

February 11, 2014 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Riverview School District No. 407



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206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit
www.kingcounty.gov/elections



King County
Department of Elections

Registering to vote

Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day; and
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.vote.wa.gov.
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 11, 2014, special election:

- **January 13** – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
- **February 3** – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Accessible voting centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

Voters may also return ballots at these locations during business hours.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

January 24 - February 10: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

February 11: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

February 10: Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February 11: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Returning your ballot

i Ballot return locations and accessible voting centers can change with every election. See below for a list of the ballot return sites for the February 11, 2014 special election.

Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots must be postmarked by February 11.

Mailed ballots require first class postage.

! First Class postage rates increase to 49 cents as of January 26th, 2014.

24-hour drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box.

Ballot drop boxes are open: 24 hours a day beginning January 23.

Ballot drop boxes close: on Election Day, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Crossroads Shopping Center

South entrance

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

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919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

Near parking garage entrance

Redmond Senior Center

8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052



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

The Board of Directors of Riverview School District No. 407 approved Resolution No. 13-07, authorizing a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district educational programs and school operations, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2015	\$2.84	\$8,100,000
2016	\$2.86	\$8,400,000
2017	\$2.94	\$8,900,000
2018	\$2.89	\$9,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

By voting Yes to renew Riverview School District's 4-year Replacement Educational Programs Maintenance and Operations Levy, you are helping to continue the quality education provided for all Riverview students. This 4-year levy replaces the current levy which expires in 2014. Funds from this levy continue to bridge the 23% gap in the budget between what the state allocates for basic education and what Riverview needs to fund the programs currently being offered.

Passage of this replacement levy will ensure continued funding for additional classroom teachers to maintain smaller class sizes, textbooks/library books, librarians, music specialists, special education services, counselors, coaches, educational assistants, custodial/maintenance costs, food service staff, staff training, after-school programs, gifted and remediation programs, extracurricular activities, and summer school programs.

Let's give our students the best possible chance for a quality education and bright future by voting Yes to renew Riverview's 4-year Replacement Educational Programs Maintenance and Operations Levy. Let's work together to improve schools, one ballot at a time.

Don't delay! Please mark and mail in your ballot today! Vote Yes for schools!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Serving the students of Riverview is of utmost importance in every school board decision. This replacement levy enables Riverview to continue its excellent programs while retaining necessary staff. Ongoing levy support has resulted in state and national recognition for Riverview as a leading edge school district.

Vote yes for Riverview students.

Statement submitted by: Maria Mahowald and Heather Downing
voteyesriverview@gmail.com

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$8,100,000 in property taxes within Riverview School District No. 407 for collection in 2015, the levy of \$8,400,000 for collection in 2016, the levy of \$8,900,000 for collection in 2017, and the levy of \$9,000,000 for collection in 2018, to replace an expiring levy and enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, athletics and transportation, such levies to be made for four years for collection in the years from 2015 through 2018. In accordance with Resolution No. 13-07 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.84 (2015 collection); \$2.86 (2016 collection); \$2.94 (2017 collection); \$2.89 (2018 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
Bill Adamo - Director of Finance & Operations
425-844-4505 • adamob@riverview.wednet.edu

Statement in opposition

Union officials in the Riverview School District have pressured the school board to divert levy funds from student services in order to pay teachers more. Our levy should pay for student services, not for wage increases.

In the collective bargaining agreement sought by union officials, the average state-provided wage of \$51,004 for teachers will be enhanced by 17 percent from levy and levy-matched funds. This costs roughly \$1.3 million per year which could be better used to help at-risk students or reduce class sizes. The school district leads taxpayers to believe the levy money is being used for students, yet large amounts support union priorities instead.

Levies are great for funding local priorities and unique services for our area students, but taxpayers should hold off giving the school district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Don't let the Riverview School District confuse you by a nuanced definition of taxes, levy, new, or renewal. Approving this measure will increase the amount you pay the government. Taxpayers should hold off giving the district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

Voting 'no' on Proposition 1 will send this message to the district: Be more responsible with taxpayer's money.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards
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Proposition No. 2

Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Riverview School District No. 407 adopted Resolution No. 13-08 concerning technology levies. This proposition authorizes acquiring technology and equipment, including classroom computers; repairs to building systems; additional portable classroom space; safety and security upgrades; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2015	\$0.65	\$1,850,000
2016	\$0.63	\$1,850,000
2017	\$0.61	\$1,850,000
2018	\$0.59	\$1,850,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

As technology plays an increasingly important role in our classrooms, as well as in our business and support staff practices, Riverview must continue funding through the levy process as the state does not provide any direct funding for technology in schools. This 4-year Replacement Technology Levy will replace the current levy which expires in 2014.

Vote Yes to give every student an equal chance to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge needed to compete in a modern technological world. This Replacement Technology Levy would enhance the educational environment by replacing outdated computer labs, purchasing student/staff mobile devices, provide for network upgrades and improved wireless access, acquire current computer software, update intercom systems as well as continue to fund computer specialists and professional staff development. Voting Yes on this Replacement Technology Levy promises the continued 21st century education of our students.

Let's work together to improve schools one ballot at a time. Please mark and mail in your ballot now! Vote Yes for schools!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Our state does not include technology in its definition of "basic education" and provides no direct funding. Consequently, all technology equipment, service support and training must come from local levy funds.

This replacement technology levy ensures our students have the technology resources and experiences to prepare them for college, career, and life. Also, the levy helps fund teacher training on the use of classroom technologies to maximize student learning.

Vote Yes for Riverview Students.

Statement submitted by: Maria Mahowald and Heather Downing
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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$1,850,000 in property taxes within Riverview School District No. 407 for collection in 2015, the levy of \$1,850,000 for collection in 2016, the levy of \$1,850,000 for collection in 2017, and the levy of \$1,850,000 for collection in 2018, to replace an expiring levy and enable the district to pay for technology improvements, and equipment and training to meet the current and future educational programs for its students and for construction, renovation, improvements and expansion of new and existing facilities including portable classrooms, such levies to be made for four years for collection in the years from 2015 through 2018. In accordance with Resolution No. 13-08 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund to pay for improving and upgrading its educational facilities through the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of computer technology and technology systems, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing, and construction, renovation, improvements and expansion of new and existing facilities including portable classrooms. If authorized by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.65 (2015 collection); \$0.63 (2016 collection); \$0.61 (2017 collection); \$0.59 (2018 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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Rebuttal of statement in favor

The Riverview School District is asking for new money from taxpayers because they have allowed union officials to divert existing levy money to pay teachers more--rather than using that money for things like technology for students. If only the district had managed their existing levy money better, they wouldn't have to ask for more now.

Voting 'no' on Proposition 2 will send this message to the district: Be more responsible with taxpayer's money.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards
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To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Voting materials available in Chinese and Vietnamese

To comply with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, King County is required to provide voting materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. To request voting materials, update your language preference or register to vote, visit www.myvote.wa.gov or call 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Để thực hiện theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Liên Bang về Quyền Bỏ Phiếu, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để yêu cầu các tài liệu bầu cử, cập nhật lựa chọn ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoặc đăng ký bỏ phiếu, ghé đến www.myvote.wa.gov hoặc gọi 206-296-VOTE (8683) và bấm số 3.

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