

Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3

Proposition No. 1
REPLACEMENT OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

Official Ballot Title: To replace an expiring maintenance and operation levy, shall Puyallup School District No. 3 levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District:

Levy Collection		Approximate Levy Rate	Levy
Year	Year	Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Amount
2000	2001	\$3.68	\$21,300,000
2001	2002	\$3.63	\$22,300,000

as specified in Resolution No. 88-1999-00?

Explanatory Statement: Puyallup School District No. 3 (the "District") seeks voter approval of a replacement maintenance and operation levy that will be collected over two years, commencing in 2001. The replacement maintenance and operation levy will pay a portion of the costs of the District's maintenance and operation expenses such as textbooks, utilities, insurance, safety, classroom materials, student activities, and salaries.

The replacement maintenance and operation levy will impose an excess property tax levy of approximately \$3.68 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide an aggregate amount of \$21,300,000 be levied in 2000 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2001, and an excess tax of approximately \$3.63 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide an aggregate amount of \$22,300,000 be levied in 2001 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2002. The District will use replacement maintenance and operation levy proceeds during the 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years. The replacement maintenance and operation levy will replace the District's current maintenance and operation levy that expires in the year 2000.

Statement For:**A Very Important Message to Voters and Parents of Students Attending Puyallup Schools**

The Puyallup School District is submitting a Maintenance & Operations and Transportation levy to voters on March 14, 2000. **We know you care deeply** about your child's education and with help from voters like you, our schools will be positively impacted by the passage of this important school election.

Proposition 1 is a proposed two-year replacement Maintenance & Operations Levy to be collected in 2001 and in 2002. If approved, the Maintenance and Operations Levy will **replace the existing levy that expires in December 2000. It will not be an additional tax on top of what is currently being collected.**

Statement prepared by : Ron Lewis and Sally Knab, Citizens Committee for Education

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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**Proposition No. 2
TWO-YEAR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE LEVY**

Official Ballot Title: Shall Puyallup School District No. 3 be authorized to impose the following excess tax levies:

<u>Levy</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed</u>	<u>Levy</u>
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<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2000	2001	\$0.17	\$925,000
2001	2002	\$0.17	\$925,000

upon all taxable property within the District to pay the costs of acquiring pupil transportation vehicles, as specified in Resolution No. 60-1999-00?

Explanatory Statement: Puyallup School District No. 3 (the "District") seeks voter approval of a pupil transportation vehicle levy that will be collected over two years, commencing in 2001. The pupil transportation vehicle levy will pay a portion of the costs of the District's acquiring pupil transportation vehicles, for replacement of older vehicles to meet current federal safety standards and to add other vehicles to accommodate enrollment growth.

The pupil transportation vehicle levy will impose an excess property tax levy of approximately \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide an aggregate amount of \$925,000 be levied in 2000 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2001, and an excess tax of approximately \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide an aggregate amount of \$925,000 be levied in 2001 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2002.

Statement For:

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Proposition 2 is a proposed two-year levy for \$1.85 million to replace 19 pre-1977 buses. This revenue will allow the District to replace old buses that have more than 400,000 miles. The levy will also allow the District to purchase ten additional buses to transport a growing student population.

Statement prepared by : Ron Lewis and Sally Knab, Citizens Committee for Education

Statement Against:

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Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19

**Proposition No. 1
SCHOOL OPERATIONS LEVY**

Official Ballot Title: To meet the educational needs of students in Carbonado Historical School District No. 19, shall the District levy the following taxes, in addition to regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$4.38	\$375,000
2002	\$4.43	\$395,000

all as provided in District Resolution # 06-99 ?

Explanatory Statement: Carbonado Historical School District No. 19 is requesting local support for an operations and maintenance levy, in place of an expiring levy. The levy would collect \$375,000 in 2001, at an estimated rate of \$4.38 per thousand dollars of assessed value, and \$395,000 in 2002, at an estimated rate of \$4.43 per thousand dollars of assessed value. These provisions for the levy are set forth in Resolution No. 06-99 of the District.

The operations and maintenance levy provides approximately 28% of the District's operating budget. These local dollars support educational programs not fully funded by the State, including lower class sizes, textbooks, classroom supplies, utilities, insurance, technology, safety, maintenance and operation costs.

