

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417
PIERCE AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

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WHEREAS, Fife School District No. 417, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect an educational programs and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current school programs and operations levies expire in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65th Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,600,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019;
- B. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,700,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020;
- C. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,800,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and
- D. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,900,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417, PIERCE AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,600,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019;
- B. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,700,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020;
- C. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,800,000, said levy to be made in 2020 for collection in 2021; and

- D. A levy in the amount of up to \$9,900,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022.

The estimated levy rate depends on the limitations of state law and information. At this time, based on state law, the estimated levy rate for the 2018 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2019 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2020 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate and amount shall be adjusted based upon the legal levy limits and the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of local levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 13, 2018.

The Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby

authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Pierce County Auditor substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 17-19 concerning a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district education programs and school operations, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$ 9,600,000
2020	\$1.50	\$ 9,700,000
2021	\$1.50	\$ 9,800,000
2022	\$1.50	\$ 9,900,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Pierce County Auditor and a courtesy copy to King County Elections.

Section 3. 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 Director of Business Services (Kari Harris), telephone: 253.517.1000 x 25116; email: kharris@fifeschools.com; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP, (Cynthia Weed) telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The

Director of Business Services is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 2018 election and requests that the Pierce County Auditor and King County Elections prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.


ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417, Pierce and King Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 27th day of November, 2017.

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417, PIERCE
AND KING COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

By



President and Director



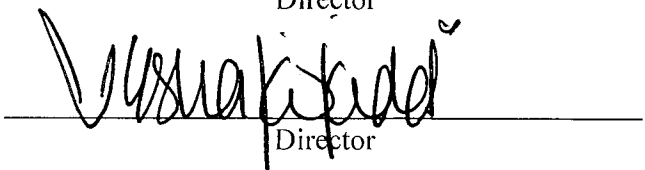
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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors