

Pierce County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

**Special Election - February 9, 2010**



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# Message from The Auditor

## Dear Pierce County Voter:

It is my distinct privilege to have been elected as the Pierce County Auditor. Filling a vacancy, I took office as soon as the election was certified on November 24, 2009. Most elected officials did not take office until January 2010. This brief letter is one of the few communications that you will receive from me. It is intended to highlight information that I hope you find useful.

## Unbiased Ballot Material

In the past, Auditors have placed their names on the return envelope for Vote-By-Mail ballots, as well as ballot drop sites. This is not appropriate. The election process is no place for self-promotion for the elections official, who is a politician subject to election. You will never see my name on any ballot materials or equipment.

## Vote-By-Mail

It is easier this year! You only need one, first-class stamp. And, you only have one ballot.

If you don't want to mail your ballot, you can use a ballot drop site (see page 7). We plan to order LARGER receptacles for the drop sites, increase the number of sites, and find new locations that are more convenient and conspicuous. While drive-through locations are popular, we intend to locate ballot drop sites at major transit centers to serve commuters.

## Voters' Pamphlet

We've restored the statements to their full length. The Voters' Pamphlet is one of the most important tools that you use to make choices. We can find ways to save money without limiting the information you receive.

Voting districts (i.e., school districts, fire districts, etc) have the option to conduct the spring special elections Vote-by-Mail or to open the polling places. Cost is one key driver in the district's decisions; some districts have opted to pay to open the polls. Throughout this pamphlet look for the Vote-By-Mail symbol. It indicates that a district's election is being conducted by mail. If you are currently registered as a Vote-By-Mail voter, your ballot will automatically be mailed to you. If you are a poll voter, see page 9 to find your voting site. Call us if you are in doubt. 253-798-8683

## Voter Registration

In-person registration closes on February 1, 2010. Online voter registration is available, too. It's too late to register online for this February Election, but tell your friends and family about the convenient online option. Visit [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov)

## Did Your Vote Get Counted?

"Did my ballot arrive?" "Did my vote count?" You can go on-line and check the status of your ballot. Visit [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor). Go to our Elections page. Look for the My Vote icon in the upper right-hand corner. Signing up for this feature is simple and secure.

## Speak Up!

Good public service requires input. I want your feedback about elections, vehicle and vessel licensing, animal control in unincorporated Pierce County, and document recording. To learn more, visit [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor).

My direct line is 253-798-3188. My email is [Julie.Anderson@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:Julie.Anderson@co.pierce.wa.us) *What would you like me to address in the next Voters' Pamphlet?*



Julie Anderson  
Pierce County Auditor

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# What can you vote on?

## 1. Check your Voter ID card - This card lists your school and fire district

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REG DATE: 9/10/1992      COUNTY ID: 244111  
PRECINCT NAME: 25-132      STATE ID: WA0005555  
POLLING PLACE: Per your request an absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

CONG CG 9	LEG LEG 25	CO. COUNCIL CC1	CITY EDG	PORT TACOMA
<b>SCHOOL</b> SD 3	<b>FIRE</b> FIRE 8	WATER NONE	SEWER NONE	PARK NONE

JENNIFER FROSTE  
1500 S MADISON ST  
EDGEWOOD, WA 98371

## 2. Use Info By Address

Pierce County  
Info By Address

Pierce County      Information About Your Location

Start by locating your address

OR

Zoom In to your area by clicking on the map, holding the left mouse button down, and drawing a box.

Then select Locate Point and click on the map to select a location.

zoom in   zoom out   pan   back   full county  
locate address   locate point   clear all   disclaimer

SELECT A MAP LAYER

Cities/Towns    Congressional Districts  
 Council Districts    Firearm Restriction Areas  
 Legislative Districts    Urban Growth Service Areas

▶ Visit [www.piercecountywa.org/elections](http://www.piercecountywa.org/elections)

▶ Click on the small globe in the upper right of the page -



**INFO by ADDRESS**

▶ Enter your address to find your district information, elected officials, maps, and more

## 3. Call or email the Pierce County Elections Division

253-798-VOTE (8683)

800-446-4979

[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)

# Not registered to vote?

## To register to vote in the state of Washington, 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

## How to register:

- Online, 24-hours a day by visiting the Secretary of State's web site: [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov)
- In Person - Pierce County Elections Division, 2501 S 35th St, Tacoma, WA 98409
- Call the Pierce County Elections Division and we will mail you a form

## Registration deadlines:

- Online or mail - January 11, 2010
- In-person (New Washington voters only) - February 1, 2010

# Would you like to Vote-By-Mail?

## There's two ways to do it!

1. Visit our website at [piercecountywa.org/elections](http://piercecountywa.org/elections) and submit a request online
2. Fill out this form and send it in

Pierce County Vote-By-Mail Request Form		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Election Only	<b>Send to:</b> Pierce County Election Center 2501 S 35th St, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409
Print Name As Registered		
Print Address Where You Live		City or Town      Zip Code
Date of Birth	Contact Phone Number	
Year Round Mailing Address		
Print Mailing Address		
City or Town		State      Zip Code
<b>X</b>		
Signature of Applicant		Date

# Questions about the propositions?

1. Contact the district directly.
2. Contact the committee members.

School District	Phone	Website
Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 (page 14)	253-983-2200	www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us
Puyallup School District No. 3 (page 15)	253-841-8703	www.puyallup.k12.wa.us
Tacoma School District No. 10 (page 16 - 17)	253-571-1015	www.tacoma.k12.wa.us
University Place School District No. 83 (page 18)	253-566-5600	www.upsd.wednet.edu
Sumner School District No. 320 (page 19)	253-891-6070	www.sumner.wednet.edu
Dieringer School District No. 343 (page 20)	253-862-2537	www.dieringer.wednet.edu
Orting School District No. 344 (page 21)	360-893-6500	www.orting.wednet.edu
Clover Park School District No. 400 (page 22)	253-583-5040	www.cloverpark.k12.wa.us
Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 (page 23 - 24)	253-298-3087	www.fpschools.org
Bethel School District No. 403 (page 25)	253-683-6000	www.bethelsd.org
White River School District No. 416 (page 26)	360-829-3814	www.whiteriver.wednet.edu
Fife School District No. 417 (page 27 - 28)	253-517-1000	www.fifeschools.com
Fire District	Phone	Website
Fire Protection District No. 8 (page 29)	253-927-2313	www.edgewoodfire.org
Fire Protection District No. 10 (page 30)	253-922-0594	Not available
Library District	Phone	Website
King County Rural Library District (page 31)	425-369-9275	www.kcls.org

The Pierce County Elections Division cannot provide information about the propositions. Please contact the district or committee members.

# Want to drop off your ballot?

**Open now through February 9, 2010**

**Parkland/Spanaway**  
Pierce County Library  
13718 Pacific Ave S

**Tacoma**  
Pierce County Annex  
2401 S 35th St

**Tacoma**  
Pierce County Election Center  
2501 S 35th St, Suite C

**Tacoma**  
Sound View Medical Plaza  
3611 South D St

**Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities**  
6315 S 19th St

**County-City Building**  
930 Tacoma Avenue South  
2nd Floor Lobby  
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday



**Open 24 Hours**

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**Open February 5 through February 9, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Browns Point**  
Town Center at Browns Point  
1000 Town Center

**Bonney Lake**  
Fred Meyer  
20901 Hwy 410

**Edgewood/Milton**  
Surprise Lake Shopping Center  
900 Meridian E

**Lakewood**  
Lakewood Towne Center  
6000 Main Street SW

**Parkland/Spanaway**  
Bethel Station Rite Aid  
22311 Mountain Hwy E  
Sprinker Recreation Center  
14824 South C Street

**Puyallup**  
Fred Meyer  
1100 N Meridian/River Rd

**South Hill**  
Thun Field  
16715 Meridian E

**Sumner**  
Sumner Fred Meyer  
1201 Valley Avenue

**Tacoma**  
Rite Aid  
1912 North Pearl Street  
Oasis of Hope  
1937 South G Street

**University Place**  
Green Firs Village  
40th & Bridgeport Way



**Staffed -  
Limited Hours**

**All drop sites close at 8:00 p.m. on February 9, 2010.**

Maps and photos of all locations are available online: [piercescountywa.org/elections](http://piercescountywa.org/elections)

# Accessible Voting Locations



## Pierce County Election Center

2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma, WA 98409

253-798-8683 (voice)  
800-446-4979 (voice)  
711 (TTY)

Open now through February 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
February 9, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)

6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

253-565-9000 (voice)  
253-565-3486 (TTY)

February 9, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## Center for Independence

10828 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Suite 112  
Lakewood, WA 98499

253-582-1253 (voice)  
800-724-8172 (toll free)

February 9, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to bring your identification. If you currently Vote-By-Mail and want to vote using the accessible voting equipment, do not return your Vote-By-Mail ballot.

