

February 13, 2018 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Lake Washington School District No. 414



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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>	Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St, 98008
<b>Kirkland</b>	Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034 Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033
<b>Redmond</b>	*Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052
<b>Sammamish</b>	Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

\* 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?

View contributors for candidates and measures

**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 Bonds to Reduce Overcrowding and Enhance Student Learning Environments - \$299,000,000

The Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 adopted Resolution No. 2246 concerning a proposition to reduce overcrowding and enhance student learning environments. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip one new elementary, one new choice high school and an addition at Lake Washington High School; remodel or rebuild Kamiakin Middle School and Alcott Elementary School; acquire land and make other capital improvements; to issue \$299,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2246. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*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: Amy Walen, John Marchione, Bob Keller  
[www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)

Vote Yes for Our Kids, Schools and Community by voting Yes on Prop 3!

This bond, developed with extensive community input, relieves overcrowding in our schools without raising anyone's property tax rate. Lake Washington School District is one of the fastest-growing districts in the state. This growth is at all levels from kindergarten through high school. Our schools are over-crowded and many students are being educated in portables.

This bond provides more classroom space to help relieve urgent overcrowding concerns without increasing the local tax rate.

By prioritizing the most critical building, safety, and security needs, this bond helps sustain LWSD's high quality. And, due to good fiscal planning, we can improve our schools without increasing our local tax rate.

This bond benefits everyone. Good schools and facilities positively affect our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community and improve our quality of life. That's why hundreds of your neighbors, elected officials, community leaders and organizations endorsed this measure ([www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)). Please join us in voting Yes for the LWSD Bond - Prop 3!

### Rebuttal of statement against

Here are the clear and simple facts:

LWSD is one of the fastest-growing districts in the state. This growth is at all grades. Our schools are over-crowded and many students are being educated in portables.

This bond provides more classroom space in all three of our cities and across the district to help relieve urgent overcrowding concerns without increasing the local tax rate. The state does not provide this funding.

Vote Yes on Prop 3!

### Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:  
Shannon Parthemer, Communications Director  
425-936-1342, [sparthemer@lwsd.org](mailto:sparthemer@lwsd.org)

Passage of Proposition 3, Bonds to Reduce Overcrowding and Enhance Student Learning Environments, would authorize the Lake Washington School District to sell \$299,000,000 in general obligation bonds to build new schools and add classrooms for its growing student population. The district has grown by over 4,000 students in the last five years and continued enrollment growth is expected.

The projects included in this bond were identified by a 63-member community based task force that studied the district facility needs over a comprehensive year long process.

The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 20 years. The tax rate for bonds in the district is estimated to remain at or below the current tax rate of \$1.31 per \$1000 of assessed value. The bonds will replace past bonds that are being paid off.

Projects include building one new elementary school, one new choice high school, and an addition at Lake Washington High School; rebuilding and enlarging Kamiakin Middle School and Alcott Elementary School, acquiring land for new schools; and completing other capital projects across the district.

The district expects to receive \$15,000,000 from the state construction assistance program to help fund these projects.

Further information is available on the district's website at [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org).

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

Submitted by: Susan Wilkins  
[LWSDstats.org](http://LWSDstats.org)

Our region has experienced explosive population growth during the past 20 years. All of our schools are so full and overcrowded that the District uses 170 portables. This bond measure provides little new classroom space, spending most of the money on school replacements.

Facilities Planning is broken. We need new schools. The District has not added any new schools in Kirkland since Kamiakin Junior High was built in 1975. This bond measure would tear down and rebuild Kamiakin. It would put an addition on Lake Washington High School that was rebuilt in 2011 for \$88,000,000 and is now too small.

Middle schools and high schools inside Redmond and Sammamish are so overcapacity that science classrooms, libraries, and lunchrooms are inadequate. Neither city will get new schools from this bond measure. Elementary schools across the district are all full.

Past Lake Washington School District bond measures have been paid down slowly, often using interest-only balloon payments. We now owe \$887,000,000 on bond principal and interest - and 2016 bonds have not all been issued. We cannot afford to spend \$299,000,000 more if all money isn't dedicated to new school construction.

