



YOUR SIGNATURE MATTERS

We check every single signature on every single return envelope in every single election.

1% OF BALLOTS ARE RETURNED EITHER WITHOUT A SIGNATURE OR WITH A SIGNATURE THAT DOESN'T QUITE MATCH.

DON'T LET THAT BE YOU

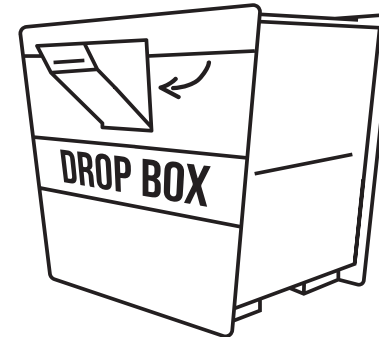
Here's a few tips to help make sure your signature passes the check and your ballot gets counted:

- 1 If you register to vote online, your signature from the Department of Licensing becomes your voter registration signature. Take a moment and look at the signature on your drivers' license or state ID. When signing your ballot envelope, keep that signature in mind.
- 2 The signature on your ballot doesn't need to be perfect. It just needs to be very similar to the signature we have on file. If you have a "chicken scratch" signature, that's okay! Just make sure you're consistent.
- 3 If you have no idea what signature you might have used, or you think your signature has changed, we recommend that you send us an updated signature. It's easy! Simply return a paper voter registration form. You can print out a registration form at bit.ly/WAVoteRF. Or, send us an email or call us. We're happy to mail the form.
- 4 After you've voted, if you're worried that your signature won't pass, you can track your ballot's progress online at VoteWa.gov. If there's an issue with your signature, you'll be alerted by mail or telephone (if we have your number).

SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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



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.



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

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)

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?

Explanatory Statement

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.

Statement For

On Feb. 8, local voters will have the opportunity to continue shaping Orting School District’s future of nearly 3,000 students and over 300 staff, more than half of which live within the district.

A Yes Vote says Yes to:

Funding our students’ extracurricular activities and career development. Security resources for our kids’ safety and health. Fully funded buses and activity buses. Support maintenance staff and buildings. Helping to plan our district’s growth. Tools to supplement development for our educators and children. Creating district jobs and opportunities for our community and future graduates.

The estimated Levy rate is \$1.88 per \$1000 of assessed property value, 19 cents cheaper than the current 2020 Levy rate. It will continue to fully cover local programs only partially funded by the state between 2023-26.

Please join your family and community by voting Yes by Feb. 8. Follow us on Facebook at Citizens for Orting Schools.

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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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