For more information on accessible voting in Pierce County, call or visit our website:  
[www.piercecountywa.org/elections](http://www.piercecountywa.org/elections)

Deaf and hard of hearing can contact the Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center - South Sound or use the relay to reach the Election Center directly to get answers to your questions.



253-474-1748 (TTY)  
253-292-2209 (videophone)  
253-475-0782 (voice)  
[tacoma@hsdc.org](mailto:tacoma@hsdc.org)



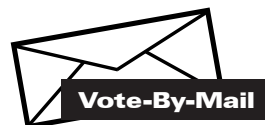
# Looking for your Polling Place?

2 64	South Prairie Comm. Cntr .....	354 State Route 162, South Prairie	28 444	Tillicum/Amer. Lk Gardens ...	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
25 116	Fife Community Center.....	2111 54th Ave E, Fife	28 465	Tillicum/Amer. Lk Gardens ...	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
25 117	Fife Community Center.....	2111 54th Ave E, Fife	28 467	Tillicum/Amer. Lk Gardens ...	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
25 121	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton	28 469	Tillicum/Amer. Lk Gardens ...	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
25 122	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton	29 501	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
25 123	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton	29 502	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
27 301	Point Defiance Village .....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma	29 503	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
27 302	Skyline Presbyterian Church .....	6301 Westgate Blvd, Tacoma	29 504	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
27 303	Point Defiance Village .....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma	29 505	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
27 304	First Christian Church .....	602 N Orchard St, Tacoma	29 506	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma
27 305	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma	29 507	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
27 306	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma	29 509	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
27 307	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma	29 510	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
27 308	Mason United Methodist Church.....	2710 N Madison St, Tacoma	29 511	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
27 309	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 512	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
27 310	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 513	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
27 311	Zion Lutheran Church .....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma	29 515	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
27 312	Zion Lutheran Church .....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma	29 516	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
27 313	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 517	Baker Middle School .....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
27 314	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 518	Calvary Baptist Church.....	6511 S C St, Tacoma
27 315	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 519	Baker Middle School .....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
27 316	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	29 520	Baker Middle School .....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
27 317	First Christian Church .....	602 N Orchard St, Tacoma	29 521	Baker Middle School .....	8320 S I St, Tacoma
27 318	First Christian Church .....	602 N Orchard St, Tacoma	29 522	By His Word Christian Cntr .....	10110 Aqueduct Dr E, Tacoma
27 319	Zion Lutheran Church .....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma	29 530	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma
27 320	Zion Lutheran Church .....	3410 6th Ave, Tacoma	29 532	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
27 321	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma	29 533	Hope Lutheran Church.....	7209 S Puget Sound Ave, Tacoma
27 322	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma	29 534	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
27 323	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma	29 535	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
27 324	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma	29 536	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood
27 325	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.....	3315 S 19th St, Tacoma	29 537	Tillicum/Amer. Lk Gardens ..	14916 Washington Ave SW, Lakewood
27 327	Immanuel Presbyterian Church.....	901 N J St, Tacoma	31 623	Bonney Lake Elementary.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
27 329	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 624	Bonney Lake Elementary.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
27 332	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 625	Bonney Lake Elementary.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
27 333	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 627	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 334	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 628	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 335	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 629	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 336	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 653	Bonney Lake Elementary.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
27 337	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma	31 655	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 338	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma	31 656	Bonney Lake Elementary.....	18715 80th St E, Bonney Lake
27 339	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma	31 657	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 340	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma	31 658	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 341	Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....	101 E 38th St, Tacoma	31 660	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 342	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	31 661	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 344	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	31 662	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 345	Waller Road Grange.....	2708 64th St E, Tacoma	31 663	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 351	Point Defiance Village .....	6414 N Park Way, Tacoma	31 664	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
27 356	Centre at Norpoint.....	4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma	31 665	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
27 357	Milton City Hall.....	1000 Laurel St, Milton	31 666	South Prairie Community Cntr...	354 State Route 162, South Prairie
28 401	Skyline Presbyterian Church .....	6301 Westgate Blvd, Tacoma	31 667	Buckley Community Hall.....	127 N River Ave, Buckley
28 402	Skyline Presbyterian Church .....	6301 Westgate Blvd, Tacoma			
28 403	Skyline Presbyterian Church .....	6301 Westgate Blvd, Tacoma			
28 404	First Christian Church .....	602 N Orchard St, Tacoma			
28 405	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 411	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma			
28 412	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma			
28 413	Praise Covenant Church.....	3501 S Orchard St, Tacoma			
28 416	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 417	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 418	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 419	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 420	United Church in Univ. Place.....	3912 Grandview Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 421	Olympic View Baptist Church .....	4707 Elwood Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 422	Olympic View Baptist Church .....	4707 Elwood Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 423	Olympic View Baptist Church .....	4707 Elwood Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 424	Olympic View Baptist Church .....	4707 Elwood Dr W, Univ. Place			
28 430	Hudtloff Middle School .....	7702 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood			
28 431	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood			
28 433	Hudtloff Middle School .....	7702 Phillips Rd SW, Lakewood			
28 434	Lakewood Presbyterian Church .....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood			
28 435	Lakewood Presbyterian Church .....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood			
28 436	Lakewood Presbyterian Church .....	8601 104th St SW, Lakewood			
28 437	Dower Elementary.....	7817 John Dower Rd W, Lakewood			
28 438	Lake City Community Church....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood			
28 439	Lake City Community Church....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood			
28 443	Lake City Community Church....	8810 Lawndale Ave SW, Lakewood			

## Poll Voter Notice

**Polls Open - Election Day, February 9, 2010  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**If you see the Vote-By-Mail symbol on your district's page, polls are not open for this Election**



**Do you want to join nearly 80% of the Pierce County Voters who vote by mail?  
Find out how on page 5.**

# Sample Ballot

## Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy**  
The Board of Directors of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 727-11-17-09 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$2.24	\$6,280,495
2011	2012	\$2.22	\$6,406,105
2012	2013	\$2.20	\$6,534,227
2013	2014	\$2.18	\$6,664,912

all as provided in Resolution No. 727-11-17-09. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Puyallup School District No. 3 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 185 2008-09 concerning a proposition to support school programs and operation expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund school programs and operation expenses:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.40	\$42,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.40	\$44,500,000
2012	2013	\$3.40	\$47,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.40	\$49,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 185 2008-09. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Tacoma School District No. 10 Proposition No. 1

**Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1858 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to maintain educational programs and small classes, fund day-to-day operations, including teachers, instructional aids, librarians, nurses, technology support, athletics, arts, music and safety programs, textbooks and classroom materials, and maintain playgrounds/playfields, by authorizing the levy of the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.63	\$82,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.60	\$82,000,000
2012	2013	\$3.49	\$82,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.39	\$82,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1858. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Tacoma School District No. 10 Proposition No. 2

**School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1859 concerning school facility improvements and technology upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would permit the District to renovate or replace three schools and, district-wide, address health, safety, and security upgrades, energy-efficient heating/lighting, roofs, electrical, plumbing, playground/playfield and technology improvements by authorizing the levy of the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$0.75	\$15,950,000
2011	2012	\$0.83	\$17,910,000
2012	2013	\$0.93	\$20,660,000
2013	2014	\$1.20	\$27,410,000
2014	2015	\$1.28	\$30,210,000
2015	2016	\$1.17	\$28,260,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1859. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes

No

# Sample Ballot

## University Place School District No. 83 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy**  
The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 724-11-04-09 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per	
		\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$4.06	\$12,210,000
2011	2012	\$4.08	\$12,520,000
2012	2013	\$4.20	\$13,150,000
2013	2014	\$4.33	\$13,810,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 724-11-04-09. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Sumner School District No. 320 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 05/09-10 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operation. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational programs, maintenance and operation:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per	
		\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$2.93	\$17,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.01	\$18,000,000
2012	2013	\$3.09	\$19,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.32	\$21,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 05/09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Dieringer School District No. 343 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 04-09-10 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund educational programs, maintenance and operations expenses:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per	
		\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.28	\$5,650,000
2011	2012	\$3.41	\$6,050,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 04-09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Orting School District No. 344 Proposition No. 1

**Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 02.09-10 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per	
		\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.14	\$3,762,000
2011	2012	\$3.14	\$3,819,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 02.09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Clover Park School District No. 400 Proposition No. 1

**School Construction Bonds**

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 10-026 concerning a proposition to finance construction of schools. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to reconstruct Hudtloff Middle School, acquire land and construct a new Elementary School to consolidate Oakwood and Southgate Elementary Schools, construct a new Harrison Preparatory Academy; issue no more than \$92,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 25 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 10-026. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

# Sample Ballot

## Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 Proposition No. 1

### Technology (Capital Projects) Levy

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 09-R-11 concerning a proposition to fund instructional technology. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to continue funding instructional technology modernization, acquisition, installation and management, related technology infrastructure and equipment purchases and the construction of selected facility improvements:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$0.35	\$1,323,164
2011	2012	\$0.35	\$1,349,628
2012	2013	\$0.35	\$1,390,116
2013	2014	\$0.35	\$1,431,820

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-R-11. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 Proposition No. 2

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 09-R-12 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the General Fund educational program and operations expenses:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.60	\$13,593,970
2011	2012	\$3.67	\$14,151,323
2012	2013	\$3.71	\$14,731,527
2013	2014	\$3.75	\$15,335,520

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-R-12. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes

No

## Bethel School District No. 403 Proposition No. 1

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 46 (08-09) concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's school programs and operations:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.18	\$29,920,000
2011	2012	\$3.18	\$30,520,000
2012	2013	\$3.18	\$31,130,000
2013	2014	\$3.18	\$31,750,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 46 (08-09). Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## White River School District No. 416 Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Levy for School Programs, Staff and Operations

The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 adopted Resolution No. 09-18 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's school programs, staff and operations:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.12	\$8,200,000
2011	2012	\$3.12	\$8,400,000
2012	2013	\$3.12	\$8,600,000
2013	2014	\$3.12	\$8,800,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

# Sample Ballot

## Fife School District No. 417 Proposition No. 1

### Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 09-8 concerning a replacement levy for education funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to fund education programs and school operations by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$2.21	\$7,150,000
2011	2012	\$2.33	\$7,550,000
2012	2013	\$2.41	\$7,950,000
2013	2014	\$2.48	\$8,350,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-8. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Fife School District No. 417 Proposition No. 2

### Capital Projects Technology Levy

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 09-9 concerning a capital projects technology levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to fund educational technology, equipment and training, including classroom computers and technology facilities:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$0.28	\$900,000
2011	2012	\$0.28	\$900,000
2012	2013	\$0.27	\$900,000
2013	2014	\$0.27	\$900,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-9. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes

No

## Fire Protection District No. 8 Proposition No. 1

### Merger of Fire Protection Districts

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution No. 464 concerning a merger with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in a merger of District 8 into District 22, thereby creating one fire protection district under the name of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. Should Proposition 1 be approved?

Yes

No

## Fire Protection District No. 10 Proposition No. 1

### Medic One - Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to impose regular emergency medical services property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2011?

Yes

No

## King County Rural Library District Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of the King County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 2009-11 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. In order to provide continued funding for the normal operation and maintenance of the King County library system, this proposition would authorize the District to restore regular property tax levy rate to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2011, and to increase the levy in each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved?

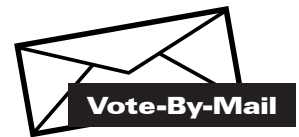
Yes

No

# Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Steilacoom Historical School District No.1 adopted Resolution No. 727-11-17-09 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No.1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$2.24	\$6,280,495
2011	2012	\$2.22	\$6,406,105
2012	2013	\$2.20	\$6,534,227
2013	2014	\$2.18	\$6,664,912

all as provided in Resolution No. 727-11-17-09. Should Proposition No.1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the replacement levy of \$6,280,495 in property taxes within Steilacoom Historical School District for collection in 2011, \$6,406,105 in taxes for collection in 2012, \$6,534,227 in taxes for collection in 2013 and \$6,664,912 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 727-11-17-09 of the District's Board of Directors approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to maintain the District's educational programs by paying part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, \$2.22 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013 and \$2.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014, if assessed value grows at 4%.

#### Statement For:

Keep SHSD#1 Schools Strong  
Levy Dollars Supply 20% of the District Budget  
Provides Support for Our Growing School District  
Taxes Decrease from Previous 4-year Levy

Four years ago, Steilacoom Historical School District's citizen-voters approved a Four-Year Maintenance and Operations School Levy (M&O Levy). The M&O Levy, which provides approximately 20% of the operating costs of the schools, now needs to be renewed by the voters for another four-year term. The projected 2011-levy tax rate is 35 cents lower per thousand than the rate projected for the 2006 levy renewal. It also is projected to decrease each of the four years of the levy authorization. The tax rate is one of the lowest in Pierce County. A failed M&O Levy renewal, combined with the potential reductions in state and federal funding will have a catastrophic effect on the district's ability to provide a quality education. Our children and teachers need to be able to rely on local funding. Please vote *yes* to *renew* this important levy.

**Committee Members:** Lenore Rogers, 253-389-3006, Mary Dodsworth, and Michael Winkler, Concerned Citizens for Steilacoom School District, [www.SupportSHSDStudents.com](http://www.SupportSHSDStudents.com)

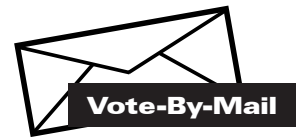
#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Puyallup School District No. 3

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 185 2008-09 concerning a proposition to support school programs and operation expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund school programs and operation expenses:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.40	\$42,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.40	\$44,500,000
2012	2013	\$3.40	\$47,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.40	\$49,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 185 2008-09. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval of a replacement school programs and operation levy that will be collected over four years, commencing in 2011. The replacement school programs and operation levy will pay a portion of the District's costs for expenses such as teachers and support staff, smaller class sizes, school safety and security, programs for students with special needs, instructional materials including textbooks, music and the arts, transportation, athletics and other extra curricular activities.

The replacement school programs and operation levy will impose an excess property tax levy of approximately \$3.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$42.0 million to be levied in 2010 to be collected in 2011; an excess tax of approximately \$3.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$44.5 million to be levied in 2011 to be collected in 2012; an excess tax of approximately \$3.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$47.0 million to be levied in 2012 to be collected in 2013; and an excess tax of \$3.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$49.5 million to be levied in 2013 to be collected in 2014.

The school programs and operation levy will replace the District's current maintenance and operation levy that expires in the year 2010.

#### Statement For:

##### **Levy money pays for 21% of the District's educational programs.**

Our students need your support! Passing this levy provides critical and essential funding for classroom teachers, student transportation, school security, and textbooks. Levy dollars are also the sole source of funding for extracurricular athletics, music, arts, and other activities. The state does not fully and responsibly fund basic education as we expect and our children deserve. To make up the shortfall and maintain excellent opportunities for students, we must rely on local levy dollars.

**This is not a new tax.** This levy replaces a tax we are already paying. The current levy expires in December 2010. By voting yes, you are voting to continue what we have now, just as you renew a magazine subscription when it expires.

