



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. 85 2006-07 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to its facilities district wide. This proposition would authorize the replacement of Firgrove, Northwood and Spinning Elementary Schools; building an additional elementary school; expanding Emerald Ridge and Puyallup High Schools; upgrading Ferrucci Jr. High, Sunrise, Wildwood, and Hunt Elementary Schools; improving Sparks Stadium; constructing other capital improvements, including safety and technology district wide; issuing general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years in the amount of \$259,500,000; and levying annual excess property taxes to pay such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 85 2006-07.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

**Statement For:**

Successful students and strong communities need excellent schools. Support this bond measure to ensure excellent schools in Puyallup.

Puyallup District continues to grow by 300 students per year, enough for a new school every two years. At the same time, existing schools need critical repairs and renovations. Students cannot reach 21st century science standards without adequate science classrooms. Students cannot prepare for success in the modern world without modern technology. Student safety cannot be assured without appropriate building maintenance.

This bond represents good value and good planning. It will allow the district to address problems before the solutions are long overdue. Failure to pass it will only cost citizens more in the long run.

Invest in the future of our children and community by voting **Yes** for Puyallup School District's bond. No other tax has such far-reaching potential to impact our society at the local, county, state, and national levels.

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

**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 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-VOTE (8683).*



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## Submitted by Sumner School District No. 320

### BONDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION, LAND AND MODERNIZATION



#### Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 9/06-07 concerning a proposition to finance reconstruction, land and modernization. This proposition would authorize the District to reconstruct and modernize Lakeridge Middle School, acquire land for future school sites, modernize Sumner High School, and modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School; issue no more than \$114,406,211 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annually excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 9/06-07.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

#### Statement For:

##### Neglecting our schools carries a high price.

This bond measure received overwhelming support in February, but failed to meet the required supermajority by less than 2%.

##### Two things haven't changed:

There is still an urgent need to renovate and modernize our schools. The cost of land and construction will only increase.

##### We cannot continue to use classroom dollars for repair and maintenance of our aging schools.

The average age of schools on the project list is 42 years old. We expect them to last much longer. Over half of our kids attend schools needing extensive modernization or replacement.

##### These schools don't make the grade.

They are poorly ventilated, don't meet current building code and do not have adequate plumbing and lighting.

##### The cost of repairing and upgrading schools is high; the cost of not acting is higher.

Please join us in supporting public schools by voting **Yes!**

Make a difference.

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

#### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The "no committee" asserts a 50% increase in taxes and 25% administration costs. Both claims are false.

School taxes actually went down - and your tax statement proves it. We are paying \$120 **less** in school taxes, because of commercial growth in our community despite an increase in the assessed value of our homes.

District administration costs are 7% and reflect reductions made last year.

We vote **Yes** for schools. It's the right thing for kids.

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

#### 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, acquire land for future school sites, modernize Sumner High School, and modernize Victor Falls, Bonney Lake and Maple Lawn Elementary Schools and Sumner Middle School. 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 all bonds will be approximately \$1.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2008.

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 Against:

##### Deep Cuts in the 25% Administration Costs Can Pay For Schools!

The administration hasn't made 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.

##### 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.

##### 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 assure \$31 million from the State.

##### The Tax Rate Goes Down but Your Taxes Go Up

Do not be deceived by their charts or numbers. **The taxes you pay increase as your property values increase.** Vote Cuts in Administration! Vote **No!** brianbernecker@hotmail.com

*Committee Member: Brian Bernecker*

#### Rebuttal of Statement For:

##### Cut Administrative Overhead to 10% and We Will Have the Money

Our teachers are under paid and our schools need repair while administrators enjoy a plush new building and spend our budget. If we continue to bankroll the administrators they won't cut administrative overhead. They know by **neglecting our children** they can manipulate you to vote for more money.

##### Are You Going To Be Sold?

Donald Eismann said, it doesn't matter how much money is requested, **"It will all be about selling it to the public"**. Vote cuts in administration! Vote No!

*Committee Member: Brian Bernecker*