

**TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 409**  
Maple Valley, Washington

MEMORANDUM  
November 28, 2017

TO: Tahoma School Board

FROM: Lori Cloud  
Director of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-27 Bus Levy

Action: Please review and approve the authorization of Resolution 2017-27, the Bus Levy. The requested amount for a two-year levy is \$2,000,000.00. The cost would be .14/\$1,000.00 assessed value for 2019 and .13/\$1,000.00 assessed value for 2020. The two-year levy would purchase approximately 14-15 large buses.

TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 409  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SCHOOL BUS LEVY

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 28, 2017

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP  
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Tahoma School District No. 409, King County, Washington, (the "District") are in need of new buses to meet the current and future educational needs of its students; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the need to purchase new buses to upgrade its deteriorating fleet and serve growing enrollment; and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement these purchases; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay the cost of bus purchases found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District, such levy to be made commencing in 2018 for collection in 2019, and in 2019 for collection in 2020, as authorized by the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth require the holding of a special election in the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 409, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements. The District shall acquire school buses to meet projected population growth and allow for the retirement of older and more costly to operate buses.

Section 3. Authorization of Levy. It is hereby found and declared that best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall make the Transportation Vehicle Fund levy for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on February 13, 2018. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, King County Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for a tax levy for the Transportation Vehicle Fund for the year 2018 (2019 collection), and the year 2019 (2020 collection) to provide \$2,000,000. The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the King County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2018 levy is \$0.14 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and the estimated levy rate for the 2019 levy is \$0.13 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Section 4. Requested Ballot Form. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition (Proposition 3) to King County Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in King County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 3

TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BUS LEVY

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2017-27 authorizing a levy for school buses. This levy funds new and replacement school buses and authorizes the following excess levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.14	\$ 1,000,000
2020	\$0.13	\$ 1,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2017-27. Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . . . .

NO . . . . .

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby authorized and directed to deliver certified copies of this resolution to King County Elections.

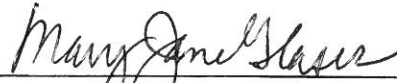
Section 5. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District’s Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services (Lori Cloud), telephone: 425.413.3433; email: lcloud@tahomasd.us; 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 Assistant Superintendent, Financial Services is authorized to approve

changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by King County Elections or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 6. Voters' Pamphlet. 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 13, 2018 election and requests that 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 Tahoma School District No. 409, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 28th day of November, 2017.

TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 409,  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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President and Director



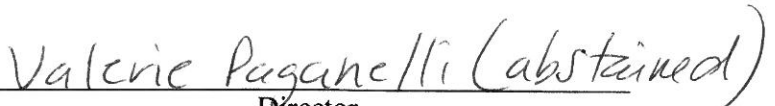
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Secretary, Board of Directors