The estimated tax rate is three cents less than the rate approved by voters in 2006. **Support our students by voting Yes!**

**Committee Members:** *Christine Holland and Lyle Quasim, vote4schools.com, Citizens Committee for Education*

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Tacoma School District No. 10

## Proposition No. 1 - Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

**Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1858 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to maintain educational programs and small classes, fund day-to-day operations, including teachers, instructional aides, librarians, nurses, technology support, athletics, arts, music and safety programs, textbooks and classroom materials, and maintain playgrounds/playfields, by authorizing the levy of the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$3.63	\$82,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.60	\$82,000,000
2012	2013	\$3.49	\$82,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.39	\$82,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1858. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition 1 of Tacoma School District would replace an expiring operations levy and would maintain basic educational programs and small classes. *Proposition 1 would continue funding approximately 22 percent of day-to-day operations budgets of neighborhood schools, including programs not funded by the state.* Proposition 1 would continue funding teachers, instructional aides, librarians, nurses, special education instruction, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, athletics, arts, music and extra-curricular programs, textbooks and classroom instructional materials, and technology support. Proposition 1 would continue funding for maintenance and operations of school buildings, facilities, playgrounds and playfields, alarm and sprinkler systems, campus security and emergency preparedness. Passage of this proposition would authorize the District to levy \$82,000,000 for collection in 2011; \$82,000,000 for collection in 2012; \$82,000,000 for collection in 2013; and \$82,000,000 for collection in 2014. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at a rate of \$3.63 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011; \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012; \$3.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013; and \$3.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014.

### Statement For:

#### Renew Our Commitment – Help Every Child Succeed

*Dear Voters:*

Helping kids learn is the most rewarding job in the world. I get to go to school each day and discover that special something in every student. Please join me in voting to approve the Operations Replacement levy.

#### Approve – Not a New Tax – 22.4% of School Budget

The TNT summed it up best, “*Passage of the district’s maintenance and operations levy – which underwrites about a quarter of the district’s annual budget – should be a given. It’s a tax people are already paying...to hire teachers and fund educational programs.*”

#### Approve - Teachers, Small Classes, Books & Basics

Prop. 1 funds teachers, small classes, up-to-date textbooks, programs for high-achieving students and bringing students up-to-grade level, special education, arts, music, athletics; technology support; maintains healthy & safe schools, playgrounds, playfields, safety/security systems, emergency preparedness.

#### Approve - Quality Schools for Every Child in Tacoma

Endorsements include: Tacoma PTA, Tacoma Education Association, Tacoma Principals’ Association, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, Safe Streets, Tacoma Ministerial Alliance.

*Signed, Michelle Tyson, Mann Elementary\* National Board Certified Teacher (\* for identification purposes only)*

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Bill Baarsma, and Willie Stewart, Sr., 253-273-0067, [tcscampaign@yahoo.com](mailto:tcscampaign@yahoo.com), [www.tacomacitizens.org](http://www.tacomacitizens.org), Tacoma Citizens for Schools 2010

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

**Fact:** If Prop. 1 is not approved, consequences would be serious: major districtwide cuts to classroom basics, including teachers and materials. **Fact:** If Prop. 1 is approved, the average Tacoma homeowner would pay \$1.84 more per month in 2011 (6 cents/day). **Fact:** Tacoma’s total school levy rate has **dropped by 41%** from 2000 to 2010. **Fact:** “Highest Standards in Government Accounting,” 16 consecutive years, *Government Financial Officers Association*; independent State Audits annually.

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Bill Baarsma, and Willie Stewart, Sr., 253-273-0067, [tcscampaign@yahoo.com](mailto:tcscampaign@yahoo.com), [www.tacomacitizens.org](http://www.tacomacitizens.org), Tacoma Citizens for Schools 2010

### Statement Against:

#### Tacoma’s Financial Report Card

**Fact:** Washington State has the 9th highest per capita tax burden in America.

**Fact:** Tacoma’s property tax rate is the highest in Washington.

**Fact:** Currently, taxpayers who live in the Tacoma School District pay **\$4.80 per \$1,000.00** assessed value on their property. The average rate across the state is only **\$3.11**. This means taxpayers are **already paying more than double what taxpayers in Seattle and Bellevue pay!**

#### Why?

**Fact:** One reason is **both** the Tacoma School District’s general fund levy rate for maintenance and operations **and** the School District’s debt service levy rate for school construction **are more than double the Bellevue and Seattle School Districts!**

#### Why?

**Fact:** One reason is because the Tacoma School Board refuses to have independent performance audits done to insure that our tax dollars are being spent as efficiently as possible.

*Shouldn’t we insist on audits?*

**More Information? [www.TheTruthRocks.com](http://www.TheTruthRocks.com)**

**Committee Member:** Will Baker, The Taxes Ranger, 253-627-1317, [willpower76@hotmail.com](mailto:willpower76@hotmail.com), [www.TheTruthRocks.com](http://www.TheTruthRocks.com)

### Rebuttal of Statement For:

On February 6, 2001, voters **passed a \$450 million school bond**. On February 5, 2002, voters **passed a \$258.7 million school levy**. On April 25, 2006, voters **passed a \$290 million school levy**. Now, the school board **wants voters to pass two school levies totaling over \$220 million! (That’s more than \$1.2 billion in new property taxes in barely 9 years!)** Remember, everybody pays property taxes (either in property taxes or rent increases)! **Visit [www.TheTruthRocks.com](http://www.TheTruthRocks.com)**

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# Tacoma School District No. 10

## Proposition No. 2 - School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy

**Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1859 concerning school facility improvements and technology upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would permit the District to renovate or replace three schools and, district-wide, address health, safety, and security upgrades, energy-efficient heating/lighting, roofs, electrical, plumbing, playground/playfield and technology improvements by authorizing the levy of the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	2011	\$0.75	\$15,950,000
2011	2012	\$0.83	\$17,910,000
2012	2013	\$0.93	\$20,660,000
2013	2014	\$1.20	\$27,410,000
2014	2015	\$1.28	\$30,210,000
2015	2016	\$1.17	\$28,260,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1859. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Proposition 2 extends the "Tacoma Renewal and Excellence Program" for improvements and replacements of aged, deteriorating facilities. Proposition 2 would fund renovations, repairs, and technology upgrades at all schools; replace Hunt and Baker middle schools; and renovate Washington Elementary. District-wide improvements include upgrades to safety, security, alarm, sprinkler and surveillance systems; ADA (accessibility) upgrades; computer upgrades of the 50 percent of student computers below state standards; high-speed internet upgrades; parent and student web access to monitor grades, attendance, home-work and discipline; roof replacements, seismic upgrades, energy-efficient heating/lighting, electrical, and plumbing upgrades; replacements and improvements to playgrounds and playfields. Passage of this proposition would authorize the levy of \$15,950,000 for collection in 2011; \$17,910,000 for collection in 2012; \$20,660,000 for collection in 2013; \$27,410,000 for collection in 2014; \$30,210,000 for collection in 2015; and \$28,260,000 for collection in 2016. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at a rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011; \$0.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012; \$0.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013; and \$1.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014; \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2015; and \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2016.

### Statement For:

**Renew Our Commitment – Quality Schools for All**  
*"Some kids go to school in attractive new buildings hard-wired for the latest technology; others attend class in dank and dingy buildings heated by 80-year-old boilers and covered by leaky roofs... The Tacoma School Board is appropriately eager to get a school-construction measure passed..."* TNT.

**Approve – Healthy, Safe and Secure Schools**  
Needed improvements to schools district-wide: roof replacements, seismic upgrades, playgrounds/playfields to safety standards; ADA accessibility upgrades; alarm, security, sprinkler systems; plumbing, heating/ventilation systems to maintain clean air/water.

**Approve – Up-to-date Schools, Best for Learning**  
Classroom, arts, music, and athletic upgrades district-wide; replace/renovate aged and deteriorated schools with healthy environments for teaching and learning (Baker, Hunt, Washington – originally built 1906-1957).

**Approve – Needed Tech Upgrades, meet Standards**  
Technology improvements district-wide to ensure student access to the best tools for learning; upgrades to student computers below state standards (currently 50%+); high-speed internet; online access for parents/students to grades, homework, attendance.

**Endorsements include:** Tacoma PTA, Tacoma Education Association, Tacoma Principals' Association, Safe Streets, Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, Tom Dixon, President Emeritus, Urban League.

