 2022, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2022 for collection in 2023 of \$5,676,309, in 2023 for collection in 2024 of \$6,527,756, in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$7,506,919, and in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$8,632,957, for the District's General Fund to pay expenses of educational programs and operations; designating the Secretary to the Board and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses.

(e) The District has received or, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is or will be on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 8, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2022 for collection in 2023 of \$5,676,309, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2023 for collection in 2024 of \$6,527,756, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$7,506,919, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$8,632,957, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the tax levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of educational programs and operations support not funded by the State of Washington during the school years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

ORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 344

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

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LEVY ... YES

LEVY ... NO

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 10, 2021; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Secretary (William Hatzenbeler), telephone: 360.893.6500, Ext. 4024; email: hatzenbelere@orting.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Jim McNeill), telephone: 206.447.5339; email: jim.mcneill@foster.com as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the


President of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Director of Business Services, the President, and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 10th day of November, 2021.

ORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 344
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



President and Director

Vice President and Director



Director



Director

Director

ATTEST:



WILLIAM HATZENBELER
Secretary to the Board of Directors

ORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 344
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
OPERATIONS LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 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 2022. 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 after school activities and athletics, classroom instructional materials, early learning, instructional technology, safety and security enhancements, special education services, staffing and substitutes, staff professional development, transportation services, and general maintenance and equipment. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.ortingschools.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$5,676,309 in 2023, \$6,527,756 in 2024, \$7,506,919 in 2025, and \$8,632,957 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

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