

February 14, 2012 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Federal Way School District No. 210



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206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit
www.kingcounty.gov/elections



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Elections

Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by Election Day

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website, and return it by mail or in person
- Register in person at the King County Elections office

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 14, 2012, special election:

- **January 16** – Deadline to register by mail or online, or to transfer or update voter registration.
- **February 6** – Deadline to register in-person for people who are not currently registered in Washington. You can register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at our new Voter Registration Annex located at the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 311 in Seattle.

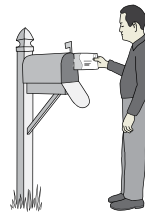
Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Tips for voting

- Read the instructions on the ballot and envelope carefully.
- Use a black ink pen to vote.
- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Sign the declaration on the return envelope.
- Track your ballot's progress on the King County Elections website.
- Questions? Lost or damaged ballot?
Call 206-296-VOTE (8683)

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.



Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Ballots must be postmarked by February 14. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes

King County Elections offers ballot drop boxes as an option for returning your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, January 26.



By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

Near parking garage entrance

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Accessible voting center

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Voters may also return ballots at this location during business hours.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

January 27 - February 13

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

February 14

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Proposition No. 1
Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2011-37 concerning a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district educational programs and school operations, including classroom support, technology and security staff, athletics and activities, maintenance, and transportation, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2013	\$4.95	\$53,000,000
2014	\$4.95	\$53,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
- NO

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

EP&O Replacement Levy Will Fund Essential Programs

This 2-year Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) replaces the current levy. These funds are an integral part of our school district. With another round of state budget cuts coming, local taxpayers can help shield our students from the cuts in Olympia. Passing this levy will go a long way toward maintaining services and programs our students need and parents expect.

Levies bridge the gap between state funding and the actual cost of meeting the educational needs of our students. This EP&O levy enables our district to pay for teaching staff not included in state allocations, additional instructional programs, textbooks, athletics, extracurricular activities, technology, security and transportation.

Federal Way is #1 among King County districts in the percent of budget spent on teaching and teaching support. Federal Way homeowners pay the least amount of tax per student as compared with neighboring districts.

Our children need these funds to continue to grow and prosper in a positive and progressive learning environment. Your YES vote ensures this will happen.

This levy has the specific support of the FW Chamber of Commerce, teachers, school staff and parent organizations.

Statement submitted by: Kelley Tanner and Lori DeVore
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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring excess levy. This educational programs and operations levy pays for about 25% of the general expenses of the District, and includes up to \$8,000,000 in funding previously provided by the State of Washington for levy equalization. The levy funds general expenses including program support for basic education, special education, and transitional bilingual education, and bus transportation costs. These supports include additional teaching and para-educator staff, additional instructional opportunities, athletics and activities, and security and technology staff. For additional information please see <http://www.fwps.org/info/levy/>

If approved, this levy will replace an expiring levy and will be collected for two years beginning in 2013 for collection in the school years of 2012-13 through 2014-15, at an estimated tax rate of \$4.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$53,000,000 for collection in 2013 and 2014. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

**Proposition No. 2
Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors of Federal Way School District No. 210 adopted Resolution No. 2011-42 authorizing the capital projects levies. This levy funds the replacement of Federal Way High School and other capital improvements to educational facilities of the District, and authorizes the following excess levies on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2013	\$0.74	\$ 7,900,000
2014	\$0.77	\$ 8,300,000
2015	\$0.82	\$ 8,900,000
2016	\$0.87	\$ 9,600,000
2017	\$1.10	\$12,400,000
2018	\$1.12	\$12,900,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
- NO

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

No statement was submitted prior to the deadline.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Federal Way SD worked extensively with staff, students and industry experts in visioning FWHS rebuild. Budget costs of \$110-million are based on \$265 per square foot, the average of all high schools built in Washington in the past five years. If this Capital Levy is passed at this time, almost half of the construction cost will be funded with state match funds and taxpayers can save an estimated \$29-million in interest. More information – www.yesforfwschools.org/campaign.html.

Statement submitted by: Kelley Tanner and Lori DeVore
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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow the levy of property taxes over a six-year period to rebuild and renovate Federal Way High School. Originally built in 1929, the building has been expanded and renovated over the last 80 years. This \$60 million levy represents about half of the total budget required. The remaining balance will be funded by state school construction assistance funds and other capital funds. In addition, the anticipated state school construction assistance will be used to replace and update elementary playgrounds and implement a district-wide security camera installation to safeguard our buildings, staff and students. More details can be found at http://www.fwps.org/info/levy/capital_levy.html

Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow the levy of property taxes within the District for collection in the amounts of \$7,900,000 in 2013, \$8,300,000 in 2014, \$8,900,000 in 2015, \$9,600,000 in 2016, \$12,400,000 in 2017, and \$12,900,000 in 2018. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014, \$0.82 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2015, \$0.87 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2016, \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2017 and \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2018. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

Statement in opposition

There is no doubt that the current Federal Way High School is in need of replacement.

Before committing ourselves to a \$110-million capital expenditure, we believe that far more realistic planning is needed. School Management and Planning placed the median cost for comparable high schools nationwide to be around \$45,000,000. FWPS cost analysis does not demonstrate that proper planning was implemented in preparing the Capital Levy request.

Two of the more recent examples of lack of proper planning and implementation by the FWPS administration includes the ongoing Power Standards debacle and the construction of Todd Beamer High School. Todd Beamer’s appraisal by academic and vocational standards has turned out to be a major disappointment, not the promised positive community factor. Does the school board want to build a second sub-mediocre school?

We believe that a community-wide public discussion is needed to determine the scope of the new high school, and that principal employers such as, Boeing, Paccar, Healthcare and Microsoft – as well as challenging academic institutions such as Whitman College – be included in such discussions.

For a detailed analysis of the academic and employer success rates of Federal Way Schools we would encourage you to visit www.Citizens4BetterFWSchools.org.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Building a high school that improves student outcomes is not like changing the design of a soup can label. 2011 High School Construction - Sq. Ft./Student FWPS Proposal:140; National Median: 156.3; High Quartile: 187.5. Cost/ Sq. Ft. FWPS Proposal: \$265.00; National Median: \$188.68; High Quartile: \$252.50.

An undersized school at a high cost per square foot? Before attaching a price tag, shouldn't we decide what the new building is supposed to do? Vote No.

Statement submitted by: Charlie Hoff and Kurt Peppard

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Theo luật Liên bang, quận King cũng sẽ xuất bản tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Hoa và tiếng Việt. Nếu quý vị, hoặc người nào khác mà quý vị biết, cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, vui lòng gọi Hội đồng bầu cử quận King số 206-296-8683 để yêu cầu một lá phiếu và tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

根據聯邦法律規定，金郡也提供中文和越南文版本的選舉資訊。如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電206-296-8683與金郡選舉部聯絡，索取一份中文選票和投票資料。



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Voter Registration Annex:

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Seattle, WA 98104



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