

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Improve Safety and Replace Schools

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 02-18-19, concerning a proposition to finance safety improvements and replace schools. This proposition would authorize the District to: make safety and security improvements at all schools, which will include control entry/access, security cameras, lighting and fencing; replace Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary School and remove portable classrooms from these schools; issue no more than \$98,985,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 02-18-19. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Approval of the bond measure will provide funds for Yelm Community Schools to improve safety and alleviate overcrowding. Since the last bond in 2003, the District has grown by over 1,300 students. The District is projected to grow by an additional 411 students over the next five years. Replacing Yelm Middle School (to serve 720 students) and Southworth Elementary (to serve 550 students) with two story construction will address the anticipated growth, class size requirements, and eliminate portable classrooms that are 20-40 years old and costly to maintain. The remaining seven campuses will receive safety and security improvements based on the needs of each campus. Due to local levy rates being reduced by an estimated \$2.19 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2019, the overall property tax rate is estimated to decline. Further information is available on the district's website at www.ycs.wednet.edu/bond. Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are disabled, senior citizens, and/or who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call Thurston County – 360-867-2200 or Pierce County – 253-798-2169, depending on property location.

Statement For

Sixteen years ago, voters passed a bond measure to build Ridgeline Middle School to meet the demands of a growing population and to replace McKenna's aged building. In the meantime, Yelm Middle School and Southworth Elementary have fallen into disrepair beyond sensible reconstruction due to their age. Based on our school boundaries, McKenna students are slated to attend Yelm Middle school. Yelm Community Schools is seeking a \$98.9 million construction bond to replace those two schools, eliminating the need for 30 portable classrooms and provide security measures for all the schools in the Yelm school district, including McKenna elementary.

McKenna students are a part of Yelm Community Schools and will be directly impacted by the approval of this bond. It's our responsibility to ensure our students have a safe learning environment from start to finish. Your 'yes' vote builds a safe learning environment for McKenna students for generations to come.

Committee Members: John Corak, LaNora Siggelkow, and Pat Kollar, Citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com, <https://citizens4yelmschools.com>,
Citizens for Support of Yelm Schools

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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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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