

February 13, 2018 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Federal Way School District No. 210



vote!

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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.
- 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?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Public Disclosure Commission

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

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. Here are the 5 closest locations to the districts on your ballot:

Auburn	Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002 Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092
Des Moines	*Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198
Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003
Pacific	Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

* 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.



Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Federal Way Public Schools adopted Resolution No. 2017-15 concerning a replacement levy to continue funding for educational expenses not fully funded by the State, including instructional programs beyond the state minimum, enhanced staffing, program components, professional learning, scholar and program support, and school operations and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District as provided in the Resolution:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$33,000,000
2020	\$1.50	\$33,000,000
2021	\$1.50	\$33,000,000
2022	\$1.50	\$33,000,000

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.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Gregory Baruso, Brian Kraemer, Carolyn Kraemer
www.citizensforfwschools.org

Vote Yes for Schools by renewing the Federal Way Educational Programs and Operations levy! This levy means keeping existing teachers, nurses, athletics and educational programs in our schools. The state does not cover all of these costs.

This is not a new tax. Since 1980, Federal Way voters have maintained this levy to fund essential school staff.

It is important to know that the school district is reducing taxes with this levy renewal. Beginning in 2019, local property owners will see a tax decrease of 37% and will pay \$570 less per year. The tax rate decreases from an estimated \$3.58 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value.

This levy is 10 percent of the overall district budget, funding 300 current staff members who help students learn. This includes nurses, special education, English Language Learner services, athletics, security, music and after school programs.

The levy fills in gaps from state funding. For example, did you know the state only funds 3.5 nurses across our entire district? This levy would continue to fund the remaining 19 nurse positions needed to serve all students.

Join your neighbors in voting Yes to support our schools, students and community while reducing our local tax rate!

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Kassie Swenson, Chief of Communications & Strategy
253-945-2264, kswenson@fwps.org

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring levy. Due to legislative changes in K-12 funding, this levy is \$20,000,000 less per year than the previous levy. The EP&O levy funds essential staff and educational programs beyond what state funding offers for basic education. The levy provides funding for instructional programs beyond the state minimum instructional offerings, staffing ratios, program components, professional learning, student and program support, and school operations.

For Federal Way schools, this essential funding continues support for teaching and para-educator staff for general, special, and transitional bilingual education; school nurses and counselors; security and technology staff; transportation; enriched learning opportunities such as AVID, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge and College Board; and athletics and extracurricular activities and more. For additional information please see www.fwps.org.

If approved, this levy will replace an expiring levy and will be collected for four years beginning in 2019 for collection in the school years of 2018-19 through 2022-23, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$33,000,000 for collection in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

This levy sets a maximum dollar amount for collection (voter authority). Legal collection authority may be less depending on annual Washington State legislative actions and the actual assessed valuation.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.



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Contact us to receive this pamphlet in an alternate format.

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.