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February 12, 2013 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet
as requested by Seattle School District No. 1
Registering to vote

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; and
• Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register
• Register online with the Secretary of State, www.vote.wa.gov;
• Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
• Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex.

Registration deadlines
While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 12, 2013, special election:
• January 14 – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
• February 4 – Deadline to register in person at the King County Elections office.
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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.

Returning your ballot

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 12. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes
Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, January 24.

Ballard Branch Library
Corner of NW 57th Street and 22nd Avenue NW
Seattle 98107

Magnuson Park
6344 NE 74th Street, Seattle 98115
Use NE 74th Street entrance

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

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Ballot drop-off vans
Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop-off van. Vans will be parked at these locations only on the dates and times listed:
Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

West Seattle Stadium
4432 35th Avenue SW, Seattle 98126

University of Washington Campus
Red Square, Seattle 98105
No parking or vehicle access available

Rainier Community Center
4600 38th Avenue S, Seattle 98118

More information inside
Statement in favor

Please RENEW this essential Seattle Public Schools Operations Levy. Its passage is vital to the quality of education we are able to provide the more than 94,000 students currently enrolled – and the 7,000 additional students expected in the next few years. A great city must have great public schools.

The Operations Levy replaces our current levy and provides every school with vital funding for day-to-day education needs that are not fully funded by the state. It accounts for 26% of the District's operating budget. The passage is vital to the quality of education we are able to provide the more than 94,000 students currently enrolled – and the 7,000 additional students expected in the next few years. A great city must have great public schools.

The Operations Levy helps pay for things like teachers, a six-hundred percent increase at high schools, supplies, bilingual and special education services, security, and student activities such as music and athletics. Without these funds, our children's education will suffer – teachers and staff would be laid off, class sizes increased and important programs cut.

“Please vote to renew this levy! Without these resources it is hard to imagine how teachers can do their jobs. Thank you.” Carrie Kazala (Teacher, Exedra Middle School)

This levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring Operations Levy. Please vote to renew our commitment to Seattle's children.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of taxes over a three-year period to pay for the education programs and operations and to meet the education needs of the students attending District schools. The money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District is sufficient to meet those needs without additional funds. Programs and services to be funded by the levy include: 6th grade classes at middle and high school levels; teachers and instructional assistants; textbooks and classroom supplies; bilingual and special education services; student transportation, security, maintenance and other operations; student activities, such as athletics, arts, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; professional development and training.

The total amount to be collected will be $167.2 million in 2014, $185.1 million in 2015 and $199.6 million in 2016. The estimated levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value will range from $1.45 per thousand for 2014 collections to $1.60 per thousand for 2016 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Ron English - General Counsel 206-255-5904 • renglish@seattleschools.org

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Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The Seattle Public Schools request voter approval of an operations levy of $551.9 million in the aggregate for the three year period from 2014 to 2016. The proposed levy will replace an expiring levy.

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Statement in favor

Please RENEW this essential Seattle Public Schools Operations Levy. Its passage is vital to the quality of education we are able to provide the more than 49,800 students currently enrolled – and the 7,000 additional students expected in the next ten years. A great city must have great public schools.

The Operations Levy replaces our current levy and provides every school with vital funding for day-to-day education needs that are not fully funded by the state. It accounts for 26% of the District’s operating budget. The Operations Levy helps pay the costs of our teachers, a six-year period at high schools, supplies, bilingual and special education services, security, and student activities such as music and athletics. Without these funds, our children’s education will suffer – teachers and staff will be laid off, class sizes increased and important programs cut.

*Please vote to renew this levy.* Without these resources it is hard to imagine how our schools can do their jobs. Thank you. Carrie Kazala (Teacher, Exkelli-Middle School)

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Statement in opposition

The Seattle School District’s enrollment rate continues to grow; yet the school district has continually mismanaged many of the funds provided to them. Countless dollars are not being spent on repairs; schools are taken from the funds by selling assets at losses only to reopen them. In 2009 the school district was offered $9.7 million for the sales of Martin Luther King Elementary. When all was said and done they voted to sell it to a non-profit church for $2.3 million. This is lost money that could have provided much needed maintenance. Arbor Heights the oldest school in the district and the most in need of repairs is not even part of the money allotted in the levy. Now the school district is nearly $550 million in back repairs. This mismanagement of funds is not helping our students. We need improvement in our schools.

Do you as a voter want to see your tax dollars go down the drain?

Vote NO on the operations levy

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Statement in favor

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Statement in opposition

The Seattle School District’s Operations Levy will replace an expiring capital levy and major maintenance at 20 schools, and technology improvements and other improvements throughout the District:

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Should this proposition be approved?

