

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Peninsula School District No. 401
REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 04-16 concerning educational funding. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to replace an expiring maintenance and operations levy by levying annually, beginning in 2005, without regard to the dollar and percentage limitations in ch. 84.52 RCW, an excess property tax on all taxable property within the District of:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2006	\$2.25	\$14,432,134
2007	\$2.17	\$14,529,914
2008	\$2.17	\$14,939,450
2009	\$2.17	\$15,361,089

all as provided in Resolution No. 04-16. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

The Peninsula School District is requesting renewal of local support for the Maintenance and Operation Levy which expires in 2005. The amount requested is \$14,432,134 for collection in 2006; \$14,529,914 for collection in 2007; \$14,939,450 for collection in 2008; and \$15,361,089 for collection in 2009. The estimated cost per \$1,000 of assessed value is \$2.25 for 2006; \$2.17 for 2007; \$2.17 for 2008; and \$2.17 for 2009.

The District developed its commitment to educational excellence in its Strategic Plan, adopted in 2001. This replacement levy proposal is based upon goals which were established through widespread community participation. Approval of the requested levy will continue to fund the teaching and non-certificated positions and instructional programs supported by the expiring levy. Curriculum improvement, classroom instructional materials and increased funding for classroom support are included in this request. Additionally, facility maintenance and repairs will be continued, as will the replacement of school buses.

Local levy funding supports educational, maintenance, facility and equipment replacement programs not adequately funded by the State. This Maintenance and Operations levy will provide approximately 19% of the District's operating budget.

Statement For:

Peninsula Schools need and deserve your support on February 8th. The three year levy approved by voters in 2002 expires this year and needs to be renewed. It provides approximately 19% of funding necessary to maintain quality education in Peninsula Schools.

Your **yes** vote will enable Peninsula Schools to continue increased security in all of our buildings, fund 34 certificated teachers, provide health technicians and custodians in all schools, replace our aging bus fleet with safe and reliable equipment, and continue necessary maintenance and repair of our school buildings and grounds.

Great communities support great schools! Your **yes** vote will help ensure safe, quality education and prepare our children for the future. Your **yes** vote will support our community's priorities: Safety, student learning, and community partnerships.

Your **yes** vote counts. Make it count for our schools.

Please vote **yes** on February 8th.

*Committee Members Include: Jill A.S. Johnson and Jill Guernsey,
Citizens for Peninsula Schools*

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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for citizens and/or committees opposing measures
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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
 Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408
 BONDS FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - \$32,650,000

Special Election - Proposition No. 2
 Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408
 TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY



Official Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1054 concerning the construction of two new elementary schools. This proposition authorizes the District to make capital improvements that includes the construction and equipping of two new elementary schools, to issue \$32,650,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, all as described with additional details in District Resolution No. 1054. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$32,650,000 of bonds by Auburn School District No. 408 (the “District”) to provide funding for constructing and equipping two new elementary schools, and planning for construction and equipping of new school facilities. In accordance with Resolution No. 1054 approving this proposition, the bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to average approximately \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

Official Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1055 concerning a technology levy. This proposition authorizes acquiring technology and equipment, including classroom computers; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2006	\$0.14	\$950,000
2007	\$0.27	\$1,900,000
2008	\$0.34	\$2,500,000
2009	\$0.37	\$2,750,000
2010	\$0.26	\$2,000,000
2011	\$0.24	\$1,900,000

all as provided in District Resolution No. 1055. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$12,000,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 (the “District”) for collection in the school years from 2005-2006 through 2011-2012. In accordance with Resolution No. 1055 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District’s Capital Projects Fund to pay part of the cost of modernizing, improving and expanding its technology facilities. Improvements include acquisition and installation of technology systems, including computers, and implementation support. If authorized by the voters, property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006, \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2007, \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2008, \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2009, \$0.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010 and \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011.

Statement For:

Based on two decades of citizens’ recommendations, Auburn School District has had a long-term commitment to providing schools to house our growing student population in order to support quality education for our kids. This proposition will support present and future growth by constructing two new elementary schools. Schools will be built on property already owned by the district and will ease overcrowding in the south and northeast parts of the district.

The new elementary schools will ensure the continuation of quality educational programs within a safe school environment. These new schools will allow the district to continue to meet the challenges of growth and do so without increasing the school tax rate.

Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson and Anne Baunach, Auburn Citizens for Schools

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Statement For:

Increasing student access to technology at all grade levels (K-12) is vital to the success of students in school and for their future. This proposition replaces a previous levy and will continue to provide the necessary resources for the implementation of technology in teaching, learning and management of the district. It is vital for all of our students, to have access to current technology so they are prepared for their future and the expectations of our businesses and community. The district’s plans will implement the recommendations from the citizen’s ad hoc committee and will keep a level tax rate.

Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson and Anne Baunach, Auburn Citizens for Schools

Statement Against:

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