

February 13, 2018 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Bellevue School District No. 405



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# Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without a stamp at a ballot drop box.

For a list of all **55 drop boxes open** for this election visit [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections). Here are the 5 closest locations to the districts on your ballot:

<b>Bellevue</b>	Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004 Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St, 98008
<b>Kirkland</b>	Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033
<b>Newcastle</b>	Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056
<b>Redmond</b>	*Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052

\* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning January 25.

**Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 13.**

## Mail your ballot

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

**Mailed ballots require first class postage and must be postmarked by February 13.**



# Register to vote

## 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
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction

## How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Elections Annex.

## Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the February 13, 2018 Special Election are:

- **January 15** – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- **February 5** – Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).

## 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.

### Who donates to campaigns?

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**Public Disclosure Commission**

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

# Accessible voting options

Voting by mail is a convenient option for most people. There are other options available.

## Online Ballot Marking Program

- Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program.
- Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking program has been designed specifically to enable blind and vision-impaired voters to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, voters may mark their ballot on a computer, print it out, and return it by fax, standard mail, or email before the 8 p.m. election day deadline.

## Accessible Voting Centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment are available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Mail ballots can also be dropped off at any accessible voting center, when open.

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

### Elections Annex

King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 440, Seattle 98104

- Weekdays, Jan. 24 - Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### Bellevue Regional Library

1111 110th Ave NE, 98004

- Monday Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## Other accessible voting options

If one of the above options doesn't work for you, please contact our office for further assistance:

**Phone:** 206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165

TTY Relay: 711

**Email:** [elections@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov)

## Proposition No. 3 School Bus Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District approved Resolution No. 17-18 authorizing a levy for school buses. This levy funds new and replacement school buses and authorizes the following excess levy on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	\$0.12	\$8,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 17-18. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

Submitted by: HyAnne Neff, Chris Marks  
[info@bellevuequalityschools.org](mailto:info@bellevuequalityschools.org)

Vote Yes on this levy. It will *Not* cause a tax increase, is only collected once and supports district transportation needs for the next 7-10 years. These funds allow the district to replace aging buses and add capacity to relieve crowding.

This levy provides more students the ability to ride buses thus reducing traffic around schools and throughout Bellevue. Our students need additional buses for transportation to/from school, field trips, extra-curricular activities and athletics.

Enrollment has grown by nearly 5,000 students since the previous bus levy occurred in 2000. There are over 11,300 bus rides each day spread across 182 routes. With more capacity, more students will be able to conveniently and safely ride a bus, reducing traffic and helping families with transportation.

Make a difference, support additional student transportation and vote yes.

### Rebuttal of statement against

House Bill 2242 does not provide funds to purchase new school buses nor outfit them with additional safety equipment. Since the last transportation levy 17 years ago, enrollment has increased by 5,000 students making the aging fleet of buses insufficient to meet the needs of our student population. This one-time levy will support transportation needs and projected growth for the next 7-10 years. Vote Yes for student transportation!

### Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:  
 Melissa deVita, Deputy Superintendent  
 425-456-4025  
[devitam@bsd405.org](mailto:devitam@bsd405.org)

Passage of Proposition No. 3 would allow for a levy of \$8,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2019.

In accordance with Resolution No. 1718 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Bellevue School District's Transportation Vehicle Fund and would be used over seven to ten years to purchase new buses to keep students safe as they travel to and from school, on field trips, and on athletic and extracurricular trips. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at the rate estimated to be \$0.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2019. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

### Statement in opposition

Submitted by: David Plummer  
[pdf3@comcast.net](mailto:pdf3@comcast.net)

The State Legislature approved Engrossed House Bill 2242; the intent of this legislation was to establish the legislative foundation for funding education for State students in compliance with Article IX of the State's constitution; and to satisfy subsequent State Supreme Court decisions regarding such funding. The full impact of this legislation (and possible additional actions by the Legislature and Court) has not yet been determined by the Bellevue School District, King County, or other applicable regulatory agencies. Consequently, the amount of funding to be provided by the State for District educational programs is not yet known. Thus, it is premature to consider the imposition of new tax levies until a final determination of such funding is made. Voters are therefore urged to reject this proposition.

Further, the Bellevue School District and Board have not considered any alternatives to increased taxation which is directed toward educational enhancements, not basic education; neither body has provided Bellevue citizens with detailed information on why changes to the K-12 curriculum, services, and other economies could not be considered to reduce the need for possible additional funding that could eliminate the need for new taxes. Voters are therefore urged to reject this proposition.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Proposition 3 should be rejected because the Administration and Board have not provided District taxpayers with one or more zero-tax alternatives, including detailed transportation service and vehicle utilization and maintenance analyses. Such analyses should also include evaluation of methods of reducing the need for District provided bus service.

## Proposition No. 1 Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District passed Resolution No. 17-16 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:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.99	\$68,000,000
2020	\$0.99	\$74,000,000
2021	\$0.99	\$79,000,000
2022	\$0.99	\$83,000,000

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

Yes

No

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

Submitted by: HyAnne Neff, Chris Marks  
[info@bellevuequalityschools.org](mailto:info@bellevuequalityschools.org)

Vote Yes on this replacement levy which renews our commitment to more than 20,000 Bellevue students and reduces your tax rate. This levy funds education programs which the state of Washington does not, and represents 22% of the district's budget.

This levy expands students learning to include art and music in elementary schools, world languages in middle schools, and language immersion programs. It also provides for 7th period classes and tutorial for all middle and high school students allowing them to be well-prepared for graduation and their future. Additionally, this levy significantly funds nurses, counselors, and security as well as athletics, special education and gifted programs.