No

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Statement in favor

Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of a capital levy as described in Resolution No. 2012/13-4. The proposed proposition replaces an expiring capital levy and authorizes the levy of excess taxes to fund the Building Excellence Program for earthquake, safety projects, construction or renovation at 13 schools, projects for increased enrollment and major maintenance at 20 schools, and technology improvements and other improvements throughout the District:

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Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

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Statement in favor

Please vote to RENEW the important Seattle Public Schools Capital Levy. Our District is growing! In the next ten years, another 7,000 Seattle children will join our current 49,800 students. To be successful and compete in the 21st Century economy they must have safe, healthy learning spaces in modern facilities.

The Capital Levy replaces an expiring capital levy and is dedicated to building safe and healthy learning places for our children. Many of our school buildings are over 50 years old and are in need of renovation or replacement. Our children are overwhelmed with additional enrollment expected. The levy funds safety projects including earthquake upgrades at 37 schools, new roofs and updated safety and mechanical systems. The levy also builds, replaces, renovates or expands schools including opening new buildings to accommodate the increasing number of families sending their children to Seattle Public Schools. In addition, the levy reduces maintenance backlogs citywide and provides wireless access in all schools.

*The Capital Levy will help our schools and students, and creates many family-wage jobs.* Norm Rice (former Mayor).

This levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring capital levy. Please vote to renew our commitment to Seattle’s children.

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Statement in opposition

Renewing the Operations Levy is critical to ensuring a quality education for our kids. It provides over 25% of the funds needed to operate our schools – money that helps to pay for the basic needs to provide education. The Con statement is incorrect. The separate Capital Levy will replace the Arbor Heights building and reduce the maintenance backlog. We cannot have a great city without great schools. Vote YES on Proposition 1.

Statement submitted by: Norm Rice, Laurel McGuire and Jeff Clark info@schoolsforsafetyseattle.org

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Statement in favor

Proposition No. 2

Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of a capital levy of $694.9 million for the Building Excellence Program, Phase IV. The proposed levy will replace an expiring levy.

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of taxes over a six year period for construction measures for earthquake and other safety projects at 37 schools, to construct, renovate, replace or make additions to 11 elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. This construction will improve condition and infrastructure improvements and major preventive maintenance at 20 schools, and acquisition and installation of technology improvements and other improvements throughout the district to meet the current and future educational needs of its students. Such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, remodeling to school facilities or technology improvements and training.

The total amount to be collected will be $115,816,667 annually, to be collected in each of the six years commencing 2014 through 2019. The estimated levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value will range from $1.00 per one thousand for 2014 collections to $0.82 per one thousand for 2019 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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Statement in favor

Levies should fix schools, not harm them. This $695 million Capital levy will harm schools.


2. Don’t put TWO schools at Thornton Creek (zaps playfield).

3. Don’t move Schmitz Park to Genesee Hill; honor Schmitz family land gift.

4. Don’t demolish the old Wilson Pacific; we can’t demolish building-high Native American-themed murals.

5. Don’t kill off neighborhood schools with “Walmart-size” elementary schools.

6. Don’t toss 80 usable portables.

7. Cauldon: District’s consultant expects enrollment migration when housing market is right.

Poor School Board oversight:

1. Board violated abdicates its authority and allow Superintendent to waive any Board Policy. (5-2, Directors Carr, DeBell, Martin-Morris, McLaren, Smith-Blum voted yes) (06/20/2012)

2. Court ruled the action illegal. (Google “Charter Alternative Blocked – manyhappydays.com”) (07/05/2012)

3. Contracting scandal. (Google “Red Flags - Stranger”) (Google “Auditor Report 1005180”) (7-0; terms expire 2013)

4. Board cut public input. (4-3, Carr, DeBell, McLaren, Smith-Blum voted yes) (03/30/2012)

5. Board brought back commercial advertising. (7-0, terms expire 2013 or 2015; Carr 15, DeBell 13, Martin-Morris 15, McLaren 15, Patu 13, Peaslee 15, Smith-Blum 13) (06/20/2012)

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Levy’s stealth harm:

1. District took fright at openly asking voters to fund the debt of new schools, so they fast-talked it through in 11 minutes. Instead, District discussed siphoning off “expected levy underspend” to pay headquarters debt. (Background: Google “$50 million Glass Elephant – Weekly News”) (3-13-2012)

2. Board voted to “expected levy underspend.” Director McLaren’s prior proposal to close nearby Roxhill.

3. District discusses substitute for “expected levy underspend.” for non-education commercial advertising scores.

This levy harms schools too much. Please vote NO.

Statement submitted by: Chris Jackson, 206-467-3139
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