

## Need assistance?

### Vote Centers

Vote Centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots at Vote Centers through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Location	Hours of operation
<b>King County Elections</b> 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057	Weekdays, January 19 – February 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Election Day, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Access Your Ballot Online

Access and print your ballot online! Those with disabilities or others who choose to do so may mark their selections on the ballot online before printing – or you can choose to print out a blank ballot to mark by hand. Online ballot access has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot and is available to all registered voters.

Just print, sign, follow the instructions for packaging, and return as you normally would – by mail or by drop box before boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.

Access your ballot at [kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp](https://kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp).

**If none of the above voting options work for you, please contact our office.**

### Register to vote

#### Online

You can register to vote online at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) -- all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID. You can register online by January 31 for this election.

#### By mail

Download and print a registration form from [kingcounty.gov/elections](https://kingcounty.gov/elections) and mail it to King County Elections. It must be received by January 31 for this Special election.

#### In person

You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at [kingcounty.gov/elections](https://kingcounty.gov/elections)

February 8, 2022 Special Election

## King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

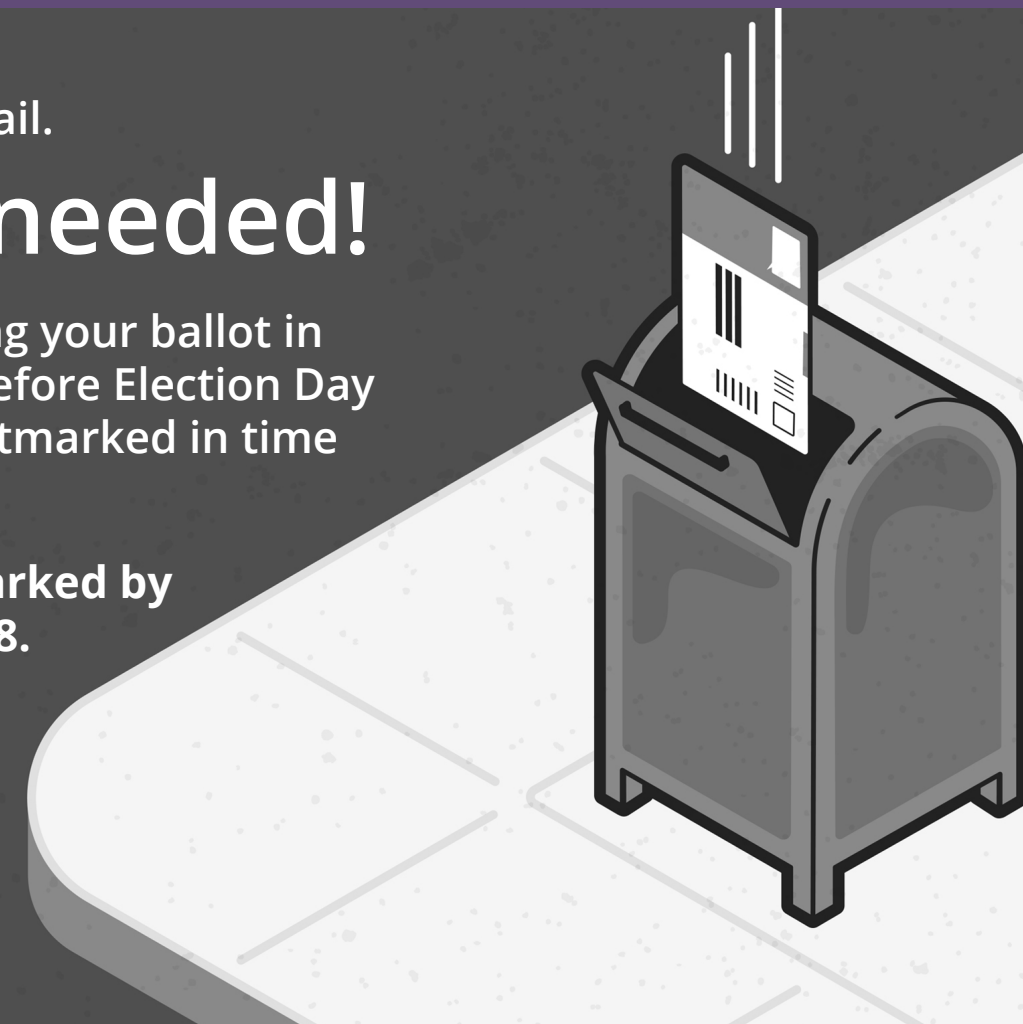
as requested by the Federal Way School District No. 210

Return your ballot by mail.

