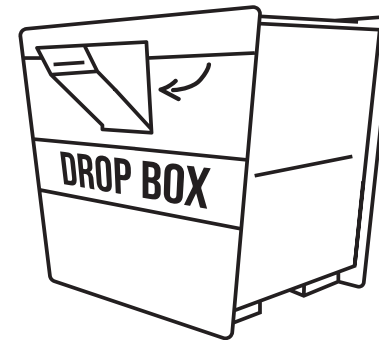


SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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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.

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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)

Peninsula School District No. 401

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

Questions? (253) 530-1000

Complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 22-05 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/ \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$1.13	\$27,000,000
2025	\$1.12	\$28,010,000
2026	\$1.11	\$29,075,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-05. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$27,000,000 in property taxes within Peninsula School District for collection in 2024, the levy of \$28,010,000 for collection in 2025, and the levy of \$29,075,000 for collection in 2026. In accordance with Resolution No. 22-05 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Peninsula School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District which are not fully funded by the state. General expenses 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, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$1.13 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024, \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025, and \$1.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026. 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.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call your county assessor.

Statement For

Vote Yes to Renew the Expiring Levy

The Replacement Levy will renew the expiring levy overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2020. This is not a new tax. In fact, the tax rate is estimated to be lower than the expiring levy.

This Levy Accounts for 18% of the District's Budget

The Replacement Levy is critical to maintaining the quality of Peninsula Schools. It fills the gap between what the state funds and the needs of our students, providing 18% of the district's budget. These funds are used in every school, at every grade level, to support all of our students.

This Levy Maintains Funding for Essential Programs

The Replacement Levy funds nurses, counselors, transportation, preventative maintenance, teachers, special education staff, arts, music, early learning and highly capable. The levy also funds *all* of our district's athletic programs.

Vote Yes to Renew Our Commitment to Quality Education for All Students!

Our high-performing schools maintain one of the lowest overall education tax rates in Pierce County. The district has a record of outstanding audits and fiscal responsibility. Thank you for voting yes and supporting our schools.

Committee Members: Deborah Krishnadasan, Natalie Wimberley, Kurt Grimmer
Stand Up for Peninsula Schools
Standup4schools.org, SUP4PSD@gmail.com

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Peninsula School District No. 401

Special Election - Proposition No. 2 - Safety, Security, and Technology Levy

Questions? (253) 530-1000

Complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 22-06 concerning safety, security and technology levies. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund capital projects for safety/security improvements and modernization of technology facilities, including infrastructure, hardware, software, applications, and training:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/ \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$0.25	\$6,000,000
2025	\$0.25	\$6,223,000
2026	\$0.25	\$6,514,000
2027	\$0.25	\$6,720,000
2028	\$0.25	\$6,884,000
2029	\$0.25	\$6,998,000

as provided in Resolution No. 22-06. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$6,000,000 in property taxes within Peninsula School District for collection in 2024, the levy of \$6,223,000 for collection in 2025, the levy of \$6,514,000 for collection in 2026, the levy of \$6,720,000 for collection in 2027, the levy of \$6,884,000 for collection in 2028 and the levy of \$6,998,000 for collection in 2029 to fund the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of computer technology systems, safety and security systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing applications and training related to the foregoing. In accordance with Resolution No. 22-06 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029. 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.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call your county assessor.

Statement For

Our Community Expects Safe Schools

The district heard our community's clear demand to make school safety and security a priority.

No State Funding for Safety and Security Projects

The state does not provide any funding for safety and security projects. This levy provides dedicated funding to enhance and maintain security systems across the district, including secure building access controls, emergency communication systems and cameras, as well as cyber security protections.

Our Students Need Access to Technology to Prepare for their Future Careers

The levy will better prepare our students for the future and remove barriers to accessing technology, ensuring all of our students have a pathway to success. It supports classroom instructional equipment and maintains 1:1 computing for every student.

Lower Local School Tax Rate

The total local school tax rate will decrease to \$1.82 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in 2024 (including both proposed levies and the 2019 bond). This is lower than the current rate of \$2.01 based on 2022 assessed values. Together, these levies provide essential funding for our schools at a lower combined tax rate.

Committee Members: Deborah Krishnadasan, Natalie Wimberley, Kurt Grimmer
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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.