



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Yelm Community Schools
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 11-20-07-05, concerning a proposition to levy property taxes. Upon the expiration of the current maintenance and operation levy, the proposition would authorize the following taxes for purposes of operation and maintenance in excess of all regular property tax levies, upon all taxable property within the District for the District's general fund:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximately Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2009	\$2.14	\$6,900,000
2010	\$2.10	\$7,452,000
2011	\$2.07	\$8,085,000
2012	\$2.04	\$8,772,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Yelm Schools deserves your support for the maintenance and operations **replacement** levy. It is not a new tax, but replaces the current levy and is vital to support educational programs for our kids. Because of community growth, the tax rate actually will **drop** over the period of the levy. It is far less than the rate passed in 2004 but still will provide financial stability and maintain lower tax rates through 2012.

Our district is doing a great job educating our kids. Test scores are rising, college enrollment is up, our facilities are in great shape, and the effort to align our curriculum and teaching strategies with new state standards is progressing. School safety and student discipline continue to be high priorities for our district.

We're proud to be part of a community that cares about kids. **Keep our schools strong by voting "yes" for Yelm Community Schools.**

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Explanatory Statement:

Yelm Community Schools No. 2 provides educational services to children of the community in grades K-12. Passage of this proposition would allow for the replacement of the existing maintenance and operations levy that is expiring. The proposed four-year levy would be paid into the District's General Fund during school years 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. The taxes collected under this proposition would be \$2.14 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2009, \$2.10 in 2010, \$2.07 in 2011, and \$2.04 in 2012.

The funds collected by this levy will be applied to the general operating funds of the District for purposes of maintenance and operation of the District's educational services, supplementing state funds for such purposes. Staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education and staff in-service training are examples of costs supported by levy dollars.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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