

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 01/23-24

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 13, 2024, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$38,000,000, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$42,000,000, in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$45,000,000, and in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$50,000,000, for the District's General Fund to pay expenses of educational programs and operations; designating the District's Chief Finance and District Operations Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2024 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 8/19-20, adopted by the Board on November 13, 2019, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 11, 2020.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of K-12 educational programs, operations and maintenance not funded by the State of Washington (the "State"), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$38,000,000 be made in 2024 for collection in 2025, \$42,000,000 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, \$45,000,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, and \$50,000,000 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operations purposes as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election,

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for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay or fund) 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 13, 2024, 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 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$38,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$42,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$45,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$50,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 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 K-12 educational programs, operations and maintenance not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, teachers, counselors, nurses, special education, safety, athletics/arts/music, instructional materials, and maintenance, during the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029, 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

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 01/23-24, concerning a proposition to fund K-12 educational programs, operations and maintenance. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and authorize the District to fund educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State (including teachers, counselors, nurses, special education, safety, athletics/arts/music, instructional materials, maintenance) and levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

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all as provided in Resolution No. 01/23-24. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

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 authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 15, 2023; 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 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 District's Chief Finance and District Operations Officer (Bang Parkinson), telephone: 253.891.6008; email: bang_parkinson@sumnersd.org; 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

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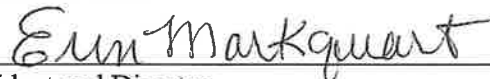
of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Chief Finance and District Operations Officer, 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 Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting, held this 18th day of October, 2023.

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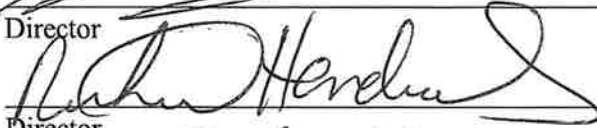
President and Director



Vice President and Director




Director



Director



Director

ATTEST


LAURIE D. DENT, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, LAURIE D. DENT, Ph.D., Secretary to the Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 01/23-24 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on October 18, 2023 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of October, 2023.

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DISTRICT NO. 320, PIERCE COUNTY,
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LAURIE D. DENT, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Board of Directors

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
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ADOPTED: OCTOBER 18, 2023

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
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Sumner-Bonney Lake School District's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring levy for District-wide K-12 educational programs and operations. Proposition 1 would continue funding approximately 16% of day-to-day budgets and operations not funded by the state. Proposition 1 would continue funding additional teachers, nurses, counselors and mental health supports, paraeducators, safety officers, and librarians.

Proposition 1 would continue - programs to bring students up to grade level, advanced classes for high-achieving students, athletics, arts, music, special education, textbooks and instructional materials. Proposition 1 would improve access for students and staff with disabilities. Proposition 1 would continue maintenance of schools, playgrounds, plumbing and HVAC systems to maintain clean air and safe water. Proposition 1 would repair and maintain aging roofs, maintain earthquake safety, alarm and sprinkler systems, safety, security and emergency preparedness.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$38,000,000 in 2025, \$42,000,000 in 2026, \$45,000,000 in 2027, and \$50,000,000 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.48 in 2025 and \$2.50 in 2026, 2027 and 2028 (levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

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Yes ... []

No ... []