Vote No and tell the district to use your money wisely.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

This bond will increase your property taxes and your tax rate. We cannot afford to continue the district's policy of tearing down and rebuilding schools. We need new schools for our growing enrollment, but this bond measure will provide too little space. Vote No. Reject Proposition 3.

## Proposition No. 1 Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 adopted Resolution No. 2244 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes 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, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.03	\$59,200,000
2020	\$1.03	\$62,200,000
2021	\$1.03	\$65,100,000
2022	\$1.03	\$67,700,000

all as provided in the Resolution. 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: Amy Walen, John Marchione, Bob Keller  
[www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)

Vote Yes for Our Kids, Schools and Community by voting Yes on Prop 1!

This Educational Programs and Operations levy provides funding for important educational needs and ensures teachers have the resources needed to help students succeed. This levy provides programs and operations that are not funded by the state. It is a replacement of an expiring levy, and it will actually decrease the local tax rate.

Examples of these educational needs that are not funded by the state include staff for special education, highly capable and English language learner programs; nurses; graduation requirements aligned with college entrance requirements; security and transportation staff; early learning programs; and athletics and activities.

With your support and due to good fiscal planning, LWSD can provide these needed services while actually reducing your local tax rate.

Better schools help build a stronger community and improve our quality of life. That's why hundreds of your neighbors, elected officials, community leaders and organizations endorsed this measure ([www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)). Please join us in voting Yes for the LWSD Education Programs and Operations Levy - Prop 1!

### Rebuttal of statement against

Here are the clear and simple facts:

This EP & O levy funds important educational needs and ensures teachers have the resources needed to help students succeed.

This levy provides programs and operations that are not funded by the state.

It is a replacement of an expiring levy. It will decrease the local tax rate. Our schools can't operate effectively without this money.

Support our Kids, Schools and Community by voting Yes on Prop 1!

### Explanatory statement

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of an Educational Programs and Operations levy to enable the

District to pay for its educational programs and services not funded by the state and needed to meet the current and future educational programs and services for students. The proposed levy will replace the District's current levy that expires in 2018. This expiring levy currently provides approximately 19% of the general expense of operating the District, and pays for teaching and non-teaching staff, safety and security services, transportation, staff professional learning, activities and athletics/sports, additional course offerings, early learning programs, and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools.

Passage of this proposition would allow the levy of an average of \$63.5 million per year over the next four years. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.03 beginning in 2019. The district is asking for less than the state legislature has authorized, in anticipation of additional state funding. This request will decrease the tax rate from the current 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.

Further information is available on the district's website at [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org).

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.

For questions about this measure, contact:  
Shannon Parthemer, Communications Director  
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### Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Susan Wilkins  
[ParentsForEducation@yahoo.com](mailto:ParentsForEducation@yahoo.com)

Our State taxes are going up to pay for Education. We should reject this levy because we will be funding critical education needs through our State taxes.

The McCleary Decision required the State to fully fund basic education. In response, the Legislature passed House Bill 2242 in July 2017. Section 301 authorizes the State to collect \$3.60 per thousand of assessed property values, far more than \$2.03 that is currently being collected.

Starting in 2018, the "State" portion of our property taxes will increase substantially to pay for the McCleary Decision. For a median priced house, this increase will be about \$1,200. Plus, the \$400,000,000 Bond Measure passed in 2016 will add \$300 annually to our school property taxes. The District says that this levy will only cost \$1.03 per thousand, but that still equates to \$700 per year for a median-priced home - on top of the State tax increase.

This is not a replacement levy. HB2242, section 202(14) prohibits the use of Operations levies to pay for basic education. It is not clear how the \$64,000,000 collected annually from this levy will be spent, but it can't be spent on basic education.

Vote No and reject this measure.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

The State will be fully funding Basic Education through your State taxes. Your property tax bill will arrive after this election and it will include a significant increase to pay for education. This levy will add \$700 to your annual tax bill and it is not clear how the Lake Washington School District will spend your money.

Vote No. Reject Proposition 1.

