

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds - \$443,000,000

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 04(18-19) concerning a proposition to finance construction and renovation of schools. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to: construct a new high school to replace Bethel High; construct two new elementary schools; renovate and expand Cedarcrest Middle, Challenger High, Graham Kapowsin High, Evergreen Elementary, Naches Trail Elementary and Elk Plain K-8; make District-wide health, safety, security and other improvements; issue no more than \$443,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 04(18-19). Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of this proposition would authorize Bethel School District to issue \$443,000,000 of bonds to: construct a new high school to replace Bethel High; construct two new elementary schools; renovate and expand Cedarcrest Middle, Challenger High, Graham Kapowsin High, Evergreen Elementary, Naches Trail Elementary and Elk Plain K-8; and make District-wide health, safety, security and other improvements. The School Board determined student safety and security, aging school buildings and overcrowded classrooms made these projects necessary. Approximately \$135,100,000 in State match is anticipated to help complete these projects.

The bonds will be repaid from property taxes over a period of up to 21 years. Based on recent state law changes that reduce the District's operations levy, combined tax rates for District levies will decrease starting in 2019. Even with passage of this proposition, taxpayers are expected to see a tax savings of \$384 per year for a \$297,000 home compared to 2018. The District estimates a 2020 tax rate for this bond of \$1.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and for all District levies a rate of approximately \$4.66, down from \$5.95 in 2018. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

Bethel Has Not Built Any New Schools Since 2009 Or Passed A Bond Since 2006

In the past decade our district has grown more than 2,000 students. That's the equivalent of 4 elementary schools! 5,000 of our students are now learning in 201 portable classrooms. 2006 approved buildings were all done under budget and ahead of schedule.

Our Kids and Our Community Deserve this Investment in our Future

The choice is: Build new schools with a bond to address the massive overcrowding, or fail for the 5th time [no Pool in last 4] and virtually guarantee a multi-track school model that will negatively impact families.

Bond Funding And Building Schools Is Our Local Responsibility

The only way to fund school construction is through local bonds. In November we almost passed, getting 59.22%, just 306 votes short of the 60% supermajority requirement. Local property tax rates for schools will still be below 2018 rates.

We Need Everyone Who Voted Yes In November, To Vote Yes In February

Encourage your friends and neighbors to vote Yes. Someone paid for the schools we went to, now it's our turn to do the same. Please vote yes for our kids.

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Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Special Election - February 12, 2019

BALLOT DROP BOXES

OPEN 24/7 JAN. 25 - FEB. 12, 8 PM

GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA

Fox Island Fire Station 53
906 Kamus Dr

Gig Harbor Fire Station
6711 Kimball Dr

Home Park 
17220 8th Ave NW

Key Center Food Market
9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW

Lake Kathryn Food Market
14220 92nd Ave NW

Pt. Fosdick Safeway
4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW

Purdy Fire Station
5210 144th St NW

GRAHAM

Graham Fire & Rescue
Station 91
10012 187th St E

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY

Roy Y Park and Ride
SR 507 & Pacific Ave S

Parkland/Spanaway
Library
13718 Pacific Ave S

PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL

South Hill Library
15420 Meridian E

ROY

Roy City Hall
216 McNaught Rd S

SUMMIT

Summit Library
5107 112th St E

TACOMA

Pierce County Annex
2401 S 35th St

Yelm SD 2, Peninsula SD 401, and Bethel SD 403 are participating in this election.

VOTING CENTER

OPEN FEB. 12, 7 AM - 8 PM

PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION CENTER

2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma

Services available:

- Marking tool for ballot — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options available.
- Replacement ballots — Lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballot replacements provided.
- Ballot drop off — In addition to our ballot drop boxes, the voting center has a secure ballot drop box available.
- Provisional ballots.
- Helpful election workers to assist you.

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 PM
Feb. 12, 2019.



Mailing your ballot?

(No stamp required)
Must be postmarked
by Feb. 12, 2019.

We recommend mailing
no later than Feb. 8, 2019.



QUESTIONS?

NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT?

PierceCountyElections.org
pcelections@piercecountywaw.gov
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Registration deadline:

In person deadline (new Washington voters only)
is **Feb. 4, 2019.**

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 (253) 798-VOTE (8683) to request a form.



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