

**Seattle School District #1
Board Resolution**

Resolution No. 2024/25-3



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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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OPERATIONS LEVY

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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WHEREAS, Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Washington, (the “District”), for the past three years has had in effect an educational programs and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, salaries, buildings, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expire this year; and
WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years will be insufficient to enable the District- to pay for eligible activities for students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 410, Laws of 2019 (66th Legislature, Regular Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such eligible expenditures from a local levy, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$0.78 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$250,000,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. A tax of approximately \$0.75 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$249,000,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and
- C. A tax of approximately \$0.72 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$248,000,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors acknowledges the preparation and participation in the voters' pamphlet to inform and educate the voters regarding the proposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$0.78 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$250,000,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
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The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$0.78 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$0.75 per thousand dollars of assessed

valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$0.72 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years to pay such part of the eligible activities of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2025.

King County Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

REPLACEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District passed Resolution No. 2024/25-3 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. To continue high quality programs that are not state funded or fully funded, this authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes replacing an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.78	\$250,000,000
2027	\$0.75	\$249,000,000
2028	\$0.72	\$248,000,000

as provided in the Resolution, subject to legal limits at time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO.....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to King County Elections.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the District’s Assistant Superintendent for Finance (Dr. Kurt Buttleman), telephone: 206.252.0086; email: krbuttleman@seattleschools.org as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Assistant Superintendent is authorized

to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32, the Board of Directors hereby confirms the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 11, 2025 election, which shall be prepared and published by King County Elections, including, but not limited to, an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, and, if available, a Statement For and a Statement Against. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 19th day of November 2024.


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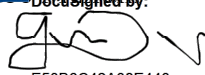
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