

# Special Election - February 9, 2016

Return your ballot early.



Drop by 8 p.m. February 9

Mail by February 8

## Ballot Drop Boxes: Open January 22 - February 9

### Bonney Lake

Bonney Lake (South)  
Park and Ride  
Sky Island Dr E &  
184th Ave E

### DuPont

DuPont Ross Plaza  
1500 Wilmington Dr

### Fife

Fife City Hall  
5411 23rd St E

### Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula

Gig Harbor Fire Station  
6711 Kimball Dr

Key Center Fire Station  
8911 Key Peninsula Hwy KPN

Pt. Fosdick Hagen/Safeway  
4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW

Purdy Fire Station  
5210 144th St NW

### Graham

Graham Fire & Rescue  
Station 91  
10012 187th St E

### Lakewood

Lakewood City Hall  
6000 Main St SW

Lakewood (SR 512)  
Park and Ride  
10417 South Tacoma Way

### Orting

Orting Public Safety Building  
401 Washington Ave SE

### Parkland/Spanaway

Parkland/Spanaway Library  
13718 Pacific Ave S

Roy Y Park and Ride  
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S

### Puyallup/South Hill

Puyallup Library  
324 South Meridian

South Hill Library  
15420 Meridian E

### Roy

Roy City Hall  
216 McNaught Rd S

### Sumner

Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Ave

### Tacoma

Pierce County Annex  
2401 S 35th St

All drop boxes  
close at 8 p.m.  
February 9

## Voting Centers: Open February 9, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Gig Harbor Civic Center

3510 Grandview St, Gig Harbor

### Pierce County Election Center

2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma

### Puyallup Library

324 South Meridian, Puyallup

### Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)

6315 S 19th St, Tacoma

To vote on a touch screen, don't return your ballot and 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 form.

### Registration deadline:

In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is **February 1, 2016.**

## 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



## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-15-16 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational maintenance and operations expenses:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2016	2017	\$4.31	\$6,950,000
2017	2018	\$4.47	\$7,325,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-15-16. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Dieringer School District to replace an existing educational programs, maintenance and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2016. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs, maintenance and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$6,950,000 in 2017 and \$7,325,000 in 2018. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$4.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017 and \$4.47 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2018.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students, operate educational programs and pay expenses of maintenance and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, maintaining reasonably low class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes for levies may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

### Statement For

#### Levy money is vital

The state does not fully fund the basic education programs we provide our students. Dieringer and other school districts must ask voters to pay the cost of education the state does not cover through levies. Levy funds make up 32% of Dieringer's operating budget.

#### This is a replacement levy

This *is Not* a new tax. This measure replaces the levy expiring at the end of this year. Voters will not see a noticeable change in their taxes.

#### What does the levy pay for?

This levy pays for teachers, nurses, counselors, PE and art, books, special needs programs, extra-curricular activities, transportation, facilities maintenance and more.

#### We must maintain our schools

Our test scores are among the highest in the state. Let's continue to give our children what they deserve. Education is the best guarantee of a good future for our children. Without a quality education, our children will not succeed in tomorrow's complex world. *Your vote is important!* Reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

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Dieringer Citizens for Schools

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.