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**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
AND OPERATIONS LEVY**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-23

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ADOPTED DECEMBER 11, 2019

PREPARED BY:

**K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington**

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WHEREAS, White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington (the “District”), pursuant to Resolution No. 17-33, submitted a levy proposition to its voters at a special election held on February 13, 2018 to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, classroom materials, extracurricular activities and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the levy proposition was approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5313 2019 (Regular Session) (“ESB 5313”) which increases the District’s local enrichment levy capacity beginning in calendar year 2020 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the District, as a school district with fewer than 40,000 students; and

WHEREAS, ESB 5313 specifically permits the District to seek approval from its voters in order to collect the permitted additional levy (the “Supplemental Levy”) for collection in the year 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Levy will be in addition to and not in replacement of the levies authorized by the voters in the February 2018 election; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for maintenance and operations and the educational needs as authorized by ESB 5313, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$3,750,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and

- B. A tax of approximately \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$3,750,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following additional tax, as a Supplemental Levy (in addition to and not in replacement of the levies authorized by the voters in the February 2018 election) for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$3,750,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$3,750,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Pierce County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levy during the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levy to pay such part of the general

expenses of maintenance and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2020.

The Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition (Proposition 1) substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
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The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 adopted Resolution No. 19-23 concerning education funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes for funding to sustain our current educational programs to meet student needs beyond what the state funds, including security, nurses, mental health support, counselors, special education, athletic programs, music, the arts and early learning as a legislatively authorized supplement to the District’s prior approved levy:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$1.00	\$3,750,000
2022	\$1.00	\$3,750,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

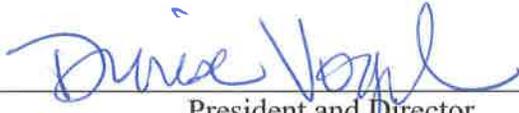
The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District’s Finance Director (Donna Morey), telephone: 360.829.3393; email: dmorey@whiteriver.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Finance Director is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 11, 2020 election and requests that the Pierce County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11th day of December, 2019.

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416,
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



President and Director



Director



Director

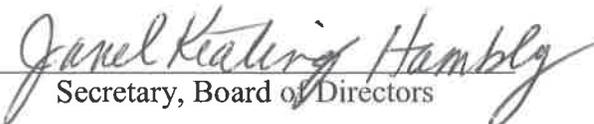


Director



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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors

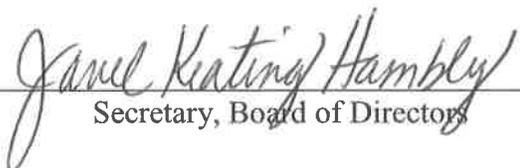
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-23 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of December, 2019.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of December, 2019.


Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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YES

NO

NOTICE
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2020, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Pierce County Auditor