RESOLUTION NO. 1568

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF WHETHER EXCESS PROPERTY TAXES SHOULD BE LEVIED TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND **OPERATIONS EXPENSES:** PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION OF AUTHORIZING SUCH LEVY TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020; PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

WHEREAS, Kent School District No. 415, King County, Washington (the "District"), is a first-class school district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington (the "State") now in effect;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.053, the District may authorize two-year through four-year educational programs and operations expenses levies when authorized to do so by a simple majority of the qualified electors of the District;

WHEREAS, calendar year 2020 is the last year of collection for the District's current maintenance and operations levy, which provided funding for the District's educational programs and operations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") hereby determines that with the expiration of the District's current General Fund educational maintenance and operations levy, money which will be available for the District's General Fund during the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years will be insufficient to provide continued funding for the District's educational programs and operations expenses during those school years, and that it is necessary that excess tax levies be made for the District's General Fund to provide funding for educational programs and operations expenses as the District's expiring General Fund educational programs and operations levy;

WHEREAS, to provide properly for educational programs and operations funding, the Board hereby deems it necessary and advisable that: (1) an excess tax of approximately \$2.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide an aggregate amount of \$69,000,000, be levied in 2020 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2021; and (2) an excess tax of approximately \$2.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide an aggregate amount of \$76,250,000, be levied in 2021 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2022 with such excess taxes to be deposited into the District's General Fund and used for continued funding for the District's educational programs and operations. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based on the actual assessed value

of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy;

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

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition for such excess tax levies before the qualified electors of the District at an election to be held within the District on February 11, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the best interests of the students and other residents of the District require the District to place before the qualified electors of the District, for their approval or rejection, the issue of whether excess property taxes should be levied within the District to provide continued educational programs and operations funding for the District.

Section 2. To provide money for continued funding for the District's educational programs and operations as described in Section 3 below, the following taxes for the District's General Fund shall be levied upon all taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law without voter approval.

Approximate Levy			
	Rate/\$1000		
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount	
2021	\$2.15	\$69,000,000	
2022	2.15	76,250,000	

Section 3. If the proposition specified in Section 6 below is approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and the laws of the State, the District shall be authorized to use such levy proceeds during the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years to provide educational programs, enhancements and operations funding for the District, or such other District eligible activities or enhancements, as allowable and authorized by the Board. The District reserves the right to certify a levy amount each year that is less than the Levy Amount set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution.

<u>Section 4.</u> Upon approval of such proposition, the District may issue warrants, bonds or other lawful indebtedness against the District's General Fund for such educational programs and operations.

<u>Section 5</u>. The King County Manager of Records and Elections, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election to be held within the District on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

<u>Section 6.</u> Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as amended, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is directed to prepare the concise description of the proposition for the ballot title substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1568, concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational programs and operations expenses:

Approximate Levy				
	Rate/\$1000			
 Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount		
2021	\$2.15	\$69,000,000		
2022	2.15	76,250,000		

all as provided in Resolution No. 1568. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY... YES □ LEVY... NO □

Section 7. The special election will be conducted by mail ballot. The procedures and forms to conduct the special election by mail ballot shall be prescribed by the King County Manager of Records and Elections in accordance with chapter 29A.40 RCW and chapter 434-250 WAC.

Section 8. The King County Manager of Records and Elections shall prepare the notice of special election which shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than fifteen days nor less than five days prior to the mail-in registration deadline. Such publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and in accordance with RCW 29A.52.355.

Section 9. The Secretary to the Board of Directors is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the King County Manager of Records and Elections, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District no later than December 13, 2019.

Section 10. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Executive Director of Business and Finance (Ben Rarick) telephone: 253-373-7295; fax: 253-373-7536; email: benjamin.rarick@kent.k12.wa.us; and (b) bond counsel, Kutak Rock LLP (Roy J. Koegen) telephone: 509-343-4470; fax: 509-747-4545; email: roy.koegen@kutakrock.com as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Executive Director of Business

and Finance is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 11. The Superintendent, the Executive Director of Business and Finance, the Chair of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and bond counsel, Kutak Rock LLP, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provision of this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 12. All resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 13. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of October, 2019.

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415 King County, Washington

Absent

Maya Vengadasalam, President

Deborah J. Straus, Vice Presiden

Ross Hardy, Director

Karen DeBruler, Director

Denise Daniels, Director

ATTEST:

Dr. Calvin J. Watts

Secretary to the Board of Directors

(SEAL)