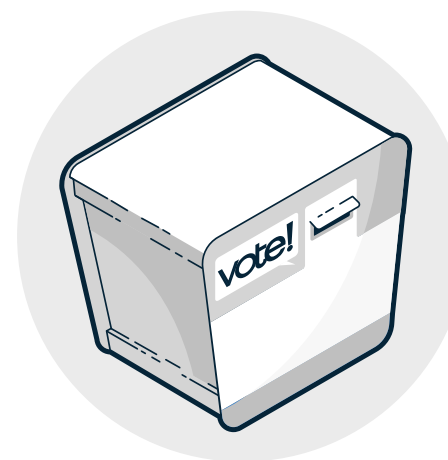
## No stamp needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

**Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, February 8.**



### Ballot drop boxes



All 74 drop boxes across King County will be open for this election. To find the complete list, please see the other pamphlet in your ballot packet or visit [kingcounty.gov/elections](https://kingcounty.gov/elections).

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



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**Proposition No. 1  
Replacement Technology (Capital Projects) Levy**

The Board of Directors of Federal Way Public School No. 210 adopted Resolution No. 2021-27 concerning this proposition. This proposition authorizes the District to continue funding instructional technology modernization, including classroom computers; acquisition, installation and management of technology systems; provide related training, and authorizes excess levies in place of an expiring levy upon all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.20	\$4,400,000
2024	\$0.19	\$4,400,000
2025	\$0.20	\$4,800,000
2026	\$0.19	\$4,800,000
2027	\$0.18	\$4,800,000
2028	\$0.17	\$4,800,000

all as specified in Resolution No. 2021-27. 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: Gregory Baruso, [citizensforfwschools.org](mailto:citizensforfwschools.org)

Approval of this replacement levy provides continued student technology access – supporting student devices, teacher devices and professional development, and infrastructure and software maintenance and upgrades. This levy allows a periodic refresh of laptops and other classroom devices, and supports continual network and data security updates necessary in today's technology world.

The State's financial support of K-12 technology (less than \$150 a student) continues to be inadequate to meet the needs of our students and District. This levy supports classrooms being interactive learning spaces where educators and students can engage and collaborate for today and tomorrow, helping prepare students to succeed in an increasingly digitized economy. Without your support, FWPS will be unable to meet these important needs.

Federal Way Public Schools was fortunate to receive additional laptops during the pandemic to provide remote access for students, families and staff. This one-time infusion of laptops does allow the District to offer our voters a six-year renewal levy without a significant increase in the levy amount.

Vote Yes! By supporting this replacement technology levy you are continuing an investment in our classrooms that our students and educators can depend on for the next six years!

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Technology skills are essential for today's workforce. Now more than ever, students must have equitable access to technology in school to succeed after graduation. The Tech levy is not new to voters in Federal Way. It's been supported since 2004, and this support laid the foundation required to pivot to remote learning when schools across the state closed suddenly in March 2020. Voter approval continues FWPS's ability to effectively teach 21st century skills. Vote *Yes!*

**Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring technology capital projects levy. Approval of this proposition will enable Federal Way School District to sustain and enhance technology services with emphasis on student technology devices and access, teacher devices and professional development, classroom presentation stations, and infrastructure upgrades.

Additionally, the technology capital projects levy funds costs associated with implementing technology systems, facilities and projects including acquiring and installing hardware and related technology infrastructure, licensing software and online applications, and training related to the integration of these products and services, and other necessary equipment and support services. These areas of technology focus will continue to support the development of student's 21st Century Skills, including communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

If approved, this levy would allow the levy of \$4,400,000 in property taxes within Federal Way School District for collection each year in 2023 and 2024, and the levy of \$4,800,000 for collection each year in 2025 through 2028, inclusive, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.20 (2023 collection), \$0.19 (2024 collection), \$0.20 (2025 collection), \$0.19 (2026 collection), \$0.18 (2027 collection), and \$0.17 (2028 collection).

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

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the King County Assessor at 206-296-7300.

For questions about this measure, contact: Ashley Murphy, CFO, (253) 397-0931, [ashmurphy@fwps.org](mailto:ashmurphy@fwps.org)

**Statement in opposition**

In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and local school taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control.

