

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
(HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

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ADOPTED: JULY 2, 2025

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2026 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 08-21, adopted by the Board on July 7, 2021, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on November 2, 2021.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of educational programs and operation not funded by the State of Washington (the "State"), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a renewal excess tax levy of \$74,512,984 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$80,373,913 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$86,173,696 be made in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$92,840,100 be made in 2029 for collection in 2030 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operation purposes as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election,

for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay or finance) the District's educational programs and operation expenses.

(e) The District has received approval of its educational programs and operation tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on November 4, 2025, in conjunction with the State General election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a renewal General Fund educational programs and operation tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$74,512,984, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$80,373,913, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.09 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$86,173,696, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$92,840,100, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of educational programs and operation not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, college and career readiness staff and programs, physical, social, and emotional learning staff and programs (including mental health counselors and staff), materials, supplies, and operational costs (including utilities and insurance), classroom technology and cybersecurity, transportation, safety and security staff, athletic and extra-curricular programs, electives, enrichment activities offered to students, classroom support programs that help ensure all students, regardless of abilities and needs, are fully included and welcome in the classroom, and other non-compensation related operational costs during the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
(HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION
LEVY

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 06-25, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including college/career readiness; mental health; materials and supplies; classroom technology; cybersecurity; transportation; safety/security):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$2.07	\$74,512,984
2028	\$2.09	\$80,373,913
2029	\$2.10	\$86,173,696
2030	\$2.11	\$92,840,100

all as provided in Resolution No. 06-25. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES

LEVY . . . NO

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the “Secretary”) or the Secretary’s designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than August 5, 2025; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of the District’s educational programs and operation expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District’s Chief Financial Officer (Jackie Bryan), telephone: 206.631.3181; email: jackie.bryan@highlineschools.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

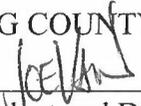
Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the President, the District's Chief Financial Officer, other appropriate officers of the District and the District's Special Counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on July 2, 2025.

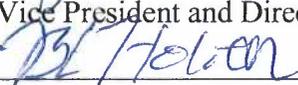
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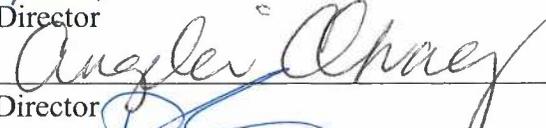
President and Director



Vice President and Director



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ATTEST:



IVAN DURAN, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Directors