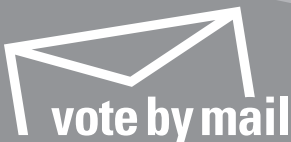


April 17, 2012 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Mercer Island School District No. 400



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206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit
www.kingcounty.gov/elections



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Registering to vote is easy

Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by Election Day

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website, and return it by mail or in person
- Register in person at the King County Elections office

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the April 17, 2012, special election:

- **March 19** – Deadline to register by mail or online, or to transfer or update voter registration.
- **April 9** – Deadline to register in-person for people who are not currently registered in Washington. You can register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at our new Voter Registration Annex located at the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 311 in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Accessible voting center

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Voters may also return ballots at this location during business hours.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

March 30 - April 16

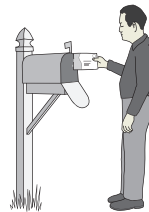
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

April 17

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Returning your ballot

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.



Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Ballots must be postmarked by April 17. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes

King County Elections offers ballot drop boxes as an option for returning your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, March 29.



By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Crossroads Shopping Center South entrance

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

Near parking garage entrance

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Proposition No. 1
General Obligation Bonds - \$196,275,000

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 592 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to replace Island Park, Lakeridge, West Mercer Elementary and Islander Middle; purchase land to site a new school; modernize Mercer Island High, adding science labs and classrooms; to make improvements to the athletic stadium; modernize Mary Wayte Pool; to issue \$196,275,000 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. 592. Should this proposition be:

- APPROVED
 REJECTED

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

Vote yes for MI schools! Our three elementary schools and IMS are bursting at the seams, and we have no more room for portables. To solve our capacity crisis, we must rebuild; remodeling costs almost as much as new buildings, and we would get much less. A community-based, multi-year study shows rebuilding one school at a time with bond sales spread over 5-7 years is the prudent approach to prepare for the next 50 years. The incremental tax for a \$1,000,000 home is \$700 per year (tax-deductible). What better investment could you make in your home, your community, and our children? Neighboring districts have done this. Now it's our turn. Learn more: www.mischoolsyes.org.

Supporters: Attorney General Rob McKenna, Representatives Adam Smith and Jay Inslee, Senator Steve Litzow, Representatives Judy Clibborn and Marcie Maxwell, Mayor Bruce Bassett and five other MI City Council members, King County Executives Dow Constantine and Fred Jarrett, King County Council member Jane Hague, Myra Lupton, Rich Erwin, Maureen Judge, Terry Moreman, Brian Weinstein, Elliot Newman, Carrie George, Ken Glass, Leslie Ferrell, Lisa Eggers, John DeVleming, Debora Boeck, Dirk van der Burch, all five PTSAs, MIEA, Seattle King County Association of Realtors, and 700+ additional endorsers.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Maximum enrollment at each new elementary school will be 650, meeting projected needs for 20 years. A new Island Park actually improves traffic flow. The incremental tax for a \$1,000,000 home is \$700 (tax-deductible). One new elementary adds \$450,000/year to already stretched teacher/classroom budget, escalates total construction cost by 40%, displaces tenants immediately, including Youth Theatre Northwest and leaves 3/4 of students without state-of-the-art schools for a decade. Vote YES to keep MI schools great!

Statement submitted by: Rand Ginn, Emmett Maloof and Susan Blake
hrginn@juno.com

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Mercer Island School District to borrow \$196,275,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 592 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for constructing and equipping replacements for Island Park Elementary, Lakeridge Elementary, West Mercer Elementary and Islander Middle Schools; purchasing land to site a new school; undertaking facility improvements, modernizations, and/or renovations to Mercer Island High School, including science labs and classrooms; designing a Master Plan for the north campus "mega-block"; making improvements to the high-school athletic stadium facilities at Mercer Island High School; and modernizing the facilities known as the Mary Wayte Pool. The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such improvements. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of not to exceed 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
 R. Dean Mack - CFO/COO
 206-236-4522 • dean_mack@misd.wednet.edu

Statement in opposition

Schools are Mercer Island's most prized asset, but the proposed plan is wrong for us.

THE PROBLEM is "overcrowding and portables". This proposal to demolish all the elementary schools and rebuild them with larger ones is *not* warranted. Very large, 700+ student, elementary schools, are the wrong educational model for our children. The bond language isn't specific. It gives the Board authority to eliminate or delete items. Traffic from a new school, on the proposed purchase of the Stevenson property, will strangle the community on Island Crest Way, south of 53rd.

What would the proposed plan cost you? For a \$1,000,000 home, this bond would cost \$1,280/yr. This same house would pay a total local school tax of \$3600/yr.

THE SOLUTION is to build one new elementary at the north end and not prematurely demolish buildings that are functioning so well that our students score among the highest in the state! If the middle school is overcrowded, we should rebuild it in a well-planned, cost-effective fashion. Recall that 21st Century learning comes from the teachers, not buildings.

This is an irresponsible \$200,000,000 commitment.

It's okay to vote "NO." Let's come back and do it right!

www.no-mi-school-tear-down.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The "Capacity "Crisis" can be handled without rebuilding all 4 school buildings. Neighboring Districts don't rebuild everything when they expand. Portables were supposed to disappear in 1995. They never went away. When 1995 bonds expire in 2015, the tax for this proposition will be \$1,300 to \$1,500/\$Million house. \$700 is only an incremental cost.

The Bond states: "the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvements." There are more tax increases to come.

Statement submitted by: Michael Finn, Trevor Hart and Marty Gale
mjfinn9@gmail.com

Your *signature* verifies your vote

Sign and date the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that your signature is on the ballot envelope and it matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don't match, the Elections department cannot open and count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to try to remedy the issue.

Sign and date below

X *Jane Doe* 4/5/12
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

janedoe@mailbox.com
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

Read the declaration

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of the state of Washington;
- At least 18 years old on election day;
- Voting only once in this election;
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

It is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot. Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Sign and date below

X *Jane Doe* 4/5/12
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

janedoe@mailbox.com
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

If you are unable to sign, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below.

signature of witness 1 _____ signature of witness 2 _____

Information about your signature

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained staff make sure the signature on this envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration.

A power of attorney signature is not valid in Washington State for the purpose of voting.

This envelope is only for:

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JANE DOE
1111 SAMPLE AVE S
BELLEVUE, WA 98111

Election Day: April 17, 2012

You've moved your furniture, your clothes, the kids and the dog.

But what about your vote?

Did you know that when you move you need to update your address with King County Elections?

You can update your address online, by phone, or by visiting our office.



To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

In accordance with Federal law, King County also produces election materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. If you, or someone you know, needs language assistance, call King County Elections at 206-296-8683 and request a ballot and voting material in Chinese or Vietnamese.

Theo luật Liên bang, quận King cũng sẽ xuất bản tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Hoa và tiếng Việt. Nếu quý vị, hoặc người nào khác mà quý vị biết, cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, vui lòng gọi Hội đồng bầu cử quận King số 206-296-8683 để yêu cầu một lá phiếu và tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

根據聯邦法律規定，金郡也提供中文和越南文版本的選舉資訊。如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電206-296-8683與金郡選舉部聯絡，索取一份中文選票和投票資料。



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Renton, WA 98057



Voter Registration Annex:

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500 4th Ave., Room 311

Seattle, WA 98104



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