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Location	Hours of operation
King County Elections 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.

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 -- 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 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

February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the Seattle School District No. 1

Return your ballot by mail.

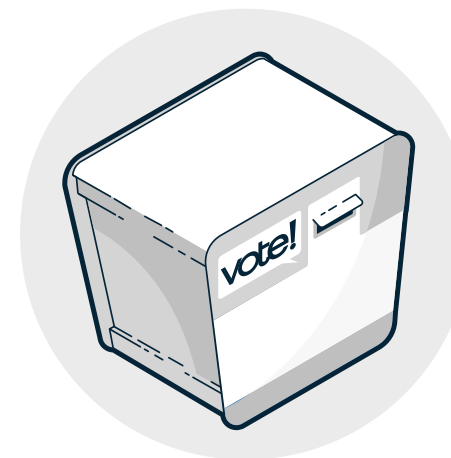
No stamp needed!

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.

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



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

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District passed Resolution No. 2021/22-2 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
2023	\$0.74	\$205,900,000
2024	\$0.75	\$215,900,000
2025	\$0.75	\$225,000,000

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.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Rebecca Saldaña, Girmay Zahilay, Tim Burgess, www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org

Please *renew* this essential Seattle Public Schools Educational Programs and Operations Levy. Its passage is vital to the quality of education we are able to provide to more than 50,000 students currently enrolled.

A great city must have great public schools. This levy benefits every school in every part of Seattle. It replaces our current levy and provides needed funding to pay for *critical educational support* such as nurses, counselors, custodians, school staff, child nutrition programs, instructional materials and new curriculum, STEM education, Career and Technical Education, and Special Education services. If the Operations Levy is not renewed, the district will have to make deep cuts. Teachers and instructional assistants will be laid off, and valuable programs that support students will be cut back or eliminated.

“Please vote to renew this levy! Without these resources it is hard to imagine how teachers can do their jobs. Thank you.” – Kiani Piñeiro-Hall, Wedgewood PTA Diversity and Inclusion Chair

This levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring Operations Levy. Please vote Yes to renew our commitment to Seattle’s children.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Renewing the Educational Programs and Operational Levy is critical to ensuring a high-quality education for our city’s children. It provides much needed funding to operate our public schools and for student services-- money the state does not provide. This funding benefits every student in every school.

The Con statement is incorrect. Seattle still needs additional funding under the new state formula. We cannot have a great city without great schools. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: JoLynn Berge, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance, (206) 252-0087, jdberge@seattleschools.org

Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of an operations levy of \$646.8 million in the aggregate to be collected in the three-year period from 2023 to 2025. The proposed levy will replace an expiring levy.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of taxes to pay for the education programs and operations and to meet the education needs of the students attending District schools. Funds will be used to fund programs that are not funded or not fully funded by the State. The money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District is insufficient to meet those needs without additional funds.

Programs and services to be funded by the levy include, but are not limited to: teachers, instructional assistants, classified and administrative staff salaries; textbooks and classroom supplies; bilingual and special education services; student transportation, security, maintenance and other operations; student activities, such as arts, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; professional development and training.

The total amount to be collected will be \$205.9 million in 2023, \$215.9 million in 2024 and \$225.0 million in 2025. The estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value will range from \$0.74 for 2023 collections to \$0.75 for 2024 and 2025 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldatapoint.com

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 the district’s administrators, the median total compensation was \$184,543 with a high of \$368,686. Median teacher compensation is at \$120,858 up 19% in the last 3 years - multiple times inflation.

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

Nearly all districts 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

Rebuttal of statement in favor

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at \$21,172. 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 of the Buildings, Technology and Academics/
Athletics Capital Levy**

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 requests approval of a capital levy as described in Resolution No. 2021/22-7. The proposition replaces an expiring capital levy and authorizes the levy of excess taxes to fund the Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics V Program for earthquake and safety projects, energy efficiency upgrades, interior and exterior renovations, technology infrastructure improvements, modernization of athletic fields and other projects throughout the District.

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.47	\$130,500,000
2024	\$0.45	\$130,500,000
2025	\$0.44	\$130,500,000
2026	\$0.41	\$130,500,000
2027	\$0.39	\$130,500,000
2028	\$0.37	\$130,500,000

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: Rachel Smith, Dow Constantine, Javier Valdez www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org

Vote Yes to Maintain Our Schools!