Statement For:

The quality of a school district is one of the most important measures of a communities' overall health. Although the State of Washington funds basic education, the operation and maintenance levy picks up costs that are underfunded by the State such as additional teachers to give each grade a separate class and a separate teacher, plus a special services teacher and a technology teacher. The levy provides additional classified workers (custodian, maintenance, secretary, bus driver, and four classroom aides) which are vital to the efficient running of the District's operations.

The levy also supports student learning materials, supplies, books, instructional technology materials, computer equipment, field trips, music programs, sports, transportation, maintenance and upkeep.

This is not a new tax but replaces the existing maintenance and operations levy that expires in December, 2000. This levy is presented to the voters every two years for renewal.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school and have never defeated an operation and maintenance levy. Supporting this levy will keep our investment working for us.

Statement prepared by : Brenda Streepy and Dailene Argo

Statement Against: No statement was submitted against this issue.

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**Proposition No. 2
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$1,500,000**

Official Ballot Title: For paying part of the cost of constructing new high school facilities within White River School District No. 416 that serve Carbonado students, shall, Carbonado School District issue \$1,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years and shall annual property tax levies in excess of regular tax levies be authorized to pay principal and interest on such bonds, all as provided in District Resolution # 07-99 ?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow Carbonado

Historical School District No. 19 to issue \$1,500,000 of its general obligation bonds to pay part of the cost of building new high school facilities in White River School District No. 416. The White River School District provides high school facilities for students from Carbonado School District. The District's plan for this project is described in Resolution No. 07-99 of the District.

The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period not to exceed 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies to repay the bonds would depend on the term of the bonds, the amount of principal paid each year and the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold. The District expects to repay the bonds over 15 years, at a levy rate averaging approximately \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Statement For:

Citizens in Carbonado are being asked to band together to support a new high school for our students. Because Carbonado School District has designated White River as its serving high school, it is responsible for a percentage of the cost to help build the new high school. New housing developments have put a heavy burden on school facilities.

Using the criteria established by School Law, both districts spent considerable time in developing a fair and equitable plan. It was agreed that Carbonado will contribute about four percent or \$1,500,000, towards the new high school. This will increase your taxes approximately \$.38 per \$1000 of assessed value. For a house valued at \$100,000, the increase would be \$38 per year.

In today's competitive world, education makes the difference for people entering the work force. We can't afford to let our investment go to waste. Supporting this issue will ensure that our students will attend high school in White River in a new, safe facility and Carbonado Historical School District will continue to offer educational opportunities for our children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

Statement prepared by : Brenda Streepy and Dailene Argo

Statement Against: No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Submitted by Sumner School District No. 320

Proposition No. 1

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND STADIUM IMPROVEMENT BONDS - \$44,000,000

Official Ballot Title: Shall Sumner School District No. 320 issue no more than \$44,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, to construct, equip and furnish a new high school, and upgrade, modernize and improve the athletic stadium located at Sumner High School, and levy excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds as provided in Resolution No. 9/99-2000?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, this proposition would authorize Sumner School District to issue up to \$44,000,000 of general obligation bonds to construct, equip and furnish a new high school and upgrade, modernize and improve the stadium at Sumner High School.

The new high school would be located at Bonney Lake and relieve severe overcrowding at Sumner High School. Both schools would serve grades 9-12 and provide facilities including athletic fields for school and community use. A broad-based planning committee appointed by the Sumner School Board would make recommendations regarding educational programs and design for the new facilities. Without voter authorization, there will be no funds to pay for the new high school at Bonney Lake and other improvements.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and be paid by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property taxes throughout Sumner School District, not exceeding 65 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$65 per year for a \$100,000 house.

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:

Sumner High School isn't much different than the highways and freeways in our area - overcrowded. But while traffic problems will most likely continue, you can help reduce the congestion at Sumner School District's only high school. As parents and taxpayers, we believe the reasons for supporting the new high school bond measure now before you are compelling:

A new high school will help reduce overcrowding.

More than 1,600 students crowd the hallways and classrooms of Sumner High School, a building originally built to house a maximum of 1,200 kids.

A new high school will increase student safety.

Maintaining a safe campus for students is much easier when there isn't overcrowding.

A new high school will eliminate the need for double-shifting.

Without a new high school, the school district will be forced to consider alternative schedules to manage the shortage of classrooms and facilities.

Help us to continue to make our community and our schools a great place to live and work. We urge you to vote "yes" for the new high school bond measure.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Don't be manipulated into **increasing the taxes you will pay for the next 20 years by more than 115%** by threats such as double-shifting (alternate schedules). This school should be funded with the taxes we already pay. The state is constitutionally required to fund schools 100%. Instead we are being asked to fully fund this new school while the \$10,000,000.00 the state is supplying is being pocketed by the school district for other things.

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Statement Against:**Education Should Be The First Thing Our Government Funds**

The state has a **\$44,000,000,000.00** bi-annual budget. It's wrong to fund projects that are less important to society before schools get the money they need. It's wrong to only partially fund schools and then go to the voters for more money in the form of a bond levy. This is intentional, knowing the only way to **get people to vote to pay higher taxes** is to **not** fund the items that are most important to society.

Do you really like being manipulated that way? If not, Vote No!!!

Education Should Be Fully Funded From The Taxes We Already Pay

The district budget last year was **\$47,000,000.00** . After paying the base salaries for teachers, this leaves about \$30,000,000.00/year for the district. The new school should be paid for from the budget.

You Should Not Be Manipulated Into Paying Higher Taxes

Tell the Government they already take enough of your money. Tell them to prioritize and fund schools first. Tell them you will not be manipulated. Tell them, No!

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The Sumner School District budget numbers as noted in the Statement Against are incorrect. There are no excess funds to support school construction. In response to the statement about priorities, we ask you to consider this: is it fair to deny local children a new high school because state government won't pay for it? We don't think so.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

Proposition No. 2
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BONDS - \$5,000,000

Official Ballot Title: If Proposition 1 is approved by the voters, shall Sumner School District No. 320 issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to construct and equip a performing arts center at the new high school, and levy excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds as provided by Resolution No. 9/99-2000?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, this proposition would authorize Sumner School District to issue up to \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds to construct and equip a performing arts center at the new high school in Bonney Lake, but only if Proposition 1 passes.

The performing arts center would be a community resource for students and residents. It would be available for concerts, drama productions, community-sponsored arts and cultural events and meetings. The performing arts center would allow more events to be scheduled and provide a quality facility for the community. The performing arts center will not be built unless bonds for a new high school are approved.

Without voter authorization, there will be no funds to pay for a performing arts center at the new high school.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and be paid by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property taxes throughout Sumner School District, not exceeding 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$10 per year for a \$100,000 house.

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:

Take a drive past Sumner High School on almost any given day and you'll see a lot happening around the downtown campus. That's because today's high schools are more than a place for classroom learning - they're a place for students, families and the community as a whole to come together for a variety of activities that enhance the educational experience.

From high school drama productions and band concerts to community-oriented events such as piano recitals and dance performances, a Performing Arts Center at the new high school will play host to many activities. And that is why we are asking you to support the ballot proposition for a new **Performing Arts Center** to be built along with the new high school.

Help create a wonderful new resource for the community of Bonney Lake. Vote "yes" for the **Performing Arts Center** at the new Bonney Lake High School.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The supporters make a case for a Community Performing Arts Center but don't make the case of why it should be controlled by the school district. You will pay for all building costs but not own it. Cities in our area have community centers owned by the people. The revenues generated help keep city taxes down. The Art Center, School and Pool will **increase the 20 year tax burden over 170%** . Education should be first.

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Statement Against:**Education First**

Less than 20% of our 7th grade children can perform at grade level. This is criminal! Money for schools should be used to educate our children so they can compete in the job market. There are many things in life that would be nice but we have to prioritize. Education should be the first priority.

Schools Should Not Control a Community Performing Arts Center

A performing arts center would be a wonderful facility for the community. Such a facility should not be controlled by the school district. If the community is going to pay for it, the community should own it, operate it and receive the money it generates.

Vote No for a school district controlled community performing arts center.

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The information about seventh grade academic performance in the Against Statement is inaccurate. For information about learning requirements for the school district, please call district administration at **(253) 891-6000** .

As for the proposed performing arts center, it is important to note that such a facility is key to helping children learn in creative and proven ways. It also will be a facility that benefits the community as a whole.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

Proposition No. 3
SWIMMING POOL FACILITY BONDS - \$5,000,000

Official Ballot Title: If Proposition 1 is approved by the voters, shall Sumner School District No. 320 issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to construct and equip a swimming pool facility at the new high school, and levy excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds as provided by Resolution No. 9/99-2000?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, this proposition would authorize Sumner School District to issue up to \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds to construct and equip a swimming pool facility at the new high school in Bonney Lake, but only if Proposition 1 passes.

There is great demand for swimming pool facilities. A new pool at Bonney Lake would be used by students and community members. It would eliminate the need to bus students from the new high school to Sumner High School for aquatic programs. The pool would provide competitive and recreational swimming opportunities. The pool will not be built unless bonds for a new high school are approved.

Without voter authorization, there will be no funds to pay for a swimming pool facility at the new high school.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and be paid by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property taxes throughout Sumner School District, not exceeding 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$10 per year for a \$100,000 house.

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:

Ask thousands of area children where they first learned to swim and you'll likely hear this response: the pool at Sumner High School.

But like the high school itself, Sumner High's swimming pool is booked solid, with PE classes, swim teams, swimming lessons and general public use. And with our community continuing to grow, it's important for Bonney Lake to have a pool of its own.

A new pool will make available more swimming pool use for our entire community and alleviate the need to transport students from the high school to downtown Sumner for PE and other sporting events. We urge you to support the ballot proposition now before you that will provide the necessary funds to build a swimming pool at the new Bonney Lake High School.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The pool supporters are asking the taxpayers outside of Bonney Lake to pay for a pool for Bonney Lake. This is inappropriate. I remember learning how to swim at a local city community pool. If the taxpayers are going to pay for a community pool it should be a city facility. It makes no sense to teach a child to swim if they are going to drown in the market place. Education should be first.

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Statement Against:

Education First

Less than 35% of our 4th grade children can perform at grade level. This is criminal! Money for schools should be used to educate our children so they can compete in the job market. There are many things in life that would be nice but we have to prioritize. Education should be the first priority. **Schools Should Not Control a Community Swimming Pool**

A swimming pool would be a wonderful facility for the community. Such a facility should not be controlled by the school district. If the community is going to pay for it, the community should own it, operate it and receive the money it generates. Vote No for a school district controlled swimming pool.

Statement prepared by : Brian C. Bernecker, Concerned Tax Paying Parent

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The information about fourth grade academic performance is incorrect. We urge you to call the school district at **(253) 891-6000** for complete and accurate information about test scores.

As for the new swimming pool, the district has clearly shown by its management of the existing pool at Sumner High School that such resources are an important part of the community - and are maintained for the benefit of the entire community.

Statement prepared by : Shari Day Campbell and Mike Rutkosky

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**Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343
Proposition No. 1
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY**

Official Ballot Title: To meet the educational needs of students in Dieringer School District No. 343, shall the District levy the following taxes, to replace an expiring levy and in excess of regular tax levies upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs;

Levy/Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2000/2001	\$3.39	\$2,195,000
2001/2002	\$3.46	\$2,370,000

All as specified in Dieringer School Board Resolution No. 07-99-00?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 will allow the Dieringer School District No. 343 to collect property taxes of \$2,195,000 in 2001 and \$2,370,000 in 2002, for the purpose of funding 24% of the district's educational programs and operating costs. These costs include maintaining reasonably low class sizes, support of special needs programs, instructional materials, extra transportation costs for student transportation and activity buses, costs for high school students owed to the districts they attend, total support for all athletics, activities, utilities, maintenance of facilities and grounds and other operating costs. The funds will pay for necessary educational programs and operating expenses to meet the needs of Dieringer students.

The proposed levies will replace the current levy that expires December 2000. They will be levied at a rate of approximately \$3.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for taxes collected in 2001 and approximately \$3.46 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for taxes to be collected in 2002, all as described in Resolution No. 07-99-00 of the District Board of Directors.

Exemptions from taxes for levies and bonds may be available to homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, disabled, and who meet income requirements set by state law.

Statement For:

The Dieringer community has a long tradition of supporting schools because it cares about its children and their future.

Levy Money Pays for Essentials.

Washington State does not fully fund public education. Renewal of our levy is needed to continue current programs and provide critical but otherwise unfunded support for educational programs and instructional materials, transportation, extracurricular activities, and tuition to the school districts our high school students attend.

Not an Additional Tax!

Our levies need voter approval every two years. **This is not an additional tax**, but a **renewal** of the levy expiring this December. Levy money stays in the Dieringer community. Our levy rate is one of the lowest in Pierce County.

Quality Schools Reflect on the Community.

Quality schools affect the value of our homes and quality of our lives. Our future depends on the education we provide our youth. Your continued support is essential to ensure a quality education and a quality future.

