

**Special Election - Proposition No. 1**  
**Submitted by Pierce County**  
**On Behalf of the City of Sumner**  
**SOUTHEAST SUMNER ANNEXATION**



**Official Ballot Title:**

The City Council of the City of Sumner, Washington, adopted Ordinance No. 2027 concerning the proposed annexation of an area described as the Southeast Sumner Annexation. This proposition, if approved, would annex to the City of Sumner an irregularly shaped area of approximately 125.82 acres with approximate boundaries: Southern – 1,000 feet south from the intersection of State Route 410 and 166<sup>th</sup> Avenue East; Eastern – 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue East extended; Northern – 57<sup>th</sup> Street East extended; Western – Sumner City limits. Following annexation, the area would become subject to the City’s property tax levy and would be taxed to pay for currently existing City indebtedness. Should this annexation proposal be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:**

If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, the area known as “Southeast Sumner Annexation,” located in unincorporated Pierce County contiguous to the City of Sumner, would become part of the City of Sumner. All property within the annexation area would, upon annexation, be assessed and taxed on the same basis and at the same rate as property within the City of Sumner is assessed and taxed to pay for the then outstanding indebtedness of the City.

Proposition No. 1 will be authorized if a majority of at least three-fifths of all votes are cast in favor of the proposition, and the number of persons voting on the proposition is not less than forty percent of the total number of votes cast in the area at the last preceding general election. However, state law provides that the Sumner City Council may adopt a resolution accepting the annexation without assumption of indebtedness, if the combined ballot proposition is approved by a simple majority of the voters voting on the proposition.

**Statement For:**

No statement was submitted for this issue.

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**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Yelm Community Schools  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS - \$46,015,000



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 11-26-02-02 concerning a proposition to finance, construct and improve school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to modernize, expand and improve existing schools, including Yelm High School and McKenna Elementary School, construct and equip new schools, including a junior high school, and carry out other capital purposes; issue no more than \$46,015,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 11-26-02-02. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**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 the district to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than \$46,015,000 (or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness), to mature within 20 years. The principal and interest on the bonds will be collected annually from property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies in amounts sufficient to pay both principal and interest as they become due.

The funds collected by this bond will be used to modernize, expand, and improve existing schools (Yelm High School, Yelm Middle School, McKenna Elementary School, Prairie Elementary School, and Fort Stevens Elementary School) and to fund construction and equipment of a new junior high school and new Lacamas area elementary school, in addition to other capital purposes to enhance educational opportunities for students.

**Statement For:**

The greater Yelm area is growing rapidly. With frequent new businesses openings, numerous housing starts, and the ever-present traffic, everyone feels the pinch, including our schools. We have been adding students at the rate of just under 100 per year for the past 27 years!

We last approved a bond for Mill Pond Intermediate School in 1990 and have added over 1400 students since then. Yelm High School is seriously overcrowded. Originally the school was built to serve 700 kids and today we have almost double that number attending classes.

By passing this bond, we can modernize and expand McKenna Elementary and take care of our biggest overcrowding problem at the high school. We also will build a new junior high that will give us room to grow for the foreseeable future.

Help our kids by voting “Yes” for the Yelm School Construction and Modernization Bond.

*Committee Members Include: Glenn Blando, Glen Cunningham*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT BONDS - \$11,900,000



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 02-02-03, concerning a proposition to finance, construct and improve school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to replace Lake Tapps Elementary School by constructing and equipping a modern new school on the existing site, fund technology purchases District-wide, and carry out other capital purposes to enhance educational opportunities for students; issue no more than \$11,900,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 02-02-03. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:**

If approved by the voters, this Proposition would authorize Dieringer School District No. 343, Pierce County, Washington, to issue up to \$11,900,000 of general obligation bonds to pay costs of replacing Lake Tapps Elementary School by constructing and equipping a modern new school on the existing site. The bonds would also fund technology equipment purchases District-wide.

The School Board has found that there is an urgent need for the replacement of the existing Lake Tapps Elementary School because of the present condition of that facility and the institution of new educational programs for students. The District also needs new technology equipment throughout the District's existing facilities to improve educational opportunities for students.

Without voter authorization, there will be no funds to construct and equip a new Lake Tapps Elementary School or purchase new technology equipment to better serve students. The bonds would mature within 20 years after issuance and would be paid by annual property tax levies made throughout the District in excess of regular property taxes. Exemptions from taxes for the bonds may be available to homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, or disabled, and who meet income requirements set by state law.

