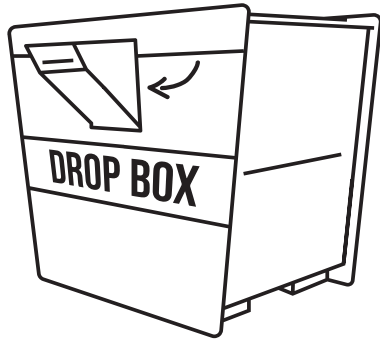


SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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DROP BOXES OPEN 24/7 JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 14.



Using a Drop Box?
(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 p.m.
February 14, 2023.

Mailing your ballot?
(No stamp required)
Must be postmarked
February 14, 2023.



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 - February 6. In person - February 14.

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 #1.2022-2023 concerning a proposition for bonds to finance capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to refinance land and construct a new Orting Elementary School; renovate and expand Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School; construct labs, classrooms, gym and athletic spaces, including a wrestling room, at Orting High School; replace Cardinal Stadium turf; and if feasible, improve Orting Middle School, by issuing \$150,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution #1.2022-2023. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Orting School District to finance critical facility needs by issuing bonds. If voters approve this proposition, the District will use the bond proceeds to construct a new elementary school, and renovate and expand classroom and learning space at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School. The District will also use bond proceeds to expand classroom and laboratory space and construct a new gymnasium and athletic space at Orting High School, refinance the acquisition of land to construct a new Orting Elementary School, replace Cardinal Stadium turf, and if funds are sufficient, to add temporary student learning facilities at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School and make HVAC and field improvements at Orting Middle School.

If approved, the District expects approximately \$11,000,000 in state construction assistance funds to complete these projects. The \$150,000,000 of general obligation bonds would mature within 21 years, and be repaid from annual excess property tax levies. The excess levy rate is estimated to be approximately \$2.84 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Homeowners who are 61 years or older or disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption. For information regarding exemptions, call the Pierce County Assessor at (253) 798-6111.

Statement For

Our Schools are Overcrowded

Three of four Orting schools are significantly over their designed capacity. By the 2023-24 school year, our schools are expected to exceed our total capacity including portables. Orting Primary, built for 290 students in 1968, currently houses 550 students and is 87% over its designed capacity. This bond will construct a new K-5 Orting Elementary School on recently acquired land as well as eight permanent classrooms and gymnasium space at Ptarmigan Ridge. Modern security systems and traffic improvements will enhance school safety at our elementary schools. The time to act is now!

Prepare Our Students to be Future Community Members

Sixty percent of high school graduates live and work locally. This bond adds much needed career and technical education classroom and lab space at Orting High School preparing students for local careers. This bond replaces the previous bond passed in 2006 that built Orting Middle School and the Orting High School PAC.

Invest In Our Schools, Invest In Our Community!

Vote Yes for Orting Schools!

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Statement Against

No statement was submitted
against this issue.