Support your schools, community and kids. Vote **"Yes"!**

Statement prepared by : Sue Bradner, Janice Cartwright and Mike Antonoff

Statement Against:

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**Proposition No. 2
HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS - \$4,520,000**

Official Ballot Title: To support the construction and equipping of a new high

school in Auburn School District No. 408, the designated high school district serving Dieringer students, shall Dieringer School District No. 343 issue no more than \$4,520,000 of general obligation bonds, maturing within 14 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 08-99-00?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, the bond proposition would authorize Dieringer School District No. 343, Pierce County, Washington, to issue up to \$4,520,000 of general obligation bonds to pay part of the costs of constructing and equipping a new high school in Auburn School District No. 408, King County, Washington, intended to serve students of both districts.

For many years, the majority of high school students within Dieringer School District have attended school in the Auburn School District. State law requires that districts with no high school help pay for constructing and equipping new high schools in the district where the majority of their students attend. Dieringer students make up 8.62% of the high school students in Auburn; therefore, Dieringer is obligated to fund 8.62% of the \$51.5 million cost. The bonds would pay that share. Without voter authorization, there would be no funds to pay Dieringer School District's share of the costs of the proposed new high school and Dieringer would not be able to meet its legal financial obligations.

The bonds would mature within 14 years after issuance and would be paid by annual property taxes levied throughout Dieringer School District in excess of regular property taxes.

Statement For:

Why We Have to Pay For a School in Auburn.

Dieringer has high school students, but no high school. **State law requires Dieringer taxpayers to help pay** for high schools built in the district where most of our high school students attend.

Why Don't We Build Our Own High School?

It would cost at least \$20 million to construct and greatly increase our operating costs. The small size would prevent us from offering the variety of classes and activities our students deserve and can presently choose from.

Advantages of a Small District and Local Control are at Stake.

If this doesn't pass, Dieringer will not be able to meet its financial obligations. Dieringer School District would be dissolved and possibly split between Auburn, Sumner and White River. Taxpayers would still be required to pay for high schools in those districts. Decisions affecting our schools and children would be made far from our community. Local control makes it possible for Dieringer to offer unique programs and address the needs of our community.

Continue the success of Dieringer's unique local focus. Vote **"Yes"!**

Statement prepared by : Sue Bradner, Janice Cartwright and Mike Antonoff

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Orting School District No. 344
SCHOOL OPERATION LEVY

Official Ballot Title: To meet the educational needs of students in Orting School District #344, shall the District levy the following taxes, in excess of regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$3.99	\$1,750,000
2002	\$4.04	\$1,860,000

all as specified in District Resolution #3.99-00?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$1,750,000 in property taxes within Orting School District for collection in 2001 and the levy of \$1,860,000 in taxes for collection in 2002. These taxes would be deposited in the Orting School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2001 and \$4.04 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2002.

Statement For:

Washington State does *not* Fully Fund Basic Education:

Maintenance and Operation Levy funds account for 15% of the Orting School District's general operating budget, consistent with the state-wide average of 14.67%.

Taxes will Remain Consistent:

This levy replaces one that expires in April, 2000. Due to consistent community growth, the cost to taxpayers for this **replacement** levy **will remain** at about \$4.00 per \$1,000 for 2001 and 2002.

Levy Funds are Crucial to Properly Maintain our Schools:

Levy funds support: **transportation** operating costs; programs for **special education and highly capable** students; **technology and building upgrades** for new computers; science **equipment, textbooks and software** for the arts, math and reading; all **student activities and sports** programs; and **staffing**, including reduced K-4 class sizes if the levy passes.

Continued Progress Depends on Community Support!

The importance of re-approving the levy cannot be over emphasized. To continue effective progress toward academic excellence and address the issues of aging facilities and buses, our schools need levy support. Our children deserve it!

Statement prepared by : Rena Shawver, Monica Gaub, JR Inman and other members of Citizens for Orting Schools

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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

Official Ballot Title:

To replace the expiring levy and thereby meet the educational needs of students, shall the following excess taxes for educational operation and maintenance purposes be levied for Clover Park School District upon all taxable property in the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$3.70	\$12,410,000
2002	\$3.70	\$13,110,000
2003	\$3.70	\$13,890,000
2004	\$3.70	\$14,710,000

as specified in School Board Resolution No. 00-48?

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 levy dollars 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 2001 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This tax rate is expected to remain the same during the four-year period.

Statement For:

Successful students need your support! Clover Park School District is committed to improving student learning and keeping your schools as safe as possible. We need local dollars to meet these challenging needs.

This is not a new tax. This levy replaces the tax you are already paying.

