

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. 02-36, 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 safety, fire, and earthquake compliance, construct and equip three new schools, acquire sites, make improvements to existing school facilities, and expand technology infrastructure, incur debt and issue no more than \$120,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 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 of the district 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 \$120 million to (a) bring all schools into safety, fire, and earthquake compliance, (b) construct and equip three new schools, (c) acquire sites for new and expanded facilities, (d) make improvements to existing school facilities, and (e) expand technology infrastructure. The bond proceeds will be used to pay the capital costs of the project which includes such costs as constructing a new high school, middle school and alternative school, acquiring land for new and expanded facilities, and carrying out life safety, telecommunication, educational, earthquake survivability improvements, energy, playground, athletic field, 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 five (25) years.

Statement For:

With a **Yes** vote on **Tuesday, March 12**, Lakewood voters can update and rebuild our schools. Our facilities average 45 years old and they are in desperate need of attention. A two year study by 15 **community** members has recommended both short and long term goals.

The bond proposition includes the rebuilding of Lakes High School and our alternative education facility. In addition, our middle school overcrowding will be addressed by purchasing property and building a new school. The bond will also provide for the necessary technology infrastructures for a fiber optic system, linking the schools.

Safe learning environments are a priority in our community. However, we need increased funds to bring our schools up to current safety and technological standards. Well maintained facilities protect our home and property values as well.

Detailed information is available on the website at www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us

Please vote **Yes** because **Strong schools = Strong community**.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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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.*

Committee Members Include: Barbara Clift, Elli Falk, Joe Vlaming

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Peninsula School District No. 401
SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 02-01 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for the District's General Fund to pay maintenance and operation expenses in accordance with the District's Strategic Plan and to replace school buses:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2003	\$2.34	\$12,227,042
2004	\$2.33	\$12,654,989
2005	\$2.34	\$13,224,463

as specified in Resolution No. 02-01. Shall this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

Peninsula Schools need and deserve your support on March 12th. The three year levy approved by voters in 1999 expires this year and needs to be renewed. It provides approximately 18% of funding to maintain quality education and local control **with the lowest levy rate in Pierce County.**

Your **yes** vote will enable Peninsula Schools to increase security in all our buildings, fund 38 teaching positions, provide health technicians at all schools, continue replacement of our aging bus fleet with new, safe, reliable equipment, improve much needed maintenance and repair of school buildings and grounds, and maintain custodial positions.

Levy funds support our community's priorities: Safety, student learning, facility maintenance and community partnerships.

Your **yes** vote helps assure safe, quality education, preparing our children for the future and enhancing our quality of life.

Your vote counts. Make it count for our schools. Make it count for our kids.

Vote yes.

Committee Members Include: Barbara Trotter, Jill Johnson, Tom Huff

Explanatory Statement:

The Peninsula School District is requesting renewal of local support for the Maintenance and Operation Levy which expires in 2002. The amount requested is \$12,227,042 for collection in 2003; \$12,654,989 for collection in 2004; and \$13,224,463 for collection in 2005. The estimated cost per \$1,000 of assessed value is \$2.34 for 2003; \$2.33 for 2004; and \$2.34 for 2005.

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 wide-spread 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 18% of the District's operating budget. The remaining fund sources for District operations are state (72%), federal (5%), and local fees, foundation grants, etc. (5%).

Statement Against:

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