

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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AND OPERATIONS LEVY

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Mercer Island School District No. 400, 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 operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 705, adopted by the Board on October 28, 2021, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 8, 2022.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operations 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 operations not funded or fully 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 replacement excess tax levy of \$16,000,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$17,000,000 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$18,000,000 be made in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$19,000,000 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 proposed four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operations purposes as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operations 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 fund) the District's educational programs and operations expenses.

(e) The District has received or, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations 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 or will be 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 February 10, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund educational programs and operations 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 \$16,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$17,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$18,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$19,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed 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 operations not funded or fully funded by the State, including, but not limited to, nurses, safety and security, employee costs (including salaries and the seven period day), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating District schools, 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 and advisable 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.

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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

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Mercer Island School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 747, concerning educational funding. This proposition would authorize 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 not funded or fully funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$0.72	\$16,000,000
2028	\$0.75	\$17,000,000
2029	\$0.77	\$18,000,000
2030	\$0.80	\$19,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 747. 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 December 12, 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 annual excess property taxes for support of the District's educational programs and operations 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 Secretary's designee (Matt Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations), telephone: 206.236.3295; email: matt.sullivan@mercerislandschools.org; (b) the Secretary (Dr. Fred Rundle), telephone: 206.236.3300; email: fred.rundle@mercerislandschools.org; and (c) 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 President, the Secretary, the District's Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, other appropriate officials of the District and 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 Mercer Island School District No. 400, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on October 23, 2025.

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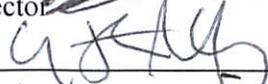
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ATTEST:


DR. FRED RUNDLE
Secretary to the Board of Directors