

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds - \$198,550,000

See complete resolution text at  
[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 18-14 concerning a proposition for general obligation bonds. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to rebuild and expand Artondale and Evergreen Elementary Schools; acquire a new school site, if necessary; construct and equip two new elementary schools; undertake necessary major modernization projects at District schools; issue up to \$198,550,000 of general obligation bonds to be issued in series, each maturing with a maximum of 20 years; and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 18-14. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Peninsula School District No. 401 to borrow \$198,550,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 18-14 approving this proposition, the bonds will build and equip two new elementary schools to add capacity and relieve overcrowding, and also to build two new schools to replace and to expand Artondale Elementary School and Evergreen Elementary School. One of the new schools will be built on the Harbor Hills North site currently owned by the school district, and the other new school will be built on the Bujacich site, or alternate site to be acquired as necessary. Additionally, bond funds will provide upgrades and enhancements for emergent needs, including, but not limited to, safety and accessibility improvements, necessary heating, ventilation and air conditioning and roof replacements as needed throughout the District.

Funds available from construction efficiencies and/or State Assistance reimbursements will be applied to the above-mentioned improvements. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period not to exceed 20 years. The tax rate is estimated to be \$.79 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

### Statement For

**Our Elementary Schools Are in A Crisis of Overcrowding, Putting Students at Risk.** One-third of elementary classrooms are in portables, which are isolated from the main building and less secure. Some students are being taught out of kitchens and closets, and rising enrollment is threatening to make the situation worse. The District is already eliminating science classrooms and may need to cut on-site early childhood education.

**Vote Yes to Build Four Elementary Schools Without Further Delays, Improving Safety and Security.** This bond builds two new schools and replaces our two oldest, Evergreen and Artondale. It adds 77 additional classrooms, eliminating dependence on portables for *all* elementary schools, and repairs critical infrastructure to avoid school shutdowns.

**This is *Not* a New Tax – It Replaces the Previous Bond Expiring in 2019.** Even with this bond, our local District tax rate will go down. Every year we delay, costs increase \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per school while the problems worsen.

**School Construction Funding is a Local Responsibility, and Great Schools Benefit All Residents.** Endorsements include Republican and Democratic leaders, business owners, Realtors, firefighters, and more. 59% voted Yes last year, narrowly short of the required 60%. We can't afford to delay any longer. Please vote *Yes!*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

The opposition's claims about diverted maintenance funds and neglected facilities are false. Levies were spent *exactly* as voters approved: on essential programs and critical repairs. Our district has a decade of clean audits. All previous bond projects finished *on time* and *on budget*. Recent failures contributed to our current overcrowding crisis. Failure to pass now will further drive up costs, risk student safety, and lead to drastic measures including year-round school. Please vote *Yes!*

**Committee Members:** Jennifer Butler, David Olson, and Derek Young, [info@standup4schools.org](mailto:info@standup4schools.org), [www.standup4schools.org](http://www.standup4schools.org), Stand Up for Peninsula Schools

### Statement Against

***The school board continues neglecting facilities even with voter approved maintenance and operation (M&O) levies.***

The school board has deferred maintenance for years. Despite voters approving M&O levies totaling nearly \$200 million since 2012, less than 15% was used to maintain and repair our schools.

***\$198 million bond plus \$123 million interest equals a 22 year payment plan for taxpayers!***

Including interest, this \$321 million dollar request will be the first of many for decades. Phase 2 is in the works for 2024 asking for millions more, piling bond debt on top of bond debt.

***Facilities will have longevity if properly maintained.***

Our homes appreciate because we maintain, repair, and remodel. The school board has a "wear 'em out, tear 'em down" mentality because it's not their money. When taxpayers approve M&O money, they spend it elsewhere.

***The bond restricts spending to new construction, neglecting the remaining facilities.***

The \$321 Million bond request doesn't allow for repair and maintenance of our other thirteen schools. The school board plan; don't waste M&O money on maintenance, tear the schools down and rebuild. They'll send a \$321 Million 22 year tax bill to the property owners every 5 years!

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Have you noticed this "crisis of overcrowding"? Fact: Our elementary and middle schools have an average of 18 students per classroom. Overcrowding? Where? Noticed any repairs to any of the district schools? Fact: Not \$1 Dollar of this capital bond can be spent to maintain or repair any school! The District needs to start repairing our current schools before we give them \$321 Million for new facilities. There is Still a Better Way! Vote No!

**Committee Members:** Ken Manning, Dan White, and Randy Boss, [responsibletaxes@gmail.com](mailto:responsibletaxes@gmail.com), [rtcway.org](http://rtcway.org)  
*Responsible Taxation of Citizens*

# 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 **New!**  
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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