

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. 02-26-04-21 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 Yelm Community Schools district for the district's general fund:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.42	\$5,214,800
2006	\$3.42	\$5,579,800
2007	\$3.42	\$5,970,400
2008	\$3.42	\$6,388,300

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 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008. The taxes collected under this proposition would mean \$3.42 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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 inservice training are examples of costs supported by levy dollars.

Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Yelm Schools deserves your support on April 27th for the maintenance and operations **replacement** levy. The levy rate (\$3.42 per \$1000) is the **same rate that was passed in 2002**. The four-year duration will provide for financial stability and maintain our tax rates through 2008. **It will also save the district at least \$30,000 in election costs over the four-year period.**

Our district is doing a great job educating our kids. Test scores are rising, attendance rates are up, high school dropout numbers are down, and our effort to align our curriculum and teaching strategies with the state standards is well underway. School safety and student discipline continue to be high priorities for our district. The community cares about Yelm's kids!

Keep our schools strong by voting **"yes"** for Yelm Schools on April 27th.

Committee Members Include: Glenn Blando, Glen Cunningham

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Clover Park School District No. 400
SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM LEVIES



Official Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 04-076 concerning a proposition for partial financing of the District’s educational programs. This proposition to replace the existing levy and meet the educational needs of students would authorize the levy of the following excess taxes for the District’s General Fund upon all taxable property in the district to pay a portion of the District’s operation and maintenance expenses:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.85	\$15,550,000
2006	\$3.85	\$16,290,000
2007	\$3.85	\$17,020,000
2008	\$3.85	\$17,980,000

Explanatory Statement: Clover Park School District is requesting voters to approve Proposition 1 to replace the existing educational levy which will expire at the end of this calendar year. Proposition 1 authorizes a series of four one-year levies to pay for approximately 13% of the general fund operations of the school district. The levies would pay for existing programs throughout the District that are not fully funded by the state and are deemed to be essential by the School Board. The levies will allow Clover Park School District to continue its focus on improved student achievement. Specifically, the levies would pay a portion of the funds needed to employ teachers, counselors, nurses and health aides and to pay for classroom supplies, textbooks, transportation and safety/security programs. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2005 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This tax rate is expected to remain the same during the four-year period.

as specified in Resolution No. 04-076. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Clover Park Schools depend on School Educational Program levies to provide for the educational needs of children.

Levy dollars are used to hire teachers to maintain class sizes, to pay for nurses, health clerks and staff to ensure that our schools are safe. Levy dollars buy classroom computers, textbooks, supplies and materials. They provide maintenance and upkeep for 26 schools.

This is not a new tax. The current levy will end in December. This levy replaces it, and will allow schools to continue educational services for children at their current levels.

Clover Park School District taxpayers have the lowest tax rate in Pierce County. Voting in favor of this levy will not change that; you will have the lowest tax rate. Levy tax dollars will stay in Lakewood so that our local schools can provide a quality education for our children. Your yes vote is urgently needed.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Committee Members Include: Elli Falk, Connie Coleman-Lacadie, James Hairston

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Eatonville School District No. 404
SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES



Official Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 481 concerning a proposition for partial financing of the District's educational programs. This proposition to replace the existing levy and meet the educational needs of students would authorize the levy of the following excess taxes for the District's General Fund upon all taxable property in the District to pay a portion of the District's maintenance and operation expenses:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.44	\$2,752,000
2006	\$3.44	\$2,835,000
2007	\$3.44	\$2,920,000
2008	\$3.44	\$3,007,000

Explanatory Statement: Eatonville School District is requesting voters to approve Proposition 1, a series of four one-year maintenance and operation levies for the District's general fund to replace the existing levy that will expire at the end of this calendar year. This proposition authorizes the collection of taxes to pay for existing programs that are not fully funded by the state and are deemed to be essential by the school board. Specifically, about 68% of the levy dollars would pay a portion of the funds needed to the District's instructional program including continuation of reduced class size, textbooks, field trips and other instructional materials as well as the purchase of classroom equipment and technology. Approximately 13% of levy funds would be spent for the maintenance of schools and other facilities including roof and safety/security improvements. Finally, 16% of levy funds would be devoted to student activities and athletics and 3% would be spent to continue enhanced student school-to-home transportation. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2005 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

as specified in Resolution No. 481. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

The Eatonville School District has been the heart and soul of our community for over 80 years. Unfortunately, the State of Washington does not fully fund public education. In order to maintain the quality of education we have come to expect from Eatonville Schools, we must pass the 2005-2008 Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy.

This Is Not A New Tax.

The current levy will expire in 2004. The 2005-2008 levy will maintain the daily operations of the schools. **Your yes vote** will maintain funding for additional teachers and classified staff to help keep class sizes small. **Your yes vote** will provide new technology and instructional materials. **Your yes vote** will fund athletics and after school activities.

What Will It Cost?

If your home or property is valued at \$150,000, about \$28.50 extra per year. \$2.38 per month!! Our kids are worth it!! **Vote Yes** for kids.

Committee Members Include: Kirk Heinz, Tim Patterson, Michael Powell, Citizens for Education Committee

Statement Against:

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