

Special Election - April 28, 2020

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Drop Boxes Open 24/7 April 10 - April 28. Close at 8 p.m. April 28, 2020.

Orting
Orting Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave SE

South Prairie
South Prairie Fire Department
350 Highway 162

Using a Drop Box?
(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 p.m.
April 28, 2020.



Mailing your ballot?
(No stamp required)
Must be postmarked by
April 28, 2020. We recommend mailing
no later than April 24, 2020.

Need help?

To help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Pierce County's Auditor's Office is offering limited, in-person services. We're still here to help, but you need to call first.

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Access services online at VoteWa.gov

Pierce County Elections Voting Center
2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Extended hours on Election Day
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Questions?
PierceCountyElections.org
Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

Services available starting April 10, 2020:

- Register to vote.
- Address change/update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismarked ballots.
- Disability assistance — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

Track your ballot or update your address:

- Visit VoteWa.gov

Not registered to vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

Registration Deadlines:

- Register online or by mail through April 20, 2020 at VoteWa.gov
- In person - April 21 - April 28, 2020
Pierce County Election Center
2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma, WA 98409
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Election Day, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 3.2019-2020, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2021	\$2.07	\$3,900,000
2022	\$2.07	\$4,100,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 3.2019-2020. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Orting School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2020. The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including after school activities and athletics, classroom instructional materials, technology, safety and security enhancements, staffing and substitutes, staff professional development, transportation services, and general maintenance and equipment.

The proposed two-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$3,900,000 in 2021 and \$4,100,000 in 2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

Vote Yes for our kids and schools!

Our 2,700 students are counting us! The state provides the bare minimum funding required to meet the educational needs of Orting students who deserve our local support with a Yes vote on the Educational Programs and Operations Levy on the April 28, 2020 ballot.

The health of our schools impacts the health of our community.

Levy dollars pay for opportunities for students to explore their passion and purpose including after school activities and athletics, instructional classroom materials, technology, safety and security enhancements, staffing and substitutes, professional development, transportation services, and general maintenance and equipment. Approval also results in an additional \$1.6 million in state funds, called Local Effort Assistance (LEA) in 2021, and \$1.7 million in 2022 for our students.

Approving the levy will result in a rate of \$2.07 per \$1,000 assessed value to continue funding educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the state. This amount is less than the \$2.17 collected in 2020.

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Citizens for Orting Schools

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.