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Bill Baarsma, and Willie Stewart, Sr., 253-273-0067, [tccampaign@yahoo.com](mailto:tccampaign@yahoo.com), [www.tacomacitizens.org](http://www.tacomacitizens.org), Tacoma Citizens for Schools 2010

### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

**Fact:** Tacoma's total levy rate **dropped by 41%** (2000-2010). School/safety improvements received no new voter-approved funding since 2001. **Fact:** If Prop. 2 passes, average Tacoma homeowner pays \$5.74 more per month in 2011 (19 cents/day). **Fact:** "Highest Standards in Government Accounting" 16 consecutive years, *Government Financial Officers Association*; independent State Audits annually. **"This time, I support Prop. 2 because the District is as committed to student learning as it is to building improvements."** Brian Ebersole

**Committee Members:** Marilyn Strickland, Bill Baarsma, and Willie Stewart, Sr., 253-273-0067, [tccampaign@yahoo.com](mailto:tccampaign@yahoo.com), [www.tacomacitizens.org](http://www.tacomacitizens.org), Tacoma Citizens for Schools 2010

### Statement Against:

**Tacoma's Financial Report Card**  
**Fact:** Washington State has the 9th highest per capita tax burden in America.  
**Fact:** Tacoma's property tax rate is the highest in Washington.  
**Why?**  
**Fact:** Former Tacoma Mayor/former Bates Technical College President Brian Ebersole stated, "... **because the schools have historically relied on such a huge share of the local property tax, Tacoma's overall property tax rate is the highest of any city in the state. That's not a positive distinction for individual homeowners or our business community.**" (The NewsTribune, 5/14/2000)  
**Fact:** Currently, taxpayers who live in the Tacoma School District pay **\$4.80 per \$1,000.00** assessed value on their property. The average rate across the state is only **\$3.11**. This means taxpayers are **already paying more than double what taxpayers in Seattle and Bellevue pay!**  
**9 Years Ago**  
**Fact:** On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, voters **passed a \$450 million school bond (the largest bond in Tacoma's history!)**  
**More Information? [www.TheTruthRocks.com](http://www.TheTruthRocks.com)**

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### Rebuttal of Statement For:

**Question:** Is this necessary? On April 27, 2000, the "Tribune" reported, **"Parents are criticizing a proposal to tear down Seward Elementary School... Several parents said they were told by Seward teachers that teachers had been forbidden to speak about... the proposal to raze their school."** **Question:** Why is this a school construction levy and not a construction bond? A bond requires a 60 percent voter approval rate to pass. A levy needs 51 percent.

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# University Place School District No. 83

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of University Place School District No. 83 adopted Resolution No. 724-11-04-09 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$4.06	\$12,210,000
2011	2012	\$4.08	\$12,520,000
2012	2013	\$4.20	\$13,150,000
2013	2014	\$4.33	\$13,810,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 724-11-04-09. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$12,210,000 in property taxes within University Place School District for collection in 2011; the levy of \$12,520,000 in taxes for collection in 2012; the levy of \$13,150,000 in taxes for collection in 2013; the levy of \$13,810,000 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 724-11-04-09. Approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, extra-curricular activities (band, orchestra, choir, drama and sports), technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District's schools. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$4.06 (2011 collection), \$4.08 (2012 collection), \$4.20 (2013 collection), and \$4.33 (2014 collection).

#### Statement For:

The Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy is essential to close the growing gap between State funding and the cost **of our current educational and co-curricular programs**. The levy funds teachers for lower class sizes, school security personnel, athletics and activities programs, student transportation, fair and comparable staff salaries, quality textbooks and classroom supplies. The levy is essential to maintain the quality educational program our community expects.

**Keep our schools strong to keep our community strong.**

**Committee Members:** Gary Gilchrist, 253-565-1770, gary@gilchristauto.com, and Robert Lucey, Jr., Citizens for UP Schools  
[www.citizensforupschools.org](http://www.citizensforupschools.org)

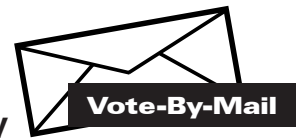
#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Sumner School District No. 320

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 05/09-10 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operation. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational programs, maintenance and operation:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$2.93	\$17,000,000
2011	2012	\$3.01	\$18,000,000
2012	2013	\$3.09	\$19,000,000
2013	2014	\$3.32	\$21,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 05/09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Sumner School District is asking voters to consider Proposition 1, a Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy, which would continue to help fund teachers, librarians, counselors, nurses; campus safety officers; crossing guards and playground supervisors; custodians and maintenance personnel, office support staff, para-educators, and technology specialists; athletics, drama, music and extra-curricular activities for students; instructional materials; and student transportation. The proposed Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2006 that expires in the year 2010.

The taxes collected by this levy provide approximately 20% of the District's General Fund budget, including mandated programs not funded by the state.

Passage of this proposition would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$17,000,000 in 2011; \$18,000,000 in 2012; \$19,000,000 in 2013; and \$21,000,000 in 2014. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated tax levy rate of \$2.93 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2011, increasing to an estimated \$3.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2014.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the Pierce County Assessor 253.798.2169.

#### Statement For:

Our community has a strong commitment to kids and values education. Levy dollars help make our schools among the best in the region, ensuring highly-qualified teachers and top-notch education programs for all kids.

We know times are tough for many. We also know outstanding schools benefit not only our kids, but our entire community.

Your yes vote renews your commitment to kids by maintaining critical funding.

#### **Your support is vital.**

With severe cutbacks in education dollars from the state, your yes vote is more important than ever for our kids and community.

#### **The levy covers the basics, not extras.**

The levy pays for teachers and paraeducators, all school safety personnel, textbooks, transportation, and other essentials.

#### **This is not a new tax.**

Voting yes simply renews local support that is vital to quality schools and hiring the best educators.

Please join us in voting yes for kids and yes for schools!

**Committee Members:** Mark Evers, April Evers, and Linda Brenner

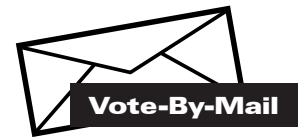
#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Dieringer School District No. 343

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 04-09-10 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund educational programs, maintenance and operations expenses:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.28	\$5,650,000
2011	2012	\$3.41	\$6,050,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 04-09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Dieringer School District to replace an existing educational programs, maintenance and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2010. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs, maintenance and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$5,650,000 in 2011 and \$6,050,000 in 2012. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$3.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2011 and \$3.41 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2012.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students, operate educational programs and pay general expenses of maintenance and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, maintaining reasonably low class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes for levies may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

#### Statement For:

##### Education Levy is vital

State funding of schools covers less than 70% of what is considered an adequate public education. Further cuts in the coming years will drive that figure lower. That is why voters need to approve the replacement Education Levy on Feb. 9.

##### This levy provides over 30% of our school funding

This is not a "frills" measure. Levy monies go toward teacher salaries, academic programs, maintenance, supplies, after-school programs and sports, activities, transportation and other *basic essentials for well-educated students*.

##### This is a replacement levy

This levy replaces the measure expiring next year. The rate an individual may pay will depend on the assessment of their property and the added new construction in the area.

##### State funding is low, and will get lower

Fiscal crises within the state of Washington will lead to further cutbacks in education. This will impact our students. We need to continue the level of local financial support our students need and deserve.

*Vote yes on the operations levy to keep educational excellence alive for Dieringer students!*

**Committee Members:** Sam Suznevich, Kelly Baker, and Robert W. Corliss, 253-862-2721, [www.dieringercitizens.org](http://www.dieringercitizens.org), Dieringer Citizens for Schools.

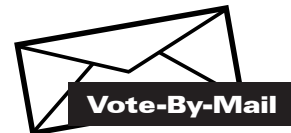
#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Orting School District No. 344

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 02.09-10 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.14	\$3,762,000
2011	2012	\$3.14	\$3,819,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 02.09-10. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No.1 would allow the levy of \$3,762,000 in property taxes within Orting School District for collection in 2011 and the levy of \$3,819,000 in taxes for collection in 2012. In accordance with Resolution No. 02.09-10 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay for the support the District's educational maintenance daily operations, including teachers, staff, classroom materials and textbooks. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010 and \$3.14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011.

#### Statement For:

The Orting School District Maintenance and Operations Levy replaces our current levy that ends in 2010. *The state does not adequately fund basic education.* Levy funds account for approximately 15% of the basic operating budget; providing critical and otherwise unfunded support for textbooks, lower class sizes, unfunded expenses for student transportation, safety staff for playgrounds and highway monitors, technology, grounds and facilities maintenance. Levy funds also support all sports and activity programs.

With this proposition, tax rates are expected to remain stable over the next two years at a rate of \$3.14 per \$1,000 of valuation. In addition, the District is eligible for an estimated \$500,000 in state levy equalization funding with the approval of this proposition.

