Need assistance?

**Vote Centers**

Vote Centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots at Vote Centers through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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**Access Your Ballot Online**

Access and print your ballot online! Those with disabilities or others who choose to do so may mark their selections on the ballot online before printing – or you can choose to print out a blank ballot to mark by hand. Online ballot access has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot and is available to all registered voters.

Just print, sign, follow the instructions for packaging, and return as you normally would – by mail or by drop box before boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.

Access your ballot at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

If none of the above voting options work for you, please contact our office.

**Register to vote**

**Online**

You can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov -- all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver’s License or ID. You can register online by January 31 for this election.

**By mail**

Download and print a registration form from kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to King County Elections. It must be received by January 31 for this Special election.

**In person**

You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections

**Ballot drop boxes**

All 74 drop boxes across King County will be open for this election. To find the complete list, please see the other pamphlet in your ballot packet or visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

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

February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet

as requested by the Bellevue School District No. 405

Return your ballot by mail.

No stamp needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, February 8.

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919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
Proposition No. 1
Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District passed Resolution No. 2021-28 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. To continue high quality programs that are not state funded, this authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes as an enrichment levy replacing an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

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as provided in the Resolution, subject to legal limits at time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

Statement in favor
Bellevue School District voters renew crucial levies that fund important needs for schools. Every four years, Bellevue School District voters renew this EP&O Levy to support operations and maintenance for daily classroom and operational needs not funded by the State of Washington. Your vote sustains this important community investment. Your “Yes” vote supports student learning. The EP&O levy directly funds high-quality instruction and academic support for Bellevue students. EP&O funding is critical to retain seven-day periods at all our middle and high schools, and fund world language and special education programs. It also provides important funding for advanced placement (AP) and science/math/technology (STEM) classes. This levy funds athletic field and performing art centers’ upkeep and improvements.

Statement in opposition
In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state legislation took these funds dramatically and locally taxing schools never went away and are again spiraling out of control. For 2020-21, the districts’ administrators, the median total compensation was $131,736 up 31% in the last 3 years - much higher than property values, which increased 3%.

The argument that this levy is for a few certain types is disingenuous and heartless at best. The districts complain that this levy fills the gap left from state legislators. The legislators are correct in saying no to the local district. Local voters should do the same.

Nearly all district levies today only receive a share of our property tax rates will remain nearly flat as if that has or will do any favors. A flat rate multiplied by skyrocketing assessed property values equals skyrocketing taxes, fees paid for by actual taxpayers and renters in their rents; please provide your input and more. BellevueSchoolProject.com

Statement in favor
Bellevue School District voters historically voted for these levies to succeed. This proposition, Proposition No. 2, replaces an expiring levy and allows for a levy up to $58,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2024, a levy up to $56,000,000 for collection in 2025, and a levy up to $60,000,000 for collection in 2026. In accordance with Resolution No. 2021-29 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into Bellevue School District’s General Fund. These additional funds pay for the day-to-day classroom operational needs that are not funded by the state such as the seventh period at middle and high schools; personnel focused on student health and mental health (nurses, counselors, psychologists); special education services; advanced learning programming, orchestra, band, music and art at elementary schools; and athletics, extracurricular activities and other after school programs. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value would be $0.75 (2023 collection), $0.75 (2024 collection), $0.75 (2025 collection), $0.75 (2026 collection). The exact levy will be subject to the legal limits at the time of the levy and the levy rate will be adjusted based upon the assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify call the King County Assessor at (206)296-7300.

Statement in opposition
These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. These levies scream out to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at www.bellevueschoolproject.com

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

Statement in opposition
These cap levy items should come out of the General Fund. If salaries and benefits are not so bloated this would be possible. These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. These levies scream out to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at www.bellevueschoolproject.com

Statement in favor
Local funding is critical to maintaining and updating student technology and school facilities not funded by the State of Washington. The Capital and Technology (C&T) Levy provides everything from student laptops and tuition and books at many universities let alone most private K-12 schools.

Statement in opposition
The state will never be able to fulfill its constitutional obligation of fully funding schools so long as local districts are allowed to spend more than the ample provision the state provides. Until that changes, citizens need to reject these local levies ans the ones before you today. More details at www.bellevueschoolproject.com

Statement in favor
In 2019-20, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at $24,208. That’s above tuition and books at many universities lets alone most private K-12 schools. In 2018, because of the McCleary Decision, state legislators pumped billions more dollars into our public schools, largely from increased property taxes. There is no amount of money monopoly school districts will be satisfied with. Citizens are crying uncle. Enough!

Statement in opposition
This keeps our tax rate the same. Your “Yes” vote means no tax increase and renewed commitment to our schools. Please vote Yes for our Bellevue students by renewing this C&T Levy!