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PROPOSITION 2 - BUILDING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING CAPITAL LEVY TO CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

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ADOPTED: DECEMBER 9, 2015

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

- Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Renton School District No. 403, King County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and hereby makes the following findings and determinations:
- (a) Overcrowding due to increasing enrollment, student safety and security concerns, deteriorating and outdated schools, class size reduction requirements, existing condition of instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities and the institution of new educational programs, require the District to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively the "Projects").

- (b) It appears certain that the money in the District's Capital Projects Fund for the school years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects thereof, during such school years, and that it is necessary that an excess tax levy of \$26,500,000 be made in 2016 for collection in 2017, \$26,000,000 be made in 2017 for collection in 2018, \$25,000,000 be made in 2018 for collection in 2019, \$24,400,000 be made in 2019 for collection in 2020, \$26,000,000 be made in 2020 for collection in 2021, and \$27,600,000 be made in 2021 for collection in 2022, for the District's Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to meet those costs.
- (c) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053 to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.
- (d) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects as hereinafter provided.
- Section 2. Description of Projects. The Board hereby finds and declares that the Projects to be paid for with proceeds from the excess property tax levies authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:
- (a) Construct a new elementary school on property owned by the District located at the site of the Sartori Education Center, 315 Garden Avenue North, Renton, Washington, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (b) Renovate, modernize, improve and upgrade existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) making health, safety, security, energy efficiency, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements; (2) acquiring land and interests in land as sites for new and expanded facilities of the District; and (3) making other capital improvements, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The term "land" as used herein includes all real property and improvements and other structures thereon and all interests therein.
- (c) Continue funding instructional technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities; and (2) making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The foregoing technology equipment, infrastructure, systems, facilities, improvements and upgrades shall be part of the District's integrated technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.
- (d) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

- (e) Pay costs associated with implementing the foregoing technology equipment, infrastructure, systems, facilities, improvements and upgrades, including, but not limited to, acquiring, constructing and installing hardware and licensing software, online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. Such costs shall be deemed part of the Projects and shall also include, but are not limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these products and services, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The hardware, software or applications shall be an integral part of the District's technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.
- (f) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such costs shall be deemed part of the Projects and shall include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.
- Calling of Election. The Director of Records and Elections of King County, Section 3. Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein on February 9, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether an excess property tax levy for the Capital Projects Fund shall be made annually for six years commencing in 2016 for collection in 2017 on all of the taxable property within the District of \$26,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value (such assessed value representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law), in 2017 for collection in 2018 of \$26,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2018 for collection in 2019 of \$25,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2019 for collection in 2020 of \$24,400,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.18 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2020 for collection in 2021 of \$26,000,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2021 for collection in 2022 of \$27,600,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for school districts without voter approval.

The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Use of Levy Proceeds. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes and use the proceeds of such levies to pay costs of the Projects thereof, during the school years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Levy Proceeds. If available proceeds from the excess property tax levies authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such proceeds to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the proceeds from the excess property tax levies or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the proceeds from the excess property tax levies authorized herein, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District shall use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that is deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the Board.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the proceeds from the excess property tax levies authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities.

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Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the King County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 2

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403

BUILDING FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING CAPITAL LEVY TO CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 11-15/16 concerning a proposition to finance construction and renovation of school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to construct a new elementary school, renovate, modernize and improve existing school facilities, and continue funding instructional technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements:

	Approximate	
	Levy Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2017	\$1.40	\$26,500,000
2018	\$1.34	\$26,000,000
2019	\$1.25	\$25,000,000
2020	\$1.18	\$24,400,000
2021	\$1.22	\$26,000,000
2022	\$1.26	\$27,600,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 11-15/16. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES □ LEVY ... NO □

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Interim Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or his designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 11, 2015; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations (Susan Smith Leland), telephone: 425.204.2387; fax: 425.204.2383; email: susan.leland@rentonschools.us; and (b) special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone: 206.447.5339; fax 800.533.2284; email: mcnei@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. Resolution No. 08-15/16 Repealed. Resolution No. 08-15/16, adopted by the Board on November 18, 2015, is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall have no further force or effect.

Section 10. General Authorization and Ratification. The Secretary, the District's Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, the President of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 11. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 12. <u>Effective Date</u>. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403, King County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, held this 9th day of December, 2015, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 403
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Pam Teal, President and Director

Lynn Desmarais, Director

Todd Franceschina, Director

Al Talley, Director

Vacant, Director

ATTEST:

-ARTHUR O JARVIS

Interim Secretary to the Board of Directors