Support for this maintenance and operation levy will ensure the districts continuing capacity to provide the quality educational programs our children deserve.

**Committee Members:** Nancy Lillie, Robin Martin, and Kip Keers, Citizens For Orting Schools

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Clover Park School District No. 400

## Proposition No. 1

### School Construction Bonds

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 10-026 concerning a proposition to finance construction of schools. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to reconstruct Hudtloff Middle School, acquire land and construct a new Elementary School to consolidate Oakwood and Southgate Elementary Schools, construct a new Harrison Preparatory Academy; issue no more than \$92,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 25 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 10-026. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Clover Park School District seeks voter approval to sell \$92,000,000 in bonds to finance the reconstruction of Hudtloff Middle School, acquire land, construct a new Elementary School to consolidate Oakwood and Southgate Elementary Schools, and construct a new Harrison Preparatory Academy.

The School Board based these improvements on the Clover Park Facilities Advisory Committee Report, which concluded that the construction of these schools is needed to provide students with safe and adequate educational facilities. With the passage of this proposition, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$24,000,000 in State of Washington construction matching money to complete these improvements.

Voter approval of the bonds includes approval of property tax levies for those bonds. Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor (253) 798-2169.

#### Statement For:

Vote **Yes** for the Clover Park School District bond, which maintains a level tax rate and receives \$24 million in State match. This bond represents great planning, saves money, keeps kids safe by replacing aged school buildings that do not meet current safety, electrical or building codes, and makes our community a more desirable place to work and raise a family.

Oakwood Elementary School is in the McChord flight zone, Southgate Elementary is adjacent to railroad tracks which will carry up to 13 trains per day, Hudtloff Middle School is not up to safety or building codes, and expansion of the highly successful International Baccalaureate Program at Harrison Preparatory, in partnership with the Clover Park Technical College, requires a new facility.

Voting **Yes** saves \$7.5 million due to school consolidation – money that can go into the classroom – and maintains a level tax rate. Vote **Yes** for our kids and community.

**Committee Members:** Doug Richardson, Michael A. Tucci, and Lisa Korsmo,  
[www.CloverParkCitizensforSchools.com](http://www.CloverParkCitizensforSchools.com)

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

## Proposition No. 1

### Technology (Capital Projects) Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 09-R-11 concerning a proposition to fund instructional technology. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to continue funding instructional technology modernization, acquisition, installation and management, related technology infrastructure and equipment purchases and the construction of selected facility improvements:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$0.35	\$1,323,164
2011	2012	\$0.35	\$1,349,628
2012	2013	\$0.35	\$1,390,116
2013	2014	\$0.35	\$1,431,820

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-R-11. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Franklin Pierce School District seeks voter approval of a capital levy to replace the District's current technology levy. This levy would continue to fund the implementation of the technology facilities capital plan. Through adoption of this plan, the District has determined that technology is a vital part of teaching and learning. These local funds would support technology not fully funded by the state. The technology facilities capital plan includes modernizing educational facilities through the acquisition and installation of technology systems. The plan includes improvements in communication to parents and students, and would enable schools to continue its current plan of replacing computers on a five-year rotation basis. The technology levy would also pay for necessary maintenance and new equipment such as computer labs, printers and network servers.

The technology levy would be in the amount of \$1,323,164 for collection in 2011, \$1,349,628 for collection in 2012, \$1,390,116 for collection in 2013 and \$1,431,820 for collection in 2014. The approximate cost is \$0.35 cents per year per \$1,000 of assessed value.

#### Statement For:

Modern day technologies are not a luxury but a necessity for effective student instruction. For Franklin Pierce students to continue performing at high levels and continue to hold a competitive edge entering college and the work place, they must learn in an environment of highly effective teachers, facilities, and educational technology. Students use computers and the Internet to do research and class projects.

The Franklin Pierce Citizens for Schools Committee requests that you **Vote Yes** on this **replacement levy**. **This is not an additional tax**; this levy replaces a tax we are currently paying.

The levy includes improvements in communications with parents and students such as Online Grades, upgrading computers and equipment that are obsolete, education software, necessary technical support for system upgrades, safety and security upgrades, equipment maintenance, computer labs, printers and network servers.

**Support our students by Voting Yes!**

**Committee Members:** Doug Carlson, 253-472-8894, [dnecarlson@integrity.com](mailto:dnecarlson@integrity.com), Shannon Phillips, and Terrie Graham

#### Statement Against:

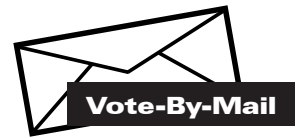
No statement was submitted against this issue.

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# Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

## Proposition No. 2

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 09-R-12 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the General Fund educational program and operations expenses:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.60	\$13,593,970
2011	2012	\$3.67	\$14,151,323
2012	2013	\$3.71	\$14,731,527
2013	2014	\$3.75	\$15,335,520

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-R-12. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Franklin Pierce School District seeks voter approval of an educational programs and operations levy to replace the District's current levy, which expires in the year 2010. These local funds support educational programs not fully funded by the state. The replacement levy would pay a portion of the District's costs for expenses such as classroom teachers; safety personnel; health services, librarians and counselors; transportation of our students; programs for special needs students like gifted, remedial, disabled; and essential books and supplies for Franklin Pierce students.

The replacement education levy would continue in the amount of \$13,593,970 for collection in 2011, \$14,151,323 for collection in 2012, \$14,731,527 for collection in 2013 and \$15,335,520 for collection in 2014. The approximate cost per \$1,000 assessed value is \$3.60 for 2011, \$3.67 for 2012, \$3.71 for 2013 and \$3.75 for 2014.

#### Statement For:

The Franklin Pierce Citizens for Schools Committee requests that you **Vote Yes** on this **replacement levy**. **This is not an additional tax**; this levy replaces a tax we are currently paying. The state formula does not fully fund basic education for your children and we need local levy dollars!

**The Educational Programs and Operations Levy** dollars provide 20% of our district's budget. The passage of this levy is critical, as it would provide essential funding for expenses such as classroom teachers, paraeducators, safety personnel, textbooks and instructional materials, athletics and activities, and student transportation. This replacement levy would also support programs for special needs students like gifted, remedial, and disabled.

We need to ensure our children continue to graduate with the skills necessary for successful and fulfilling careers.

Your vote is important. **Support our students by Voting Yes!**

**Committee Members:** Doug Carlson, 253-472-8894, [dnecarlson@integrity.com](mailto:dnecarlson@integrity.com), Shannon Phillips, and Terrie Graham

#### Statement Against:

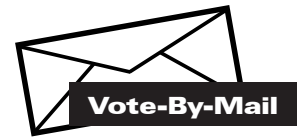
No statement was submitted against this issue.



# Bethel School District No. 403

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Bethel School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 46 (08-09) concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's school programs and operations:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.18	\$29,920,000
2011	2012	\$3.18	\$30,520,000
2012	2013	\$3.18	\$31,130,000
2013	2014	\$3.18	\$31,750,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 46 (08-09). Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$29,920,000 in property taxes within Bethel School District for collection in 2011, the levy of \$30,520,000 in taxes for collection in 2012, the levy of \$31,130,000 in property taxes for collection in 2013, and the levy of \$31,750,000 in property taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 46 (08-09) approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010, \$3.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, \$3.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, and \$3.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013.

#### Statement For:

##### **17,500 Bethel Kids need your support**

Unprecedented cuts in education put our children's future at risk. Washington State does not fully fund basic education. Currently, levy dollars make up 19.3% of our district's annual operating budget.

##### **Absolutely vital for learning**

Passing the levy is critical to providing essential funding for utilities, textbooks, technology, student transportation, teachers, security, and other important educational basics. Most extracurricular programs in music, drama, and sports will **not** be possible without levy dollars. Passing the levy will preserve many vital and basic learning programs and services for Bethel students.

##### **This levy replaces the expiring levy...It is not an additional tax**

The current levy expires at the end of December 2010. The proposed rate is the same rate that voters approved in 2006. **It is not a new tax.** Watch us continue to provide an award winning, global and balanced education for our students.

##### **Keep our community strong**

Great schools improve the quality of life for everyone in our community. **Vote Yes** to support our kids, our schools, and our community!