**Statement For:**

**The systems at Lake Tapps Elementary are failing.** The roof constantly leaks. The plumbing has exceeded its useful life. The aging electrical system is insufficient to support the most basic needs. Constant repairs drain money earmarked for learning at *all* our schools. The problems are too great to fix.

**The school isn't safe.** Classrooms aren't linked by secure hallways. Each classroom door opens to the outside, placing students close to parking lots and the woods as they go about their daily routines.

**The school cannot support today's technology.** The 30-year-old electrical system is unable to support additional computers. Frequent system failures rob students of valuable learning time.

**This bond also seeks money for technology upgrades to keep students current in today's changing world.**

A citizens committee, the members of which are all parents familiar with construction, researched the problem extensively and *know* that LTES needs to be rebuilt. **Vote Yes.**

*Committee Members Include: Lauri McLeod, Sam Suznevich, Jim Barfoot*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Clover Park School District No. 400  
**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS**



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 03-11, concerning a proposition to finance and construct various capital improvements. As provided in the Resolution, the proposition would authorize the District to bring all schools into health, safety and security compliance, to acquire, construct and equip two new schools, to acquire and install technology equipment and improvements, incur debt and issue no more than \$98,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to pay the costs of such facilities and improvements, and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds. Shall this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:**

Clover Park School District is asking voters to approve Proposition 1 to authorize the financing and construction of various capital improvements in schools throughout the district pursuant to its Capital Facilities Plan which found that these improvements are needed to provide students with adequate and safe educational facilities. A vote for Proposition 1 will authorize the district to incur debt and to issue and sell bonds for no more than \$98.5 million to (a) bring all schools into safety, fire, and earthquake compliance, (b) acquire, construct and equip two new schools, (c) make improvements to existing school facilities, and (d) acquire and install capital technology equipment and improvements (including infrastructure improvements). The bond proceeds will be used to pay the capital costs of the project which includes such costs as constructing a new high school and middle school (including land acquisition), and carrying out life safety, telecommunication, educational, earthquake survivability improvements, technology and other capital improvements in schools throughout the district. The bonds will be paid from annual excess property taxes levied by the district, and will mature within twenty (20) years.

**Statement For:**

By voting **Yes** Lakewood voters can demonstrate their belief in children and the value they place on good schools. After three years of intense study by the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee, the Clover Park School Board is requesting approval of a school construction bond to rebuild and expand Lakes High School, build a fifth middle school, install a fiber optic network, and to make health, safety and security improvements.

The bond is necessary to accommodate student enrollment growth at the middle and high schools, as well as providing up-to-date and functional learning conditions. By installing a fiber optic network, students will have greater access to the world through the Internet.

Our children deserve healthy and safe schools. Improvements in fire and communication systems are crucial, as is earthquake proofing the schools. Improvements in accessibility for those with physical disabilities are a must.

**Please Vote Yes, Building Schools Is Everybody's Business!**

*Committee Members Include: James Hairston, Elli Falk, Denise Reagan*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
 Submitted by King County Rural Library District  
 LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS BONDS - \$158,000,000



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Trustees of King County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 2002-8, concerning a proposition to finance and undertake library capital projects. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire, construct, equip and furnish new library facilities, renovate, expand and upgrade existing library facilities, acquire new library materials and equipment and undertake other capital projects throughout the District, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$158,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2002-8. Shall this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:**

King County Rural Library District is asking voters to approve Proposition 1 to authorize the financing and construction, renovation, equipping and other capital improvement projects needed in libraries throughout the district over the next ten years.

A vote for Proposition 1 will authorize the district to incur debt and to issue and sell bonds for no more than \$158 million to (a) acquire, construct, equip and furnish new library facilities, (b) renovate, expand and upgrade existing library facilities, (c) acquire new library materials and equipment, and (d) undertake other capital projects.

The bond proceeds will be used to pay the capital costs of the projects, which include such costs as constructing new libraries, renovating and expanding existing libraries and acquiring new equipment and library materials, including new technology equipment. The projects will occur in libraries throughout the district over the next ten years. The bonds will be paid from annual excess property taxes levied by the district, and will mature within twenty (20) years.

Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
 Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408  
 NEW HIGH SCHOOL BONDS - \$54,000,000



**Official Ballot Title:**

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1020 concerning the construction of a new high school. This proposition authorizes the District to make capital improvements that includes the construction and equipping of a new high school, to issue \$54,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy additional property taxes annually to repay the bonds, all as described with additional details in District Resolution No. 1020. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$54,000,000 of bonds by Auburn School District No. 408 (the "District") to provide funding for constructing and equipping a new high school, acquiring future school sites, and planning for construction and equipping of new school facilities. 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 \$0.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

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