Your money stays in Lakewood so that we can give a quality education to the students here. The dollars will be used to continue a lower teacher/student ratio than what the state covers, and will fund improved technology and increased safety measures in our schools.

Clover Park School District taxpayers enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in Pierce County. And, they make the education of their children a priority. We have been fortunate to have local levies passed for the last eight years. Your yes vote is needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Statement prepared by : Elli Falk, Barbara Clift and Mandy Candler ***ballot by March 6th, please call (253) 798-7430.***

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Bethel School District No. 403
BETHEL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS - \$65,000,000

Official Ballot Title:

To construct and equip a new high school and junior high, acquire sites and portables, make safety, athletic facility, roofing and other improvements, and use state matching funds to modernize Spanaway Junior/Thompson Elementary, shall Bethel School District #403 issue \$65,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and shall annual property tax levies in addition to regular tax levies be authorized to repay such bonds, as Resolution #8 (99-00) provides? **you do not receive your ballot, please call (253) 798-7430.**

Explanatory Statement:

Bethel School District is requesting approval of a capital improvements bond measure. This measure would provide for the construction and equipping of a **new high school** and a **new junior high school** on sites already owned by the District. The junior high school would open in September, 2002 and the high school in September, 2005. The bond measure and state matching funds derived from the construction of the two new schools will allow for the **major modernization of Spanaway Junior High and Thompson Elementary**. In addition, the bond measure and state matching funds would provide for the acquisition of **new school sites** and **portable classrooms**, as well as improvements at schools throughout the District including **heating, ventilation, air conditioning** and **electrical systems, roof** and **carpet replacement** and **school safety improvements**. Bonds totaling \$65 million would be issued and be repaid from annual tax levies over 20 years at an **estimated rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation**. State matching funds attributable to these projects will generate approximately \$27 million in additional funds to pay a portion of the costs of the projects listed above.

Statement For:**Community Input**

A 41 member Citizen's Advisory Committee representing all 22 schools, community groups, businesses and religious organizations recommended this bond. District staff provided information but were non-voting members. This is a citizens bond. Our schools are overcrowded. There are no empty classrooms. Older schools need health and safety improvements. Please vote "yes."

A Wise Investment

When approved, the \$65 million bond will bring in over \$26 million in state matching funds. Total projects will be more than \$91 million. This is a great return on our investment. Every project deals directly with the education, safety and health of children. Every child in the district will be directly affected by this bond by being able to attend safer, healthier, less-crowded schools.

Tax Deductions and Exemptions

Homeowners' taxes from the bond are deductible on federal income tax. Qualified senior citizens are exempt from additional taxes resulting from the bond.

A Request for your Support

Please support quality schools for our kids with your "yes" vote.

Statement prepared by : Shanon Nokes, John Briehl and Dick Boyle

Statement Against:

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

Official Ballot Title:

To replace the expiring levy and thereby meet the educational needs of students, shall the following excess taxes for operation and maintenance purposes be levied for Eatonville School District upon all taxable property in the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$3.29	\$2,220,000
2002	\$3.20	\$2,269,000
2003	\$3.14	\$2,340,000
2004	\$3.08	\$2,410,000

as specified in School Board Resolution No. 435?

Explanatory Statement:

Eatonville School District is requesting voters to approve a four-year maintenance and operations levy proposition for the District's general fund to replace the existing levy which 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 62% of the levy dollars would pay a portion of the funds needed for the District's instructional program including teachers' salaries, textbooks and other instructional materials as well as the purchase of classroom equipment and technology. Approximately 18% of levy funds would be spent for the maintenance of schools and other facilities including ADA modifications and safety/security improvements. Finally, 14% of levy funds would be devoted to student activities and athletics and 6% would be spent for transportation. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2001 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2001 and decreasing each year to approximately \$3.08 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2004.

Statement For:

To be successful, students need our help. To enable our schools to meet education and maintenance needs, The Citizens for Education Committee asks for your support to replace an expiring levy. Homeowners' tax rate per \$1000 assessed value will decrease. Continued operating success allows the initial projected rate to be reduced about 21% from \$4.16 in 1999 to \$3.29 in 2001. This four year levy supports better long range planning than the two year levy it is replacing. Your yes vote is vital so our community schools can replace aging textbooks and instructional material. Vote yes to provide students improved access to technology; retain teachers hired to reduce class size; hire a counselor for elementary students; continue student activities and athletic programs and maintain facilities. Vote yes and provide safety improvements for our students, teachers, staff and visitors. Please vote yes for the future of our community and our children.