[www.facebook.com/YesBethelKids](http://www.facebook.com/YesBethelKids)

**Committee Members:** Shannon Booth, Jennifer Harrison, and John Manning, Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

#### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

When it comes to educating our children, every dollar counts. As budgets are being slashed, Bethel Schools remain focused on increasing student achievement. Bethel continues to be one of the most improved larger districts in the state. Of the 295 school districts in Washington, Bethel ranks 239th in per pupil spending. Eliminating the levy would devastate essential programs and services. Support our kids... don't let them fall behind. **Vote Yes!** *Get the facts at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>*

**Committee Members:** Shannon Booth, Jennifer Harrison, and John Manning, Bethel Citizens Committee for School Support

#### Statement Against:

##### **Excess Levy = Excess Money**

Instead of improving education, our district gives us threats. If budget could be cut with failure of levy, *why not cut budget and not need a levy.*

##### **What is Vital?**

**Education:** We all want better education for our students, why do we remain in the bottom 1/3 of districts with great teachers? Leadership? **Bethel spends more per student than 349+ other districts.** (359 districts in state) **Top 10 districts spend less!**

**Administration:** More is spent on administration than any other district by 30 to 50 percent. **Cutting administration would save all programs and teachers.**

**Winning record** is counted as moving up 5 to 6 districts while staying in bottom 1/3 and Spend more than any other district.

**Solution:** 1. Cut administration. 2. Cut all excess staffing. 3. Improve curriculum

Stop run away spending without results, **Vote No**

**Supported by Tax payers, parents, students, teachers, bus drivers, working staff, and a school board director.**

**Committee Members:** Ronald E. Morehouse, [ronmorehouse@comcast.net](mailto:ronmorehouse@comcast.net), Ron Earwood and Alice Kuenzli

#### Rebuttal of Statement For:

**Economy bad so District increases budget.** Why do our children have trouble with reading, writing and math when we are one of the **most expensive districts?** They threaten to cut buses instead of cutting administration. Threaten to cut special education and sports instead of cutting excess staff. They want money for skill center teachers when every other district has backed out of providing funds and teachers. **Why?, Leadership? Please Vote No**

**Committee Members:** Ronald E. Morehouse, [ronmorehouse@comcast.net](mailto:ronmorehouse@comcast.net), Ron Earwood and Alice Kuenzli

# White River School District No. 416

## Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Levy for School Programs, Staff and Operations

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of White River School District No. 416 adopted Resolution No. 09-18 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, to support the District's school programs, staff and operations:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$3.12	\$8,200,000
2011	2012	\$3.12	\$8,400,000
2012	2013	\$3.12	\$8,600,000
2013	2014	\$3.12	\$8,800,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$8,200,000 in property taxes within White River School District for collection in 2011, the levy of \$8,400,000 in taxes for collection in 2012, the levy of \$8,600,000 in taxes for collection in 2013 and the levy of \$8,800,000 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 09-18 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay for support of the District's school programs, staff and operations. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014.

#### Statement For:

The White River School District students need the voter's help to maintain current programs and staff by voting yes on the Maintenance and Operations levy. This levy represents approximately 22% of our district's budget.

This is a renewal of the existing levy which voters passed in 2006. **This is not an additional tax.** In fact, approving this levy will **reduce** the amount of tax per \$1000 of home valuation.

The district must go to voters to renew the levy to keep the district operating. The levy funds cover a shortfall in state funding and help pay for basic educational needs for our students, including: teachers, secretaries, school counselors, music and athletic programs, and transportation.

Funding levies has been a strong tradition in our community. Let's continue to give our students the support they deserve by voting "yes" on Proposition 1.

**Committee Member:** Carolyn Norris, Citizens for White River Schools

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fife School District No. 417

## Proposition No. 1

### Educational Programs and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 09-8 concerning a replacement levy for education funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to fund education programs and school operations by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$2.21	\$7,150,000
2011	2012	\$2.33	\$7,550,000
2012	2013	\$2.41	\$7,950,000
2013	2014	\$2.48	\$8,350,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-8. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$7,150,000 in property taxes within Fife School District for collection in 2011, the levy of \$7,550,000 in taxes for collection in 2012, the levy of \$7,950,000 in taxes for collection in 2013, and the levy of \$8,350,000 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 09-8 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the General Fund of the District and used to pay part of the cost of educational programs and operations support of the District. General expenses of the District include hiring additional staffing to maintain low class sizes, special education programs, professional growth opportunities, transportation costs, additional textbooks and other instructional materials, athletics and other extracurricular activities such as drama and music, ongoing facilities maintenance and repairs, and other instructional program support of the District. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates would be \$2.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, \$2.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, \$2.41 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, and \$2.48 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014.

#### Statement For:

To maintain quality education for our children, the Citizens for Fife Milton Schools is asking voters to support the Educational Program and Operations **replacement** levy for 2011 to 2014 by voting **"Yes"** for Proposition 1.

#### **This is not a new tax.**

The current levy expires in 2010. This **replacement** levy continues the long-standing local community support to ensure the success of our schools at the lowest tax rate in the area.

#### **Your "Yes" vote is important.**

Your **"Yes"** vote will continue funding for additional teachers and classified staff to help keep class sizes small. Your **"Yes"** vote will support special programs, safe student transportation, and instructional materials; Your **"Yes"** vote will provide maintenance, grounds, and custodial services to ensure longevity of our schools. Your **"Yes"** vote will continue funding of athletics and extracurricular activities.

#### **Our children are counting on your "Yes" vote.**

This levy will continue the resources and educational programs and services our children and community deserve. Please **Vote "Yes"** for the Educational Program and Operations **replacement** levy.

**Committee Members:** *Marjorie Dickson, 253-922-1951, and Melinda Shaw, Citizens for Fife Milton Schools*

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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# Fife School District No. 417

## Proposition No. 2

### Capital Projects Technology Levy

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 09-9 concerning a capital projects technology levy. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to fund educational technology, equipment and training, including classroom computers and technology facilities:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2010	2011	\$0.28	\$900,000
2011	2012	\$0.28	\$900,000
2012	2013	\$0.27	\$900,000
2013	2014	\$0.27	\$900,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-9. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$900,000 in property taxes within Fife School District for collection in 2011, the levy of \$900,000 in taxes for collection in 2012, the levy of \$900,000 in taxes for collection in 2013, and the levy of \$900,000 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 09-9 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund of the District and used to pay for technology improvements including continued replacement cycle of obsolete and aging computers for students and staff, training, upgraded teacher presentation equipment to include more interactive technologies, strategically maintained and improved network and data systems, and greater access for students through technology devices to meet the current and future educational technology programs of the District. Taxes collected over these four years would provide technology funding for six years. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates would be .28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, .28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, .27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, and .27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014.

#### Statement For:

##### Now more than ever

Technology in the classroom is not a luxury but a necessity for effective student instruction. Modernized technology equipment will increase classroom interaction, student engagement, and allow for comprehensive exploration and understanding of curriculum for all learners.

##### Jobs of the future

Job prospects are more technologically oriented than ever before. Let's protect our investment as well as ensure that our children continue to graduate with the skills necessary for successful and fulfilling careers.

##### This is a re-instatement Levy.

Technology in our schools is as important as textbooks and curriculum. Yet the State does not fund technology for schools. Recognizing this, six years ago you approved a four-year technology levy. Your school district promised to stretch the resources over six years. That promise was kept! This levy will fulfill the same promise to you for about \$4.67 per month. This is less than the cost of a movie ticket.

##### Your vote is important.

Please re-instate this technology levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 2.

**Committee Members:** *Marjorie Dickson, 253-922-1951, and Melinda Shaw, Citizens for Fife Milton Schools*

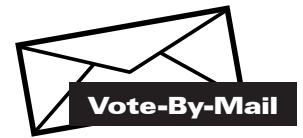
#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fire Protection District No. 8

## Proposition No. 1

### Merger of Fire Protection Districts



#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8 adopted Resolution No. 464 concerning a merger with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in a merger of District 8 into District 22, thereby creating one fire protection district under the name of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22. Should Proposition 1 be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 8 has passed a resolution calling for an election to merge that fire district into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue). For several months already, District No. 8 and District No. 22 have been operating cooperatively under an administrative agreement.

