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Northshore School District No. 417

Proposition No. 1

Renewal Education Operations Support Levy

The Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 685 authorizing a renewal educational maintenance levy. To continue meeting educational needs of students and to support District educational maintenance and operations, this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

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all as provided in Resolution No. 685. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

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Statement in favor

Please vote Yes and renew this vital levy. It replaces the current levy that will expire this year and provides critical funding for educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the state.

The levy provides 23% of the school district's funding and supports smaller class sizes, classes for advanced learners, help for struggling learners, transportation, Special Education, books, security, music and athletics. It's not just for teachers, it's a renewal that supports learning. Northshore is one of the top school districts in the state and is known statewide and nationally for its high level of educational excellence.

Approval of this renewal levy will allow the District to fully fund all educational programs and services, such levies to be made for four years commencing in 2014 for collection in the school years from 2014-2015 through 2017-2018. In accordance with Resolution No. 685 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District.

General expenses of the District include employee costs (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. If approved by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value would be $2.42 (2015 collection); $2.40 (2016 collection); $2.37 (2017 collection); $2.35 (2018 collection).

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of $48,500,000 in property taxes within Northshore School District No. 417 for collection in 2015, the levy of $49,500,000 for collection in 2016, the levy of $50,500,000 for collection in 2017, and the levy of $51,500,000 for collection in 2018, to replace an expiring levy and enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, such levies to be made for four years commencing in 2014 for collection in the school years from 2014-2015 through 2017-2018. In accordance with Resolution No. 685 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District.

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Statement in opposition

The con statements are contradictory and inaccurate. The levy is about student learning, not unions. The levy provides 23% of the district's budget for vital programs/services not funded by the state such as music, advanced academics, transportation and athletics and helps retain quality staff—the backbone of Northshore's hallmark education system. Without the levy, the effects will be devastating for student learning. Northshore students deserve a quality education. Vote No for the Levies and Bond!

Statement submitted by: BZ Davis and Mike Sharadin

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Rebuttal of statement in opposition

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Rebuttal of statement in favor

Don't let the Northshore 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 giving the district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

Voting ‘no’ on Proposition 1 will send this message to the district: Be more responsible with taxpayer’s money.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Hennesseygards

propertyright4us@gmail.com
Proposition No. 2
General Obligation Bonds - $177,500,000

The Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417 approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to build a new high school, modernize and make necessary capital improvements to four existing high schools, and to maintain existing schools. The $177,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution No. 686. Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Statement in favor
Protect Our Community's Investment!
Your Yes vote for the bond will provide a long-term solution to serious enrollment growth issues by building a new 9-12 high school in the north end of the district and academic facilities to serve our 9th grade students in high school district wide. Similar to your home, schools need repairs to keep them safe and extend their useful lives. The bond will make the district able to make critical repairs to school roofs, boilers, and heating/ventilation systems, complete ADA work, update Internet to handle classroom technology and districtwide security improvements. It will finish the final phase of the Woodinville High School remodel.

Northshore uses taxpayer dollars wisely and has one of the highest bond ratings for a school district of its size, which equates to taxpayer savings. For all three measures will cost the average Northshore homeowner about an additional $5-6/month.

It’s a wise investment developed with community input that will help solve enrollment issues, maintain schools, protect property values and enhance student learning long-term. Your Yes vote will have a lasting positive impact on students, families and our community.

Please Vote Yes on the bond to continue quality education and protect our community’s investment!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The district has been Transparent and Accurate in sharing financial information and projections: www.nsd.org/bondlevies. The district’s doesn’t qualify for mitigation fees, so it cannot collect them. The bond will make critical repairs to schools, provide a Long-Term Solution to enrollment growth, improve student learning and protect our community’s investment! The bond was created with community input and support.

Your Yes Vote Will Continue Quality Education in Safe Schools. Vote Yes on the Bond and Levies!

Statement submitted by: BZ Davis and Mike Sharadin
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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Northshore School District No. 417 to borrow $177,500,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 686 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for renovations, upgrades and new construction of school facilities, and improvements to energy efficiency of school buildings in the District. Capital projects include: (1) constructing a new high school, Woodinville High School Phase III modernization, modernize or replace core building components including mechanical systems, building controls, roofing, boilers, circulation, security, casework and seismic upgrades, make improvements to meet health, safety, and ADA mandates, acquire sites, upgrade technology infrastructure and make necessary capital improvements. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the average cost of the principal paid each year and the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Leanna Albrecht - Director of Communications 425-408-7671 • Lalbrecht2@nsd.org

Statement in opposition

We value and support the NISD, teachers, students and the operating levies, but do not yet support the $177,500,000 bond issue for two reasons. The first concern is inadequate disclosure of the true cost to the average acquiring, constructing cost of the bond. The District has only disclosed the interest cost over the first 4 years. The second concern is the District has not imposed impact fees on new development in Snohomish County. Impact Fees are designed to pay for the cost of new facilities due to new development. Over 70% on the eligible school districts in Snohomish County have been charging impact fees over the last ten years.

We strongly support funding that maintains our tradition of high quality education in the Northshore School District. We think it would be best for NISD to revise its long-term financial plans for capital facilities and come back soon with a more clear and comprehensive plan.

To participate further, visit the Facebook group: “Northshore Citizens for Transparent School Finances” https://www.facebook.com/groups/570746486663171/

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Our concern over inadequate disclosure of true costs is shown in the Pro Statement where it states that the measure “will cost the average Northshore homeowner about an additional $6/mon.” In other words, $60-72 dollars per year.

According to NISD’s own calculations (page 6 of their fact newsletter), the actual cost will be roughly 4 times higher in 2018 ($269 more per year than 2013). We have requested but not received the District’s estimates beyond 2018.

Statement submitted by: Ken Smith and John Hendrickson

Northshore School District No. 417
Renewal Capital Projects (Technology) Levy

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Explanatory statement

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Statement in favor

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The Renewal School Technology Levy will replace the current levy that expires this year and will expand student computing devices, update software, network systems and provide important training. It’s not a new tax; it’s a renewal.

Strong schools equal a strong community!
Support of the bond and levies will cost the average Northshore homeowner about an additional $5-6/month.

Please vote Yes on the bond and levies to continue quality education in Northshore and protect our community’s investment!

Statement submitted by: BZ Davis and Mike Sharadin
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Rebuttal of statement in favor

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Statement in opposition

Senator in opposition

Voting ‘no’ on Proposition 3 will send this message to the district: Be more accountable to the voters! Tell the district: “Yes on the bond and levies.”

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards

Statement in favor

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Rebuttal of statement in favor

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Rebuttal of statement in opposition

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Our statement is correct and our rebuttal is incorrect. The legislature must pass a new tax and levy in order to fund the school district.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgard
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Explanatory statement
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Statement submitted by: 
Our Northshore community has been a strong supporter of public education and the Northshore School District. We recognize that the Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417

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