## Proposition No. 2 Replacement of Existing Capital Projects Levies

The Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District No. 414 approved Resolution No. 2245 for educational facilities and technology levies. This proposition authorizes the improvement and upgrade of District facilities; including educational technology, software and training; building and site improvements; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.59	\$34,200,000
2020	\$0.59	\$35,900,000
2021	\$0.59	\$37,600,000
2022	\$0.59	\$39,100,000

all as provided in the Resolution. 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: Amy Walen, John Marchione, Bob Keller  
[www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org)

Vote Yes for Our Kids, Schools and Community by voting Yes on Prop 2!

The Capital Projects levy funds facility, safety, and technology needs not funded by the state. It is a replacement to an expiring levy that will maintain the same tax rate.

Examples of things this important levy funds include:

**Facilities:** Building improvements such as code compliance and health and safety improvements, such as upgrading fire alarm systems, expanding lockdown hardware, and security systems; upgrades to heating, ventilation, water, roofing, and door locks; learning space improvements; site improvements, including athletic and playfield upgrades; and improving access for people with disabilities.

**Technology:** Computers, district network, cloud storage, voice/phone systems, classroom technology, security cameras, printers, instructional software, staff training, and district software and systems.

With your support and due to good fiscal planning, LWSD can provide these needed services without increasing your local tax rate.

Please join hundreds of your neighbors, elected officials, community leaders and organizations in voting Yes for the LWSD Capital Projects Levy – Prop 2! To learn more, please visit [www.vote4lwsdkids.org](http://www.vote4lwsdkids.org).

### Rebuttal of statement against

Here are the clear and simple facts:

The Capital Projects levy funds facility, education, safety and security, athletic, disability access, and technology needs not funded by the state.

It is a replacement of an expiring levy that will maintain the same tax rate.

With your support, LWSD can provide these needed services without increasing your local tax rate.

Support our Kids, Schools and Community by voting Yes on Prop 2!

### Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:  
Shannon Parthemer, Communications Director  
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Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of a Capital Projects levy to enable the district to pay for improvements and upgrades of district facilities, for technology improvements, and equipment and training that are not funded by the state and needed to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. The proposed levy will replace the District's current levy that expires in 2018 and the taxes would be deposited in the Capital Projects Fund to pay for safety and security items; replacement of aging major building systems such as roofs and heating systems; replacement computers; upgraded server and network infrastructure; instructional and assessment software; and technology support for over 30,000 staff and student computers.

Passage of this proposition would allow the levy of an average of \$36.7 million per year over the next four years. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would remain at \$0.59 beginning 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.

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### Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Susan Wilkins  
[ParentsForEducation@yahoo.com](mailto:ParentsForEducation@yahoo.com)

Proposition 2 provides \$36,000,000 annually for two competing needs:

Technology and Capital Facilities Improvements. Although the District states that 35% is for Facilities and 65% is for Technology, Resolution #2245 authorizing this levy is vague and does not contain a mandate for how the money will be apportioned. Too much goes to Facilities. Too little is spent on Technology.

District Administration uses its discretion on how it spends levy money without conferring with the School Board or getting approval. Millions of dollars have been spent adding portables. Improvements such as fencing at stadiums, electronic reader boards, and audio-visual equipment are purchased and installed with little notice or feedback from parents, teachers or school administrators.

Funds generated by this levy are not being adequately dedicated to Technology for our students. Computer technology is chronically outdated and poorly functioning. Wifi and networks in schools are slow and inadequate. Parent and student access programs are slow and unwieldy. Grading, student assignment and coursework, and communications software programs are primitive. District technology staff members are doing their best, but it appears that not enough money from this levy is directed at Technology.

Vote No. Tell the District to run a levy specifically for Technology.

### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Ask students, teachers, parents and anyone who depends on the Lake Washington School District's computers how they feel about the state of the district's technology. Few will say that they are happy and most will agree that it needs improvement. This levy is supposed to fund technology but our money is being poorly spent.

Vote No on Proposition 2. Send LWSD the message that it needs to prioritize technology over facilities improvements.



# Contact information

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King County Administration Building  
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Seattle, WA 98104

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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.