For 2020-2021, for Federal Way SD district administrators, the median total compensation was \$182,000 with a high of over \$500,000 while 65% of students are from low income families. As of 2019-2020, total spending per pupil (including capital outlays and interest on debt) is over \$17,500. That's more than tuition at most private schools.

The argument that this levy is for a certain few duty types is disingenuous and heartless at best. The FWSD complains that this levy fills the gap left from state legislators. The legislators are correct in saying no to the FWSD. Local voters should do the same.

Nearly all districts, FWSD included, try to just focus on how our property tax rates will remain nearly flat as if that has or will do us any favors. A flat tax rate multiplied by skyrocketing assessed property values equals skyrocketing taxes in dollars (paid for by property owners and renters in their rents). Please provide your input and vote. More details at, [www.schooldatapoint.com](http://www.schooldatapoint.com)

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, [info@schooldatapoint.com](mailto:info@schooldatapoint.com)

**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at \$17,905. That's above tuition and books at many universities let alone most private K-12 schools.

In 2018, because of the McCleary Decision, state legislators pumped billions more dollars into our public schools, largely from increased property taxes. There is no amount of money monopoly school districts will be satisfied with. Citizens are crying uncle. Enough!

**Proposition No. 2  
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Federal Way Public Schools adopted Resolution No. 2021-28 concerning a replacement levy for school funding. This levy would continue funding for educational expenses not fully funded by the State, including instructional programs above state minimums, enhanced staffing, program components, professional learning, scholar and program support, and operations and authorizes the following excess levies on all taxable property within the District as provided in Resolution No. 2021-28:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.78	\$39,000,000
2024	\$1.82	\$42,000,000
2025	\$1.86	\$45,000,000
2026	\$1.89	\$48,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes  
No

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**Statement in favor**

Submitted by: Gregory Baruso, [citizensforfwschools.org](mailto:citizensforfwschools.org)

Vote Yes for Schools by renewing the Federal Way Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy! Approving this levy means keeping existing school support staff including nurses, paraeducators, counselors, and athletics and educational programs in our schools. This is not a new tax. Since 1980, Federal Way voters have maintained this levy to fund student programs and essential school staff.

The EP&O levy enriches state funding and provides 8 percent of the overall district budget, funding more than 200 staff members who help students engage. This includes special education and English Language Learner services, athletics, security, music and after school programs. Even with the proposed increase in the EP&O levy due to the expected loss in State funding, FWPS has reflected strong financial stewardship by offering a combination of propositions maintaining collection rates.

FWPS delivers the best educational environment with historically and substantially less State funding while striving to maintain or lower the total tax burden on local voters. Being a good steward is also reflected in results – such as the highest graduation rates in the region for the classes of 2017-2020 and 88% of students successfully completing four-year degrees.

Join your neighbors in voting Yes to support our students!

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Federal Way Public Schools has consistently maintained their promise to keep tax rates as low as possible and collect only what they need. FWPS maintained EP&O tax rates in the \$1.50 (per \$1,000 of AV) range post-McCleary and collected \$19.7 million *Less* than the voters authorized from the 2018 EP&O levy. Additionally, the salary information listed in the con statement is inaccurate - no FWPS employee makes anywhere near \$500,000 a year. Vote *Yes!*

**Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring 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](http://www.fwps.org).

If approved, this levy will replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$39,000,000 in property taxes within Federal Way School District for collection in 2023, the levy of \$42,000,000 for collection in 2024, the levy of \$45,000,000 for collection in 2025, and the levy of \$48,000,000 for collection in 2026, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.78 (2023 collection), \$1.82 (2024 collection), \$1.86 (2025 collection), and \$1.89 (2026 collection).

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Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, [info@schooldatapoint.com](mailto:info@schooldatapoint.com)

These cap levy items should come out of the General Fund. If salaries were not so bloated this would be possible.

These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. February is the lowest voter turnout election of the year. Understandably. Most citizens are just learning that there are levies to vote on - again. We just had the holidays. Citizens have voting fatigue. And, importantly, citizens won't even receive their property tax bills for the year until a month later in March. How convenient.

In the interest of high voter participation, these important, large tax measures (which affect all property owners and renters in their rents) should be only on the November Election. It is irresponsible for the district to propose property tax measures a month before voters see their property tax bills.

The state will never be able to fulfill its constitutional obligation of fully-funding schools so long as local districts are allowed to spend more than the ample provision the state provides. Until that changes, citizens need to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at [www.schooldatapoint.com](http://www.schooldatapoint.com)

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