

February 9, 2016 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Tukwila School District No. 406



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**Proposition No. 1
Renewal of Expiring School Programs and
Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 815, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of school programs and operation expenses, including teaching, school supplies, athletics, transportation and facility maintenance and operations:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2017	\$3.53	\$11,706,816
2018	\$3.56	\$12,175,089
2019	\$3.60	\$12,662,093
2020	\$3.63	\$13,168,576

all as provided in Resolution No. 815. 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

Please vote yes for a strong community through strong schools!

Sent in by: Katrina Dohn, Jim Haggerton, and Ron Lamb
www.tukwila.wednet.edu

Tukwila School District's bond and two levies have widespread support from Tukwila businesses, civic leaders, educators, alumni, parents and seniors because they address the most critical school needs while being fiscally responsible. Because these are renewal measures, the district projects zero increase in the school tax rate with the passage of all three measures.

The School Programs and Operations Levy is not a new tax. It replaces the current levy that expires this year. Passage of this vital levy will continue critical education programs and operations not fully funded by the state. This includes lower class sizes, academic programs, books, transportation, special education, music, and athletics.

If this levy does not pass, the district will have to cut about 28 percent of its operating budget (equivalent to about 140 teaching positions). Your yes vote directly supports classroom learning and continues our investment in children, our economy, and our community.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Tukwila School District to renew an existing School Programs and Operation Levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2016. The proposed four-year renewal School Programs and Operation Levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$11,706,816 in 2017, \$12,175,089 in 2018, \$12,662,093 in 2019, and \$13,168,576 in 2020. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$3.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017, \$3.56 in 2018, \$3.60 in 2019 and \$3.63 in 2020.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of school programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. This levy will continue existing programs and expenses that include, but are not limited to, teaching, curriculum, athletics, transportation, and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes for levies may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:
Judith Berry
Assistant Superintendent
206-901-8003
berryj@tukwila.wednet.edu

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Proposition No. 2 Bonds to Improve Safety, and Renovate and Construct Schools

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 818, concerning a proposition to improve safety, and renovate and construct schools. This proposition would authorize the District to: make District-wide health, safety, security and educational infrastructure improvements, renovate and expand Tukwila, Thorndyke and Cascade View Elementary Schools, Showalter Middle School and Foster High School, construct a Birth-to-Five Center and Transportation/Technology/Maintenance Facility, and acquire land; issue no more than \$99,158,706 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 818. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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Statement in favor

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School districts rely on bonds to repair/modernize aging school buildings. Voters approved TSD's last bond in 1998. Schools have stretched those dollars as far as possible and must ask for a renewal to fund:

Vital repairs/maintenance for all schools—roofs, heating and ventilation systems, and carpets have reached their lifespans; Safety—a secured front-entry, security cameras, and classroom alert/lockdown systems at every school; Space—schools are already using portables and running larger class sizes because they have run out of classroom space, plus TSD projects 18%-44% more students over the next decade; Early learning—about 28 additional classrooms for state- and federally-funded (free to the district) preschool; and The future—new industry-driven labs and innovative class spaces will focus on 21st-century skills and career-readiness.

Your yes vote protects our investment in school facilities.

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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would authorize Tukwila School District to issue no more than \$99,158,706 of general obligation bonds to: make District-wide health, safety, security and educational infrastructure improvements; renovate and expand Tukwila, Thorndyke and Cascade View Elementary Schools, Showalter Middle School and Foster High School; construct a Birth-to-Five Center and Transportation/Technology/Maintenance Facility; and acquire land as necessary for these sites.

The School Board determined that there is an urgent need for these capital projects due to: student safety and security concerns, deteriorating and outdated schools and educational infrastructure, State of Washington class size reduction requirements, and the institution of new educational programs. With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$1,750,000 in State construction match to help complete these projects.

The last school-construction bonds approved by Tukwila residents in 1998 will be paid off in 2016; consequently, the District anticipates a decrease in the four-year average bond tax rate if this new bond measure passes. The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The District anticipates a bond tax rate of approximately \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the life of the bonds.

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Statement in opposition

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**Proposition No. 3
Renewal of Expiring Technology Improvement Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 820, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for technology improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to continue funding the acquisition, installation, implementation and modernization of technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities to improve student learning:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy</u>	
	<u>Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
2017	\$0.27	\$896,250
2018	\$0.26	\$896,250
2019	\$0.25	\$896,250
2020	\$0.25	\$896,250

all as provided in Resolution No. 820. Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

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Statement in favor

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The district relies on technology levies to fund classroom technology, which supports and enriches learning for students and prepares them for careers. Funds from the 2010 technology levy expire this year, and schools need a renewal to continue investing in 21st-century learning.

The funds will: Upgrade and modernize one-to-one laptops for students; Reshape traditional classrooms into collaborative, active-learning spaces that support project-based lessons (promoting real-world job skills like critical thinking, tech-savviness, productivity, and innovativeness); Train teachers to use the technology to better engage all levels of learners; and Integrate digital safety/security systems into every classroom.

Tukwila students need to be competitive with peers from neighboring districts that pass similar levies. Furthermore, we want our students to be future technology leaders, not just users. Your yes vote helps prepare them with 21st-century skills for 21st-century careers.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 3 would allow Tukwila School District to continue buying, installing, repairing, and modernizing technology equipment and infrastructure, all to improve student learning. The proposed levy would increase the number of computers available to students, fund a replacement cycle for staff computers, implement safety alert systems in each school, and provide necessary network support and data subscriptions. Teachers would also be trained to implement the technology to support individual student's learning needs.

The proposed four-year levy would renew the District's current technology levy approved by voters in 2010 that expires in 2016. If passed, the renewal levy is estimated to lower the tax rate compared to the current technology levy.

The proposed four year capital (technology) levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$896,250 each year from 2017 through and including 2020. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017, \$0.26 in 2018, \$0.25 in 2019 and \$0.25 in 2020.

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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
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, vote.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Voter Registration Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the February 9, 2016 special election:

- **January 11** – Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information.
- **February 1** – 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.

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).

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