**Proposition No. 3**

**Construction Levy (Critical Construction Needs)**

The Board of Directors of Lake Washington School District adopted Resolution No. 2321 for educational facilities and critical construction needs. This proposition authorizes construction of elementary, middle school and high school classroom capacity; and acquisition of required property; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

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as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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**Statement in favor**

Our schools are facing critical capacity issues. As one of the fastest-growing districts in the state, we must act now to address overcrowding. Many schools are already over-capacity, and by 2030, 83% of all schools in the district will be over or capacity.

Our district relies on more than 160 portables to accommodate current enrollment — that’s equivalent to 5 elementary schools! Students learning in portables are separated from core facilities like bathrooms, offices, specialists, the library and cafeteria, which presents logistical challenges. Furthermore, failing to act now will only increase the cost down the road of operating and purchasing more temporary space.

Students can’t learn effectively in makeshift classrooms, and have needed to use hallways and converted spaces for learning. Overcrowding further threatens our ability to deliver the high standards our students need to succeed.

In 2016, voters approved a bond measure that built 7 schools. In 2019, a $129 million bond measure built major additions at 5 schools. Both ballot measures specifically told voters what projects their taxes would be spent on. This levy provides no such information for voters to evaluate what they are approving.

Last year, LWSD used your tax dollars to purchase 25 acres in Redmond that was part of the Cadman Gravel Pit. The site contains immense piles of construction rubble and mixed fit. Soil samples indicate arsenic contamination (TetraTech ESA). Will your tax dollars be spent on site clean-up and remediation?

Again, with so many families and local businesses struggling to recover under Covid, this is no time to commit to undefined tax increases. This levy fails to tell taxpayers how this property tax increase will be spent. Vote No.

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**Statement in opposition**

Voting yes adds new classrooms at Redmond Elementary Campus, additions at Finn Hill, Kirkland, and Redmond middle schools, plus capacity for 1,200 high school students. For a full list of projects visit www.lwsd.org/education-levies.

This is not a new tax. Because bond debt is being paid off, the levy increases capacity while keeping the tax rate low. Passing all 3 measures only increases property taxes by $270 per year for a $1,000,000 home. Vote yes.

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**Explanatory statement**

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of a Constructed Reserve to fund the Building Excellence plan and enables the district to pay for critical classroom needs not funded by the state and needed to meet current and future educational programs for its students. The district has grown by over 7,300 students since 2008 and expects to enroll 3,500 more students by 2030.

These funds would be deposited in the Capital Projects Fund to pay for construction of classrooms to provide space for over 2,300 students. Projects include elementary capacity in the Redmond area; additional high school capacity; and acquisition of property for future needs.

Passage of this proposition would provide an average of $49.2 million per year over the next six years. It is supported by the voters. The district, based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates would average $0.52 per thousand per year of assessed valuation beginning in 2023. The tax rate for construction levies will decrease over time as past bonds are paid off and prior construction levies expire. 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.

Further information is available on the district’s website at www.lwsd.org.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, see the King County Department of Assessments 206-296-3920.

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**Statement in opposition**

Proposition 3 asks voters to raise property taxes by $290,000,000 for construction and property acquisition over 6 years; however, it provides no information about the construction projects being funded. The district’s Explanatory Statement says that elementary, high school and three middle school projects may occur. Voters deserve to know how their tax dollars will be spent.

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Again, with so many families and local businesses struggling to recover under Covid, this is no time to commit to undefined tax increases. This levy fails to provide a specific list of projects making it virtually impossible for voters to evaluate project priorities or to hold the district accountable for the eventual spending. Vote No.

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**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

This proposed 6-year $295 million levy overlaps the three remaining years of the current six-year construction levy, increasing your total property taxes. 1,200 is considered recent enrollment decline due to the impact of the pandemic. Most importantly, unlike previous construction levies and bonds, it is unlikely that specific projects will be finished. In order to approve the levy, voters must approve the project priorities or to hold the district accountable for the eventual spending. Vote No.

