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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.

Location	Hours of operation
King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057	Weekdays, January 19 – February 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Election Day, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the Kent School District No. 415

Return your ballot by mail.

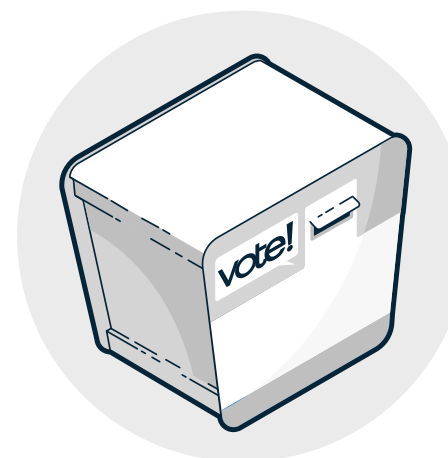
No stamp needed!

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.



Ballot drop boxes



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



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**Proposition No. 1
Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1614, concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State's statutory program of basic education:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.88	\$76,250,000
2024	\$1.86	\$76,250,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1614. 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

Submitted by: Michael Heinisch, Brooke Valentine, Satwinder Kaur, mikekentys@gmail.com

"Successfully Preparing All Students for Their Futures" is what the Kent School District does, every day. The community role in that effort is to support preparing the future of our children by providing the resources necessary to achieve the goal daily.

An important way to do that is immediately before each one of us and is easy. Vote Yes on the Kent School District Educational Programs and Operations Levy renewal on the February 8th ballot.

By voting Yes, you are supporting the high-quality instruction and capacity to provide that instruction from the KSD teaching staff; support from quality nurse and classified staff; arts, culture, athletics and a host of other extra-curricular experiences that enrich our children's lives and all our lives.

The Educational Programs and Operations Levy is a "straight" renewal of the expiring levy and comprises 16% of KSD operations not provided by state and federal funds. It requires no more of us than a Yes vote on our returned ballots. "Successfully Preparing All Students for Their Futures" is not KSD's goal alone. It is the goal for all of us who call KSD's service area, our home. Vote and vote Yes!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The Legislature, Executive and Judicial Branches of Washington have consistently recognized local voters have a role in deciding the resources we, locally, desire to provide within legislative limits, in order to Successfully Prepare our students for their future. This Levy supports our children for their future and supports the very future of the community we call home, the Kent School District. A successful future for our community is as simple as a yes vote. <http://citizensforkentschools.org/>

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Israel Vela, Interim Superintendent, (253) 373-7701, israel.vela@kent.k12.wa.us

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Kent School District No. 415 to renew an expiring levy for educational programs and operations by levying \$76,250,000 in property taxes for collection in 2023, and \$76,250,000 for collection in 2024.

In accordance with Resolution No. 1614 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay for day-to-day school operations to meet student needs not funded by the State, such as teachers, nurses, school security, and other critical staff and program costs not fully funded by the state funding formulas, in accordance with the Basic Education Funding Act (Laws of 2017, 3d Spec. Sess., ch. 13), as amended, and other applicable law.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates tax rates of \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2023 collection); and \$1.86 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2024 collection).

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-0100.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldatapoint.com

In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and local school taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control.

For 2020-2021, for the district's administrators, the median total compensation was \$178,407 with a high of \$399,158. Median teacher compensation is at \$123,801 up 37% in the last 3 years - multiple times inflation.

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

Nearly all districts try to just focus on how our property tax rates will remain nearly flat as if that has or will do us any favors. A flat tax rate multiplied by skyrocketing assessed property values equals skyrocketing taxes in dollars (paid for by property owners and renters in their rents). Please support your input and vote. More details at, www.schooldatapoint.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at \$15,720. That's above tuition and books at many universities let 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!

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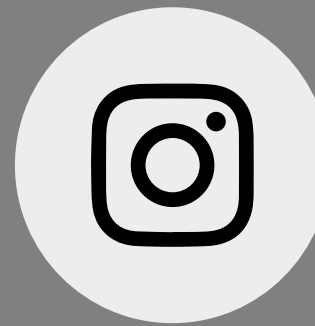
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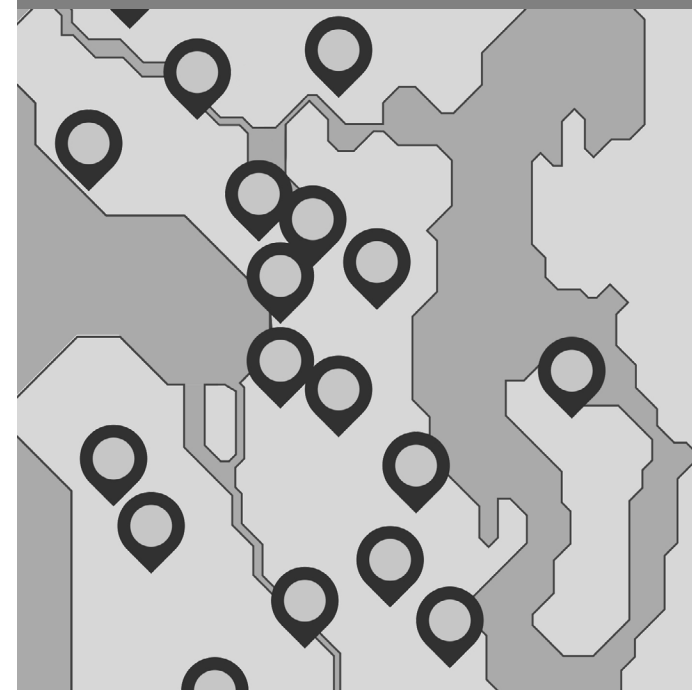
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