The cooperative agreement has been successful. Therefore the Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 22 has accepted the petition to merge and both Boards have requested this election. If a majority of the registered voters of District No. 8 vote for merger, then the merger will be effective upon certification of the election results and adoption of concurrent resolutions by both boards of fire commissioners. Approval of merger will not change the delivery of services, except for potential enhancements to service. For example, merger would bring paramedic services to Edgewood for the first time. If merger is approved, District No. 8 will be dissolved and its assets transferred to District No. 22.

#### Statement For:

Your firefighters, EMT's and local leaders urge you to Vote Yes, merging Fire District 8 (Edgewood) into East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

#### History of Working Together

District 8 and East Pierce Fire and Rescue already work together providing emergency services for our community. The merger completes a process started recently that assures you will receive the highest quality emergency services, rapid response times and 24/7 Firefighter and Paramedic coverage, efficiently and cost effectively.

#### Paramedic Service from Edgewood Station

Edgewood residents will have firefighter paramedics responding from the Edgewood station. You will also benefit with no *out of pocket* expense ambulance service. Currently, we don't receive these vital services on a regular basis.

#### Improved Response Capabilities

The Edgewood fire station will house two crews of firefighters instead of just one as is provided today. 911 calls have increased; modern firefighting requires more life saving equipment, training and personnel. This merger provides better fire and emergency services to our community.

#### Vote Yes Proposition 1

**Committee Members:** Zane Gibson, 253-948-2971, wildandzaney@comcast.net, Bill Sandlian, and Don Nelson

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fire Protection District No. 10

## Proposition No. 1

### Medic One - Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

#### Ballot Title:

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 10 be authorized to impose regular emergency medical services property tax levies of \$.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years beginning in 2011?

#### Explanatory Statement:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 10 has passed Resolution 337 requesting an election to authorize a levy of property tax in an amount not to exceed fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuations to fund basic emergency medical services provided by the District through a contract with Tacoma Fire Department. The tax would be collected each year for six consecutive years, beginning in 2011. The funds raised by such levy can only be used for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services. The citizens of District 10 currently have no EMS levy benefits. EMS levy benefits were provided to the citizens of District 10 until 2009 when the benefits were suspended as a result of the failure of the November 2008 EMS levy renewal. Approval of the levy will allow the District to restore the EMS levy benefits to the District 10 residents.

If the levy were approved, the EMS tax on a \$200,000 assessed valuation residence would be approximately \$8.33 per month for emergency medical services.

#### Statement For:

The Commissioner's for Pierce County Fire District 10 are placing on the ballot an Emergency Medical Services Levy. This six-year property tax levy will not exceed fifty cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation and can only be used to fund the cost of emergency medical care and services.

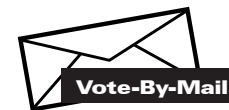
Through a contract with the Tacoma Fire Department, the citizens of District 10 have depended on quality life saving emergency medical services. At this time, the citizens of District 10 are not receiving the benefits of EMS levy funds. Our last EMS levy expired in 2009, and has not been reinstated. EMS levies are valid for only six years and must be re-approved by voters or the funding is eliminated. Approval of this levy will restore these benefits to the District 10 residents.

Please support the level of exceptional services that the citizens of District 10 have come to expect and vote "yes."

**Committee Members:** *Tami Harris and Joe Meinecke*

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.



**Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of the King County Rural Library District adopted Resolution No. 2009-11 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. In order to provide continued funding for the normal operation and maintenance of the King County library system, this proposition would authorize the District to restore regular property tax levy rate to \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed value for collection in 2011, and to increase the levy in each year thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** King County Rural Library District (King County Library System or KCLS) receives 96% of its operating revenue from property taxes. Since 2001, State law has limited growth in property tax revenues to 1% annually without voter approval (a levy lid lift). In 2002, voters approved a one-year levy lid lift for KCLS to restore the full legally authorized rate limitation of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This temporary restoration sustained operations as planned for eight years, during which library usage increased 43%. Proposition 1 would authorize KCLS to restore its property tax levy rate to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, for collection in 2011, and to use that levy amount as the basis for KCLS's property tax limitations in subsequent years.

Approval of this Proposition would enable KCLS to sustain library service at current levels at all 45 libraries, including programs, building maintenance, computers, new books and other materials. The restored revenue also would enable KCLS to maintain outreach services to elderly and homebound, low-income daycares and community centers.

Rejection of this Proposition would lead to 10-15% budget cuts across the organization beginning in 2011 in order to operate within current revenue restrictions, limiting funding for books, computers and building maintenance. Effects of these cuts may include increased wait times for popular book titles, reduced availability of computers and less frequent maintenance and upkeep of libraries. Library staff and hours of operation will be affected in future years without this short-term restoration of revenue.

**Statement For:** **KCLS libraries are busier than ever, but I-747 revenue restrictions will force reductions in library hours, resources and services unless we restore full funding for 2011. One year of revenue restoration will help KCLS maintain quality service.**

**KCLS helps families raise strong readers**

Early literacy programs help families teach babies language skills that last a lifetime.

**KCLS helps students succeed**

KCLS helps children love learning, and enables parents to guide children to their highest educational goals. KCLS is even more important as school libraries cut services.

**KCLS helps job-seekers**

In 2009, thousands of residents turned to KCLS for help finding job-related information, resume-writing resources, computer skills classes, small business support, and financial research.

**Voting "no" will force cuts in library services**

KCLS has maintained quality libraries within a severely reduced budget since 2001 despite a 43% growth in use. Failure to restore the full legal property tax level for 2011 will force reductions in materials, open hours, computers, and maintenance.

**One year of restored funding will maintain quality service**

Voting **'approved'** restores full library funding for one year. For a \$400,000 home, that's just \$32 more in 2011 for libraries—less than one hardcover book.

Vote **Yes** on Proposition 1!

**Committee Members:** Dean Smith, Rachael Levine and Doris Townsend

**Rebuttal of Statement Against:** **Libraries offer more than entertainment.** More than 1.2 million residents use KCLS' 45 libraries, choosing from 4 million books. Adults find job leads, resume help and business tools. Preschoolers build lifelong learning skills. Students in 18 school districts get homework help. Seniors stay active and involved in learning. About \$32 more for one year ensures books, computers and learning tools for all. **KCLS is a solid investment in our future. Yes on Prop 1.**

**Committee Members:** Dean Smith, Rachael Levine and Doris Townsend

**Statement Against:** **Public libraries are important – together with education, police and other valuable services.**

However, as public schools and government agencies reduce expenses during the worst recession since 1929, library management coldheartedly disregards thousands of unemployed, including families losing homes overburdened already by overassessed property taxes.

This should not surprise anyone.

**The state Public Disclosure Commission's Compliance Director documented this same management's unlawful misuse of tax dollars** for "communications [that] were not a fair and balanced presentation of the facts. The effort constituted a campaign promoting passage of Proposition 1, in violation of RCW 42.17.130" ([www.pdc.wa.gov/archive/compliance/reports/pdf/2005/KingCoLibraryMemo.pdf](http://www.pdc.wa.gov/archive/compliance/reports/pdf/2005/KingCoLibraryMemo.pdf)).

Library Board members disciplined that Machiavellian law-breaking by raising its CEO's salary to \$160,620.82.

**Library officials also negligently refuse to address costly non-essentials.**

Indeed, KCLS continues to buy advertising for its "entertainment" diversions, which multiply discipline problems, e.g., children left to play videogames, for hours, abandoned repeatedly at closing time (including by parents gambling at Emerald Downs according to Board discussion on December 15, 2009).

Taxpayers apparently cannot stop public libraries from becoming videogame arcades – disrupting research and reading – but we can decide that financing "entertainment" by raising property taxes on citizens being foreclosed out of their homes is **"An Indecent Proposal"** (KCLS Call Number VT-Fic-I).

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**Committee Member:** Will Knedlik

**Rebuttal of Statement For:** Government revenues are down – along with incomes of many taxpayers already generously supporting libraries with \$173.60 in annual taxes on "average" \$395,000 family homes – so library officials authorize \$1 million for this Special Election's costs to raise library taxes higher repeatedly.

Board Minutes document abuse of taxpayers from failures to save \$500,000 by simply waiting for this year's Primary **because** the CEO insists wastefully expensive Special Elections "turn out a lot of supportive voters" (8/25/2009).

**Committee Member:** Will Knedlik



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