

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$259,500,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 25 2006-07 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to its facilities districtwide. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to replace Firgrove, Northwood and Spinning Elementary Schools; build an additional elementary school; expand Emerald Ridge and Puyallup High Schools; upgrade Ferrucci Jr. High and Sunrise, Wildwood, and Hunt Elementary Schools; improve Sparks Stadium; construct other capital improvements, including safety and technology; issue general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years in the amount of \$259,500,000; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 25 2006-07.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District seeks approval to sell \$259,500,000 in bonds to finance the replacement of Firgrove, Northwood and Spinning Elementary Schools with new schools; construct an additional elementary school; expand Emerald Ridge and Puyallup High Schools; upgrade Ferrucci Jr. High and Sunrise, Wildwood and Hunt Elementary Schools; improve Sparks Stadium; and construct other capital improvements, including safety and technology improvements throughout the District.

Statement For:

Puyallup School District's 2007 bond measure represents good planning and value.

Reflecting the quality of its schools, the District continues to grow by more than 300 students per year. The 2004 bond paid for building three new schools, but these will be full by the time they open in fall 2007. We must pass this bond to keep pace with enrollment growth and stay the course with building additional schools. We cannot afford to fall behind again.

This bond is an excellent value. It will raise \$259.5 million at a cost of only 29 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value -- less than one third of the 89 cent cost of the 2004 Bond, which raised \$198.5 million, and only one fifth of the \$1.40 cost of the 1991 bond, which raised just \$49.8 million.

Support good planning and responsible fiscal management by voting yes on this bond measure.

*Committee Members: Paul Cheek, David Maxwell and Therese Pasquier
Citizens' Committee for Education*

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a "Statement Against".

*For information, contact the
Pierce County Auditor's Office at (253) 798-7430.*

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Sumner School District No. 320

BONDS FOR LAND, MODERNIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 7/06-07 concerning a proposition to purchase land and modernize and reconstruct schools. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to purchase land for future school sites; modernize Sumner High School, modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School; reconstruct and modernize Lakeridge Middle School; issue up to \$114,406,211 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annually excess property taxes on all taxable property within the District to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 7/06-07.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize Sumner School District to issue \$114,406,211 of general obligation bonds to reconstruct and modernize Lakeridge Middle School, modernize Sumner High School, modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School, and purchase land for future school sites. Significant enrollment growth, the existing condition of school facilities and the desire to improve and support the delivery of academic and instructional programs necessitate these improvements. The District anticipates receiving approximately \$31,156,297 in State of Washington construction matching money to complete the improvements.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The District estimates the tax rate to repay the bonds will be approximately \$2.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2007. The tax rate declines over the life of the bonds.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor (253) 798-2169.

Statement For:

Whether you have kids in public school or not, our communities benefit when students receive the best education we can give them.

Our schools need modernized facilities, updated technology and improved safety features. By voting **yes**, we can build and improve our schools as recommended by a citizens' committee. **And, school tax rates will not increase.**

Lower tax rates

The overall bond rate is \$2.10 per \$1,000. That's lower than the current rate and lower than neighboring districts.

The state will invest \$31 million in our schools, but only when you **vote yes**. If the measure fails, these dollars go to other communities.

Soaring academic achievement

Test scores are at an all-time high. Compared to other districts, our students are at the top. It is important we provide quality facilities and technology to enhance our kids' future success.

Committee Members: Mark Evers, April Evers and Linda Brenner. Citizens for Education Committee

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Don't believe misinformation from someone who doesn't understand the facts.

Concerned parents want aging schools brought up to current fire and earthquake codes. These schools are 41 years old on average. Our kids deserve a safe place to learn!

Get the Facts

According to State officials, the district is eligible for \$31 million. Matching funds from the new high school helped improve Sumner High and Emerald Hills, not the Administration Building.

Vote Yes for Kids

Committee Members: Mark Evers, April Evers and Linda Brenner. Citizens for Education Committee

Statement Against:

We Voted Last Year a 50% Increase for Schools.

This was done under the threats to parents and students that sports and busing would be cut. When they got the money they still made cuts. Don't be manipulated. Voting for this Bond will not bring \$31 million from the State.

How Much Money is Hidden Now?

Voters were asked to pay 100% of the \$44,000,000 to build the high school. After we voted yes, magically \$4,500,000 appeared for a new Administration Building. Why wasn't the money used for schools? They knew you'd pay for a new school but not an over priced building for administrators.

First a Deep Cut in Administration is Needed!

The administration hasn't made some of the proposed improvements knowing that your child's discomfort is their ticket to more money. Isn't it interesting that the administrators enjoy all the comforts, when your children do without. Vote **No!** brianbernecker@hotmail.com

Committee Member: Brian Bernecker

Rebuttal of Statement For:

More Money Doesn't Mean Better Education

National test results show states that spend the least per student have the highest test scores. 70% of our 8th grade students didn't pass state testing, 7th grade math scores dropped by 30% and reading by 22%. If this is "Soaring" then worms can fly!

They deceive again! This bond increases the tax dollars you pay.

Generate the money from deep cuts in administration overhead not from increased taxes. Vote cuts in administration! Vote No!

Committee Member: Brian Bernecker