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### Seattle School District No. 1

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#### Proposition No. 1

**Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 passed Resolution No. 18/19-2 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. To continue high quality programs that are not state funded, this authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes replacing an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

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#### Statement in favor

**Please renew this essential Seattle Public Schools Educational Programs and Operations Levy.**

It is the policy of the Seattle School District that the intended use of the funds from the Educational Programs and Operations Levy is to be reallocated every three years to ensure that the levy continues to be aligned with the current educational needs of our children. The proposed levy includes the following:

- **School Board Resolution**
- **Assessment**
- **Revenue**
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Submitted by: Sheila Edwards Lange, Tim Burgess, Eric Liu www.SchoolsForAllSeattle.org

#### Statement in opposition

**Addressing the Con**

This is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring Operations Levy. This levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring Operations Levy. The levy contains debt payments for a school headquarters building that you were not consulted about. It expands schools when city-wide funding is inadequate. The levy will cover the following:

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#### Proposition No. 2

**Capital Levy - $1.4 Billion**

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 requests approval of a capital levy as described in Resolution No. 19/20-13 and 2018/19-6. The proposition replaces an expiring capital levy and authorizes the levy of excess taxes to fund the Building Excellence V (BEX V) Program. The proposed levy will replace an expiring capital levy.

**Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of taxes over a three year period to pay for earthquake and other safety projects in six schools, renovation, construction, replacement or additions to seven elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and construction of replacement infrastructure improvements and major preventive maintenance at 72 schools, and acquisition and installation of technology equipment, training and other measures throughout the district to meet the current and future educational needs of its students.**

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#### Explanatory statement

**Please vote “Yes”**

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Submitted by: Chris Jackson, Tracey Lake
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#### Statement in opposition

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For each of the projects noted above, people from the surrounding communities filed appeals. The School District refused to listen. Similarly, the Garfield auditorium was a special place where Martin Luther King Jr. once spoke. The District tore it out and replaced it. Seattle just now asks that future such actions be exempt from review.

Something is wrong. Startle the District establishment. Please vote “No”

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**Explanatory statement**

Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of an operations levy of $815.0 million in the aggregate to be collected in the three year period from 2020 to 2022. The proposed levy will replace an expiring levy. 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 capital projects. The levy will fund programs that are not funded currently funded that the State. The money in and approved into the General Fund of the District is insufficient to meet those needs without additional funds.

The revenue funded by the levy include, but are not limited to: teachers, instructional assistants, classified and administrative staff salaries; textbooks and classroom supplies; bilingual and special education services; student transportation, security, maintenance and other operations; student activities, such as arts, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; professional development and training.

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**Statement in favor**

Please Renew this essential Seattle Public Schools Educational Programs and Operations Levy. Its passage is vital to the quality of education we are able to provide the more than 53,800 students currently enrolled. A great city must have great public schools. This levy benefits every student in every school in every part of Seattle. It reinforces our current levy and provides critically needed funding to pay for things that the state is not fully funding like school staff, instructional materials and new curriculum, STEM education, and Special Education services. If the Operations Levy is not renewed, the district will have to make deep cuts. Teachers and instructional assistants will be laid off and valuable programs that support students will be cut or eliminated. The state recently changed how it helps fund schools. Some school districts saw a large increase in funding, but Seattle did not.

"Please vote to renew this levy! Without these resources it is hard to imagine how teachers can do their jobs. Thank you." – Lynden Terry, Teacher of the Year 2015, Lawton Elementary School

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

**Statement in opposition**

I, Nicolas Ray Esparza am asking for a "no" vote on Proposition No. 1 of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy for Seattle School District No. 1. It is beyond the State under the Constitution to pay for basic education. It is illegal to pay for teachers' and staff salaries under this levy. According to the McCleary Decision it is the responsibility of the State to pay for K-12 education. The Seattle school district has had the opportunity to fix many of these financial problems with the monies that have already been provided. It is their financial responsibility to meet the monies to this current situation. If this levy passes we are letting the State legislature get away with not doing their duty to pay for basic education. When they pass it to the tax payers they are basically getting a free pass and not taking the responsibility for fixing the educational short fall. The School District has asked us to pay for this previously and it did not work then, so why would the District ask for this again. Obviously, it is not working.

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Please vote against the Educational Programs and Operations Levy for Seattle School District No. 1. It is not the responsibility of the school district wants to use money illegally to pay for teachers’ salaries, which is against Washington State Law. The legislature said in every school in every part of Seattle. The Con statement is incorrect. Seattle got shortchanged under the new state formula. We cannot have a great city without great schools. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

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**Statement in favor**

Please vote to Renew this important Seattle Public Schools Capital Levy. The Capital Levy will make sure all students and teachers have a safe learning environment by retrofitting buildings for earthquake safety, improving fire alarms and school security systems, and making other critical repairs and improvements for 2023-2026.

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**Statement in opposition**

Vote to Renew the expiring Capital Levy to create safe and healthy school environments. The Con statement is incorrect. Many schools are still adding seats due to the last enrollment jump when 5,000 students joined our district.

Projects were prioritized using equity criteria to ensure benefit to underserved populations. Safety and security systems are being updated at every school. Our students and teachers deserve safe learning environments. Vote Yes on Proposition 2.

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