Approving this levy renews our decades-old commitment to our students – and our community – by providing a high-quality, comprehensive public education for every child in the district.

Make a difference, renew your commitment and vote yes.

### Rebuttal of statement against

For decades, Bellevue has provided a more comprehensive public education than the state funds. Months of analysis by the district and school board has concluded House Bill 2242 creates a 22% budget shortfall, hence the need for this replacement levy. Without it, existing programs will be cut. This levy allows our students to continue receiving a high-quality education and will replace the expiring levy. Vote Yes for 20,000+ Bellevue students!

### Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow for a levy up to \$68,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2019, a levy up to \$74,000,000 for collection in 2020, a levy up to \$79,000,000 for collection in 2021, and a levy up to \$83,000,000 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 17-16 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Bellevue School District's General Fund. These additional funds pay for the day-to-day classroom operational needs that are not funded by the state such as the seventh period at high schools and middle schools; orchestra, band, music and art at elementary schools; world language at middle schools; special education; gifted programming; and athletics, extra curricular activities and other after school programs. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.99 (2019 collection), \$0.99 (2020 collection), \$0.99 (2021 collection) and \$0.99 (2022 collection). The exact levy collection will be subject to the legal limits at the time of levy and the rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual amount certified and the assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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The State Legislature approved Engrossed House Bill 2242; the intent of this legislation was to establish the legislative foundation for funding education for State students in compliance with Article IX of the State's constitution; and to satisfy subsequent State Supreme Court decisions regarding such funding. The full impact of this legislation (and possible additional actions by the Legislature and Court) has not yet been determined by the Bellevue School District, King County, or other applicable regulatory agencies. Consequently, the amount of funding to be provided by the State for District educational programs is not yet known. Thus, it is premature to consider the imposition of new tax levies until a final determination of such funding is made. Voters are therefore urged to reject this proposition.

Further, the Bellevue School District and Board have not considered any alternatives to increased taxation which is directed toward educational enhancements, not basic education; neither body has provided Bellevue citizens with detailed information on why changes to the K-12 curriculum, services, and other economies could not be considered to reduce the need for possible additional funding that could eliminate the need for new taxes. Voters are therefore urged to reject this proposition.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Proposition 1 should be rejected because District taxpayers have not been provided one or more zero tax alternatives. New and extension of existing taxes should be rejected until the State Legislature and State Supreme Court come to an agreement on what educational services the State will fund; when this is known, District taxpayers will be able to decide what, if any, additional services they desire to tax themselves for.

## Proposition No. 2 Replacement for Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District passed Resolution No. 17-17 concerning this proposition for capital levies. This proposition authorizes the District to modernize facilities by acquiring, developing and implementing computer technology systems, facilities and projects for operations and instruction and other capital and administrative expenditures, and authorizes excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.54	\$37,000,000
2020	\$0.54	\$40,000,000
2021	\$0.53	\$42,000,000
2022	\$0.53	\$44,000,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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### Statement in favor

Submitted by: HyAnne Neff, Chris Marks  
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Vote Yes on this replacement levy which renews our commitment to more than 20,000 Bellevue students and reduces your tax rate. This levy funds technical literacy for all students and essential building maintenance projects.

The technology portion of this levy pays for computers and peripherals used by all students and teachers. This includes classroom projectors and smart boards, printers, shared laptop carts for elementary students, and individual laptops for middle and high school students. It also pays for the digital curriculum supporting STEM learning, software packages such as Dreambox, RazKids, and the student information system as well as the technical staff to support the infrastructure, teachers and students.

The capital projects portion of this levy pays for critical school repairs, such as replacing roofs, flooring, and HVAC systems. Properly maintained school buildings are critical to student safety and the overall learning environment.

Approving this levy ensures our school buildings are safe and maintained, and that our students are all given access to a technical education that prepares them for the global job market they will enter.

Make a difference, renew your commitment and vote yes.

### Rebuttal of statement against

Bellevue students must be prepared for the digital world. House Bill 2242 significantly underfunds the technology programs, equipment and support staff Bellevue students benefit from today. Nor does the state fund major school maintenance and repairs. A high-quality technical education and well-maintained schools require this replacement levy. It allows technology learning to continue, major building repairs to be completed and replaces the expiring levy. Vote Yes for 20,000+ Bellevue students!

### Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 to replace an expiring levy, would allow a levy of \$37,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2019, a levy of \$40,000,000 for collection in 2020, a levy of \$42,000,000 for collection in 2021 and a levy of \$44,000,000 for collection in 2022, to fund large scale capital improvements; multi-season fields; laptops for middle and high school students; integrated digital curriculum; collaborative STEM learning for every student; additional laptop carts to support elementary student learning; and technology training for teachers to support classroom learning. These taxes would be collected over the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.54 (2019 collection), \$0.54 (2020 collection), \$0.53 (2021 collection) and \$0.53 (2022 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Proposition 2 should be rejected because it includes costs for technology enhancements that have no credible rationale. These costs could be funded by the State once the Legislature and State Supreme Court agree on a final McClery resolution. Funds for building maintenance should not be approved until the maintenance plans have been reviewed by a competent engineering firm, and results of the review presented to the Board and district taxpayers.



# Contact information

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Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese.

如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請聯絡金郡選舉部。

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en Español.

한글로 선거 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Vui lòng liên lạc Bộ Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.