

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-21-22 concerning a proposition for levy for capital improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 3 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements (including upgrading systems, HVAC, lighting and CTE classrooms, replacing/repairing roofs and improving athletic fields):

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.46	\$4,463,175
2024	\$1.46	\$4,597,071
2025	\$1.46	\$4,734,983
2026	\$1.46	\$4,877,032

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-21-22. Should Proposition No. 3 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 3 would allow Dieringer School District to levy taxes over a four year period to make certain health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements throughout existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) upgrading and/or improving safety and security systems; (2) upgrading and/or improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment and lighting (and other energy efficiency); (3) upgrading and/or improving Career and Technical Education classrooms; (4) replacing and/or repairing roofs; (5) improving athletic fields, including, but not limited to, adding synthetic turf, new track and lighting at North Tapps Middle School; and (6) making other health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements to school facilities. Further information is available at <https://dieringer.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$4,463,175 in 2023, \$4,597,071 in 2024, \$4,734,983 in 2025, and \$4,877,032 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed value. 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

What will this levy provide for Dieringer?

In short, major upgrades to facilities, security, safety, and infrastructure. Our buildings are aging and need updates to become more efficient, safer, and healthier. Our fields are outdated and need to be replaced.

This Levy supports both Students and the Community

This levy provides for overdue building security upgrades, a new HVAC system, district-wide energy efficiency upgrades, and needed CTE classroom upgrades.

Turf Fields at All Three Schools and a New Track at NTMS

Most of the schools surrounding our district have already upgraded to turf fields. This is a needed investment in our children and our community overall. Turf fields not only benefit our students, but will also provide great opportunities for youth soccer, baseball, and lacrosse organizations.

Will this increase my taxes?

No. A long term bond is coming off the Dieringer books this year, so your overall taxes will actually go down with the passage of this levy. We urge you to vote "Yes" on Proposition 3 and continue to give our students the support they need for a high-quality education.

Committee Members: Greg Garrison, Karlina Packard, Kasandra Paholsky, Dieringer Citizens for Schools, DieringerVoters@gmail.com

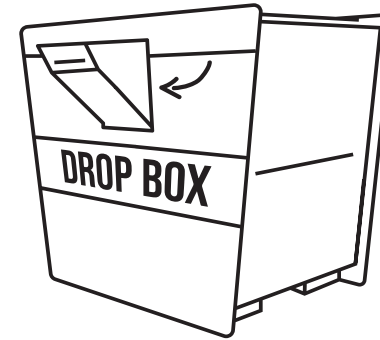
Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet published by the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

DROP BOXES OPEN 24/7 JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 8.



Scan to view drop box locations or visit PierceCountyWa.gov/334

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required) Drop off ballot by 8 p.m. February 8, 2022.

Mailing your ballot?

(No stamp required) Must be postmarked February 8, 2022.

NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement for a felony.

Three ways to register:

- Online - VoteWa.gov
- By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.
- In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409

Registration Deadlines: Online/Mail - January 31. In person - February 8.

NEED HELP?

Pierce County Election Center 2501 S 35th St. Tacoma, WA 98409

Hours:

Open Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Extended hours on Election Day 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

- PierceCountyElections.org
- 253-798-VOTE (8683)
- Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov
- Pierce County Auditor

VOTER SERVICES

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismarked ballots.
- Disability assistance - Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.
- Track your ballot or print a replacement ballot at VoteWa.gov.

Disability Assistance



Center for Independence (253) 582-1253 (voice) (800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (253) 475-0782 (voice) (253) 474-1748 (TTY) (253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (253) 565-9000 (voice) 711 (TTY)

Dieringer School District No. 343

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

Questions? (253) 826-7008

Complete resolution text at PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 01-21-22 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 educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State's statutory program:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.85	\$5,800,000
2024	\$1.85	\$6,000,000
2025	\$1.85	\$6,250,000
2026	\$1.85	\$6,450,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-21-22. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 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 2022. 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 small class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operations. Further information is available at <https://dieringer.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$5,800,000 in 2023, \$6,000,000 in 2024, \$6,250,000 in 2025 and \$6,450,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.85 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, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

This is *Not* a new tax

We thank you for your past support and urge you to vote "Yes" on Proposition 1 to renew our expiring levy. This is not a new tax and voters will not see a noticeable change in their taxes because of this levy.

This Levy supports the entire student body

The state is supposed to fully fund basic education, but falls short in their typical school model. We do not receive adequate funding for special education, counselors, nurses, psychologist, and more. This levy pays for those necessities and others items such as additional teachers, librarians, PE, art, books, transportation, facilities maintenance, and extra-curricular activities. Levy money is vital for the whole student body from athletics and clubs to special education.

Continued Community Support

Continue to give our children a high quality education and support for the whole child. Ensure our children will succeed in *tomorrow's* complex world. Your vote is important! Reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Dieringer School District No. 343

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

Questions? (253) 826-7008

Complete resolution text at PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 02-21-22 concerning a proposition for replacement levy for instructional technology improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to continue funding acquiring and integrating new technologies into classroom instruction, expanding infrastructure, increasing student access to computers and providing student and staff training:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.56	\$1,725,000
2024	\$0.55	\$1,725,000
2025	\$0.53	\$1,725,000
2026	\$0.52	\$1,725,000

as provided in Resolution No. 02-21-22. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 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 2022. 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. Further information is available at <https://dieringer.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed four-year replacement technology levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$1,725,000 each year from 2023 through and including 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.56 in 2023, \$0.55 in 2024, \$0.53 in 2025, and \$0.52 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). 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

This is *Not* a new tax

This replaces the expiring levy. You will not see a noticeable change in your taxes. We thank you for your unwavering support and ask you to reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 2.

Why is a separate Technology Levy needed?

Technology plays a crucial role in our classrooms on a daily basis, as we have seen from the past two years. Unfortunately, the state does not provide funding for our expanding technology needs. Therefore, the District asks 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 enable teachers to improve learning, software and security, network infrastructure, training, and staff support.

Why do we need to continue to invest in technology?

During this pandemic we were lucky to have past community support that allowed our District to pivot to at home learning. Technology is now an essential part of student learning. Let's continue to bring the world *into* the classroom and support all Dieringer students.

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Statement Against

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