Statement prepared by : Donna Mettler, Citizens for Education Committee

Statement Against:

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**Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408
Proposition No. 1
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS LEVY**

Official Ballot Title: To meet the educational needs of students in Auburn School District #408, shall the District levy the following taxes, in place of an expiring levy and in addition to regular tax levies upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational program and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$2.99	\$15,200,000
2002	\$2.92	\$15,700,000

as provided in District Resolution #962?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of ballot measure No. 1 will allow Auburn School District No. 408 to collect property taxes of \$15,200,000 in 2001 and \$15,700,000 in 2002, for the purpose of funding 18% of the educational program and operation support costs of the school district. These costs include the maintaining of the current educational programs including lowered class sizes and support of special education programs; gifted education programs; student transportation; and maintenance and custodial services. Levy dollars will also totally support **all** athletics and activities. The funds will pay for necessary educational programs and operation expenses and will properly meet the educational needs of students attending District schools.

These **replacement** taxes will be levied at a rate of approximately \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the taxes to be collected in 2001 and \$2.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the taxes to be collected in 2002, all as described in Resolution No. 962 of the Auburn School District Board of Directors.

Statement For:

Levy Money Supports 18 Percent of District Educational Programs and Operations

The Auburn Citizens for Schools Committee encourages voters to support Auburn School District's Education Programs and Operations **replacement** levies for 2001 and 2002 by voting "Yes" for Proposition 1. These levies will **replace** expiring levies previously approved by local voters. They will fund 18% of the district's operation budget which is essential to the continuation of the quality education provided to our students.

Important Education Programs Dependent on Levy

Currently, the state does not fully fund basic education. These **replacement** levy dollars will support lower class sizes, special and gifted education programs; safe student transportation; and maintenance and custodial services which ensure school building longevity and student safety. Levy dollars fund **all** athletics and activities such as band, orchestra, and debate.

These levies will provide the resources to continue the educational programs and services our children currently receive and deserve.

Vote "Yes" - "Their education is our future."

Statement prepared by : Auburn Citizens for Schools: Ryan Anderson and Pam McKiernan

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 2
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS - \$51,500,000

Official Ballot Title: To construct and equip a new high school, acquire school sites and modular classrooms and make capital improvements to other District facilities, shall Auburn School District #408 issue \$51,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and shall annual property tax levies in addition to regular tax levies be authorized to repay such bonds, all as provided in District Resolution #963?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of ballot measure No. 2 will allow Auburn School District No. 408 to collect \$51,500,000 to build and equip a third comprehensive high school. The measure will also provide funds to construct, equip, acquire, and make certain capital improvements to the facilities of the school district. The construction of a third comprehensive high school and the facility improvements to be funded by the bond are all described in Resolution No. 963 of the Auburn District Board of Directors.

Statement For:

Based upon continual citizens' input and recommendations, Auburn School District has had a long-term commitment to building smaller schools and maintaining low student-to-teacher ratio. The district's two large, comprehensive high schools are already at capacity with each having several portables to house the growing number of students. The addition of the third comprehensive high school will reduce the current student enrollment at the two existing high schools. The third high school will meet the challenge of student enrollment growth at the secondary level. It will also ensure the continuation of quality educational programs and extracurricular offerings within a safe school environment.

Vote "Yes" to the construction of a third comprehensive high school and the prevention of overcrowding. Smaller schools support student achievement and school safety.

Statement prepared by : Auburn Citizens for Schools: Ryan Anderson and Pam McKiernan

Statement Against:

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**Submitted by White River School District No. 416
Proposition No. 1
SCHOOL OPERATIONS LEVY**

Official Ballot Title: To meet the educational needs of students in White River School District No. 416, shall the District levy the following taxes, in addition to regular tax levies and in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Estimated Rate	
	\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2001	\$3.59	\$4,250,000
2002	\$3.59	\$4,650,000

all as provided in District Resolution #99-20?

Explanatory Statement: White River School District is requesting voters to approve a two-year maintenance and operations levy proposition to replace the existing levy which will expire at the end of this calendar year. This proposition authorizes the collection of taxes in 2001 and 2002 to pay for a portion 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. Specifically, the levy dollars would pay a portion of the funds needed to employ teachers, secretaries, classroom assistants, custodians, playground supervisors and security personnel. The levy funds would also support the purchase of instructional materials and supplies as well as computer software and audio-visual equipment. In addition, the levy funds would pay a portion of the costs of a variety of district programs including transportation and food services, counseling and nursing services, drug and alcohol programs, athletic and music programs, outdoor education, cultural arts and community activities programs. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the two calendar years beginning in 2001 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Statement For:

At the end of this year, the previous Maintenance and Operations Levy will expire. The M&O Levies support programs not funded by the state. These programs include extra teachers for expanding classroom sizes, teaching assistants, secretaries, custodians, instructional materials, transportation, and food services just to name a few.

These are programs that benefit all our children in the district. The continuation of these services will cost you and I less than previous levies we have supported. Please help maintain excellence in the educational opportunities for our children, vote Yes on March 14th.

Statement prepared by : Michelle Peckham

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 2

**SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS -
\$48,500,000**

Official Ballot Title: To acquire land and build a new high school, to upgrade all existing school buildings, for energy conservation and technology improvements to school facilities, and for other capital improvements, shall White River School District issue \$48,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and shall annual property tax levies in excess of regular tax levies be authorized to repay such bonds, all as provided in District Resolution #99-19?

Explanatory Statement: White River School District is requesting voters to approve a proposed capital improvements bond measure. Passage of this measure would allow for site acquisition, construction and the equipping of a new high school to accommodate 1,600 students. The bond measure would also provide for major capital facilities upgrades including the conversion of White River High School to a middle school and the conversion of White River Middle School to an elementary school. Also included in the bond measure are capital facilities upgrades at Wilkeson, Elk Ridge, Foothills, Mountain Meadow and Wickersham elementary schools. In addition, the bond measure would provide for the acquisition of a 20-acre school site, the construction of a maintenance facility, energy conservation improvements at three schools, technology improvements, acquisition of portable classrooms, improvements to Sheets Field and handicapped accessibility improvements at all sites. Bonds totaling \$48.5 million would be issued and be repaid from annual tax levies over 16 years at an estimated rate of \$1.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Approval of this bond measure will entitle the District to receive approximately \$15.5 million from other sources to pay a portion of the costs of the projects listed above.

Statement For:

Dear Friends and Neighbors in the White River School District:

As you are aware our community has experienced a growth surge in recent years, especially in families with school age children. With schools already at their maximum capacities and even greater growth projected, the quality of education will become increasingly compromised.

On March 14th Proposition 2, the Capital Bond measure, will go before the voters of our community. The Bond will be used for building a new White River High School. This will allow the existing high school to be converted to the new White River Middle School campus. The middle school will become a much needed elementary school site. In addition, the Bond will support desperately needed upgrades to our current elementary schools.

Only with your support can we ensure quality education and give our children the opportunities they will need for building our future. Vote Yes March 14th.

Statement prepared by : Michelle Peckham

Statement Against:

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 13
Browns Point - Dash Point Fire Department
REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Official Ballot Title:

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District 13 be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property tax levy of up to \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation?

Explanatory Statement:

In 1987, the voters of Pierce County Fire District 13 approved the first six-year Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy. The current EMS levy will expire at the end of 2000, and it was approved at an amount not to exceed 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This property tax levy, if approved by the voters, will continue the present EMS levy permanently. Annually, the Board of Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but will not exceed, 50 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. Under House Bill 1154, approved in 1999, RCW 84.52.069 now provides that an EMS levy may be permanently approved by the voters, subject to an annual right of referendum by the voters.

The revenue generated by this levy may only be used for EMS purposes, and the law requires separate accounting of EMS expenditures. This levy would provide the funds necessary to obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles, facilities, equipment and emergency medical technicians along with other medically trained personnel. Over 70% of the calls for service by the District are EMS calls. The regular property tax levy provides funds for fire prevention and suppression, but does not provide funding for emergency medical services.

Statement For:

Your local fire department is asking for your support of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Levy as you previously did in 1987 and 1993. We ask you to extend the current EMS levy that will soon expire. This levy will remain at the current rate of 50 cents for each \$1,000 assessed valuation. This levy will *not increase any tax and is not a new tax*, but a continuation of the existing levy. For long range planning it is necessary to secure EMS funding through a permanent EMS levy. This levy will allow the district to continue to provide EMS along with long range planning, purchasing equipment, supplies and training personnel. Over 70% of the calls for service are EMS related calls, these services are not funded from regular property taxes and must be funded by an EMS levy. Your Yes vote reaffirms your support for EMS.

Statement prepared by : Dave Strasser

Statement Against:

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