

Special Election – February 12, 2013

Don't wait to mail your ballot!

Your ballot must be postmarked by **February 12, 2013** to be counted. If you mail your ballot on Election Day, check the mail pick-up time to ensure it will be postmarked on time.

You can drop off your ballot (postage free) at a drop box anytime after you've voted it.

Ballot Drop Boxes: Open January 11th - February 12th

Browns Point/

Northeast Tacoma
NE Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

South Hill Library
15420 Meridian E
Puyallup, WA 98375

Tacoma

Kandle Park
Police Substation
5140 N 26th St
Tacoma, WA 98407

Pierce County Annex
2401 S 35th St
Tacoma, WA 98409

Pierce County
Community Connections
S 36th and Pacific Ave
Tacoma, WA 98418

Tacoma Dome Park and Ride
610 Puyallup Ave E
Tacoma, WA 98421

County-City Building
930 Tacoma Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98402
(Outside 2nd Floor Entrance)

Edgewood

Edgewood City Hall
2224 104th Ave E
Edgewood, WA 98372

72nd Street Transit Center
1319 E 72nd St
Tacoma, WA 98404

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
6315 S 19th St
Tacoma, WA 98466

University Place

University Place
Fire Department
3631 Drexler Dr W
University Place, WA 98466

Puyallup

Puyallup Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

All drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on February 12, 2013.

Voting Centers: Open February 12th, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Pierce County Election Center

2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Puyallup Library

324 S Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)

6315 S 19th St
Tacoma, WA 98466

Services available:

- *Ballot drop off.*
- *Provisional ballots.*
- *Voting assistance from Election staff.*
- *Accessible voting using touch screen equipment.*
- *Voter registration.*

**If you want to vote on the accessible
voting equipment, don't return your ballot.**

Bring photo ID.

Need to register to vote?

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

- Online -
piercecountyelections.org
- In person -
Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail -
Call to request a mail-in form.

Registration Deadline:

It's not too late to register **in person**
for the February Election.

In person deadline is **February 4, 2013.**
New Washington voters only.

Questions?

Need a replacement ballot?

Pierce County Elections
piercecountyelections.org
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
253-798-VOTE (8683) or
800-446-4979

**2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409**





Puyallup School District No. 3 - Proposition No. 1 Capital Improvement and School Construction General Obligation Bonds

\$279,600,000

Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 148 2011-12 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to its education facilities. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to replace Firgrove and Sunrise elementary; construct a southwest-area elementary; expand/remodel Pope, Northwood, Spinning and Waller Road elementary and Rogers, Emerald Ridge and Puyallup high; construct fields at Edgemont and Ballou junior and Rogers and Puyallup high; acquire student computers, District-wide technology and other capital improvements; issue \$279,600,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes for paying bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 148 2011-12. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval to sell \$279,600,000 in bonds to finance: (a) the remodel and addition at Puyallup High School for classrooms, science labs, and a practice field; (b) the remodel and addition at Rogers High School for classroom, practice gym, stage storage, and field improvements; (c) the remodel and an addition to Emerald Ridge High School for classrooms and science labs; (d) the replacement of Firgrove and Sunrise elementary schools; (e) the expansion and remodel of Pope Elementary School; (f) the construction of a new elementary school in the southwest area of the District; (g) repairs and improvements at Northwood, Waller Road, and Spinning elementary schools; (h) repair projects to selected facilities district-wide; (i) Special Education renovations and improvements; (j) the relocation of the Edgemont Junior High School track and field; (k) modifications to bring all classrooms to equitable District technology standards; (l) the purchase of student computers and the implementation of remote computing for students; and (m) improvement of wireless network capacity to support student and staff devices.

Statement For:

Replace, Expand and Renovate Aging Schools

Puyallup School District is the ninth largest school district in Washington. Schools are overcrowded and growth is projected to continue over the next 12 years, especially at the elementary and high school levels. Over 4,000 students attend classes in portable classrooms.

Replace, Expand and Renovate Aging Schools

It has been nine years since the voters have approved a bond. This Bond Measure will provide essential replacements, expansions, improvements and renovations to keep aging schools maintained for student use.

Good Stewards of your tax dollars

The District has earned 10 consecutive years of perfect audits. In 2012, \$23.2 million in property tax savings were realized by refinancing bonds at historically low interest rates. This measure, if approved would increase the tax for the average homeowner by approximately \$15 per month. The 2004 bond projects were completed on time and on budget. Now is an opportune time to build because bond interest rates and construction costs are low, which saves tax dollars.

Vote Yes

Committee Member: Greg Heath, voteyespuallup@gmail.com, voteyespuallup.com, Citizens Committee for Education

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The need for immediate action on this bond issue is absolutely clear. Over 4,000 children attend Puyallup schools daily in portable classrooms (highest percentage in the state). The Washington State Auditor has issued an official recommendation that Puyallup School District take action to remedy this situation. In 2012, the District refinanced existing debt resulting in over \$23.2 million in tax savings to our residents showing continued excellent stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

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Statement Against:

The property tax rate for the Puyallup School District currently stands at 40.5% of your total property tax bill. This bond package will increase that rate to 44.5%. If the state legislature follows through with the State Supreme Court mandate to fully fund education by asking for a property tax increase, Puyallup residents will face unaffordable property taxes.

Much of the district's bond request hinges upon a 'projected' student enrollment increase. It is already a given, that the district expects a 230 student decline in the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. That current and expected decline in students should be a harbinger of caution when it comes to large financial outlays for building new schools.

There is no immediate need for passage of this bond issue, while the McCleary mandate awaits legislative action. Interest rates will remain low. What we can't afford right now, are higher property taxes. Vote "No".

Committee Member: Andy Asmussen, aasmussen2@juno.com
Puyallup Voters Against Higher Taxes

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Interest rates will continue to remain low. The construction market remains, and likely will continue weak. These are not supportive reasons for immediacy on this capital bond issue. School bonds live in perpetuity. Property owners never pay them off, and are always asked to pay for more. Until the state begins legislation for a plan to comply with the Supreme Court McCleary mandate, I strongly urge all Puyallup School District voters to vote "No."

Committee Member: Andy Asmussen, aasmussen2@juno.com
Puyallup Voters Against Higher Taxes