Please vote to *Renew* this important Seattle Public Schools Capital Levy. This levy will continue funding for building projects, technology projects, and academic/athletic projects throughout the district. To do well academically, our students must have safe, healthy learning spaces in modern facilities.

The Capital Levy *replaces an expiring levy* and will make sure that students and teachers have safe learning environments by modernizing fire alarm and school security systems, renovating HVAC systems to deliver healthy air, making clean energy investments, enhancing earthquake protection, funding science labs, and replacing roofs and heating systems. It also funds investments in new grandstands and upgraded systems for Memorial Stadium. It will provide needed technology upgrades to provide equitable access to computers and internet. Finally, it will reduce maintenance and repair backlogs. Every student benefits and every school benefits from this levy!

“All Seattle kids, regardless of zip code, deserve safe and healthy schools. Let’s continue investing in their future success.” – Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell. *The Capital Levy is not a new tax. It replaces an expiring levy. Please vote Yes on the Seattle Schools Capital Levy to renew our commitment to Seattle’s children.*

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The Con statement contains many incorrect statements. For example, the 70-year-old concrete Memorial Stadium will get significant upgrades required for safety. The memorial wall honoring veterans will remain. This levy also includes \$12 million for clean energy improvements, money for critical building maintenance, and funding that will help *all* students access technology they need to learn in the 21st Century.

Vote to Renew the expiring Capital Levy to create safe schools for our kids.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: JoLynn Berge, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance, (206) 252-0087, jdberge@seattleschools.org

Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of a capital levy of \$783.0 million for the Buildings, Technology, Academics/Athletics V (BTA V) Program. The proposed levy will replace an expiring capital levy.

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of taxes over a six year period to pay for modernizing educational facilities throughout the District including fire safety, earthquake, air quality and security improvements, electric vehicle accommodations, energy efficiency upgrades, sustainable technology retrofit, roof replacements, mechanical systems, interior and exterior renovations, life safety and ADA compliance, improvements to drinking water quality, student accessibility to technology, the construction, remodeling and modernization of athletic fields and facilities, including, but not limited to, Memorial Stadium, and implementation of training and other measures throughout the district to meet the current and future educational needs of its students.

The total amount to be collected will be \$130.5 million annually in the years 2023 through 2028, inclusive. The estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value will range from \$0.47 per one thousand for 2023 collections to \$0.37 per one thousand for 2028 collections. The exact levy rate will 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: Chris Jackins

A “No” vote is a vote to save Memorial Stadium, a living tribute to World War II veterans: this Capital levy would demolish Memorial Stadium. And this levy is a gigantic 64% increase from the 2016 levy. (\$783 million versus \$475.3 million.) Please vote “No” on Proposition 2.

A “No” vote is a vote to save historic Rainier Beach High School. This levy adds to demolition plans for Rainier Beach, which was supposed to be saved and modernized like Garfield, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Franklin, and West Seattle. The District’s 2014 Meng report notes Rainier Beach has been “extremely well maintained.”

A “No” vote is a vote for instruction by teachers not machines (“Technology”: \$270 million). Remember when teachers used to recommend that students watch less TV? This levy does the opposite: it worships screen time. Instead, students need physical books and human teachers.

A “No” vote is a “green” vote. This levy will cut down trees (remember the clear-cut of Ingraham’s trees?), shrink playground space (remember the shrunken playgrounds at Loyal Heights, Thornton Creek, Northgate?), and replace natural grass with plastic grass (Jane Addams’ last natural grass field would go). Questions? Please contact Chris Jackins, P.O. Box 84063, Seattle 98124.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

A “No” vote is a vote to save Memorial Stadium and Rainier Beach, and to instead fix up schools and buy books. Unlike the 2016 levy, this 2022 levy had no Environmental Impact Statement study. Money for teachers is not in Proposition 2 (it’s in Proposition 1), so a “No” vote on Proposition 2 won’t cut teachers. Please vote “No”.

Questions about Rainier Beach? Please call Rainier Beach alumnus Beverly Lacy-Goodman at 206-853-2504.