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Lake Washington School District No. 414

Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 adopted Resolution No. 2162 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District’s educational programs and operations:

- $1.88 for the replacement of the Operating Levy.
- $1.90 for the replacement of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy.
- $1.92 for the replacement of the Bond Levy.

All as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory statement

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of an Educational Programs and Operations levy to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching and non-teaching staff costs (salaries), instructional materials, safety & security services, transportation, facility maintenance, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. The proposed levy will replace the District’s current levy that expires in 2014. These taxes will provide approximately 22% of the general expense of operating the District.

Passage of this proposition would allow the levy of $63,000,000 in property taxes for collection in 2015, the levy of $64,900,000 for collection in 2016, the levy of $66,800,000 for collection in 2017, and the levy of $68,900,000 for collection in 2018. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value would be $1.85 (2015 collection); $1.88 (2016 collection); $1.90 (2017 collection); $1.92 (2018 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from tax liability may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206-296-3920.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Kathryn Reith - Communications Director 425-936-1342 • kreith@lwisd.org

Statement of favor

Vote Yes! We Need Qualified Teachers to Educate Tomorrow’s Workforce. Today’s children are the workforce of tomorrow. The EP&O levy provides 22.8% of the LWSD operating budget, which is critical to offering a high quality education. It enables the district to offer competitive compensation for teachers, administrators and staff. We need talented and dedicated people to instruct our next generation of leaders, engineers and healthcare professionals. Colleges want high school graduates to have college preparatory classes such as Advanced Placement (AP) or the Cambridge Program in subject areas including math, science and foreign language. Technical certificate programs want graduates with higher math, thinking and complex problem solving skills. Voting for this measure renews a levy that is a critical component in reaching our goal of Every Student Future Ready. Endorsed by Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish City Councils and Chambers of Commerce; Seattle-King County Association of REALTORS; Lake Washington Education Association; Lake Washington PTSA Council and more than 30 PTAs; and the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. To see elected officials and community leaders who endorsed this measure, visit www.vote4lwisdkids.org.

Statement of opposition

Don’t let the Lake Washington School District confuse you by a nuanced definition of taxes, levy, new, or renewal. Approving this measure will increase the amount you pay the government. Taxpayers should hold off voting “no” on Proposition 1 will send this message to the district: Be more student services above the demands of union officials.

L levies are great for funding local priorities and unique services for our area students, but taxpayers should hold off giving the school district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Ranay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards propertyrights4us@gmail.com

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Rebuttal of statement in favor

This measure renews an existing levy that addresses building maintenance, technology infrastructure, and classroom resources. Students, teachers and today’s workforce use technology daily. Education must utilize current technology to train tomorrow’s workforce. Sound building structures and secure access will provide a safe, healthy learning environment for our students. Vote Yes to take a wise step in protecting our current investment in infrastructure with ongoing building maintenance and technical innovation in the classroom!

Statement submitted by: Susan D. Baird-Joshi, Kerri N. Nielsen, and Matt Loshner
www.vote4lwsdkids.org

No statement submitted.

Statement in favor

We support quality facilities equitably provided to all our students and teachers. We oppose this bond measure because it buries us in debt, unfairly builds palaces for some, and leaves thousands in portables and substandard buildings.

The owner of a median-priced ($244,000) home already pays $560/year for bonds to modernize our schools. All of our schools could have been remodeled for $750M.

Using unaudited estimates contrived to show it was cheaper to rebuild than remodel, LWSD needlessly demolished 20 of them instead. The district now wants another $750M.

Almost $400M is earmarked to needlessly rebuild 6 more schools newer than many of our homes. 12 substandard schools will still be left.

Less than $300M is earmarked to build while interest rates are at historic lows. LWSD needlessly demolished 20 of them instead.

This bond measure will add $750/year to a median-priced home’s school tax bill.

Statement submitted by: Susan Wilkins and Paul Hall
ParentsForEducation@yahoo.com

No statement submitted.

Statement in opposition

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The Lake Washington School District is asking for new money from taxpayers in a time of unprecedented budget cuts. Our schools are aging and in need of new construction, improvements, and maintenance. We cannot delay and compromise the education our students receive.

Union officials in the Lake Washington School District have pressured the school board to divert levy funds from student services in order to pay teachers more. Our levy should pay for student services, not for wage increases.

In the collective bargaining agreement with union officials, the average state-provided wage of $49,750 for teachers will be enhanced by 14 percent from levy and levy-matched funds. This costs roughly $3.6 million which could be better used to help our at-risk students or reduce class sizes.

The school district leads taxpayers to believe the levy money is being used for our students, but taxpayers should hold off giving the school district any more money.

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Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Matt Loschen
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