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**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

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 print 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.

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**Register to vote**

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.

In person

You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections Headquarters. More information about hours and and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections
Lake Washington School District No. 414

Proposition No. 1
Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2319 concerning educational funding for student programs and services. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs, staff and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

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If approved, this levy will increase the District's current levy rate by 30%. Passage of this levy would allow the District to continue supporting educational programs and services not funded by the State and necessary to meet the current and future educational needs of students. This levy will generate an estimated $95,400,000 per year, which will be used to support:

- Student programs
- Staff and operations
- Technological infrastructure
- Facilities
- Student and family support

Yes Vote Requested

Statement in favor

Vote yes to renew our commitment to a quality education for all our students. This measure funds essential services not covered by the state and accounts for 14% of the District's budget. Failure to pass this measure would result in drastic cuts to educational programs, student support, and services.

For example, the state pays only for 5 nurses to cover our 57 schools. Local levy dollars cover the rest. The levy also covers 100% of sports and extracurriculars. It funds special education, the highly capable program, social-emotional supports, early learning programs, transportation, staff support, and many other programs. The levy pays for operational costs in addition to course offerings, and other non-capital expenses of the District schools.

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

Statement in opposition

Proposition 1 is excessive and should be rejected. It does not replace the current levy; it increases it by 30%.

Under the 2017 McCleary Plan, the State dramatically increased property taxes to fully fund Basic Education and specifically funded future local EF&OE levies. The Property Tax Exemption Program (PTEP) of this levy increase goes into effect ($9.80 per thousand assessed valuation – $100 maximum for annually assessed property). In other words, after 2017, buyer, seller, renter and business will be paying that bigger tax bill in just a few weeks.

This year the McCleary property taxes you pay will provide LWSD with over $138,000,000 more in state funds than it did in 2017. Even if individual property taxpayers were not increasing a LWSD budget grows due to new homes, apartments and commercial development. With families and small businesses suffering the loss of family member and employees, increased illness and medical risk, unemployment, lost revenue or bankruptcy due to Covid, this is no time for a tax increase.

We all want good schools and we all need affordable and sustainable property taxes. Reject this excessive Proposition and require the district to fit their "Wish List" into a "No Tax Increase" Proposition.

Statement of Rebuttal

Lake Washington School District

Explanatory statement

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of a replacement Educational Programs and Operations levy to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services not funded by the state and needed to meet the current and future educational programs and services for students. The proposed levy replaces the District’s current levy that expires in 2022. This expiring levy currently provides approximately 14% of the general expense of operating the District, and pays for teaching and non-teaching staff, special education, social-emotional supports, early learning programs, transportation, staff support, and many other programs. The levy pays for operational costs in addition to course offerings, and other non-capital expenses of the District schools.

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Statement of Rebuttal

Lake Washington School District

Proposition No. 2
Replacement of Existing Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2320 for educational technology and facilities levies. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support improvements and upgrades of facilities; including educational technology, software and training; building sustainability, health and safety and site improvements throughout the District:

Statement in favor

Vote yes to renew the technology and capital projects levy. All students deserve access to high quality education regardless of background or family income.

Preparing students to succeed after graduation requires access to modern technology. This measure provides nearly 100% of the funding to maintain the district’s 1:1 student-to-device ratio. Technology funds include online platforms to help students excel outside of the classrooms, as well as critical technology infrastructure such as digital whiteboards, and training for classroom instruction.

Prop. 2 also funds critical facility maintenance including code compliance and improvements such as roof repairs, HVAC, fire alarm systems, and health, safety and security upgrades across the district. Failure to pass would result in deferred maintenance and would only cost more money down the road. This is a fiscally responsible measure to protect our investment in our schools. Renewing this levy keeps our students warm, dry, and safe.

This measure was passed overwhelmingly by the voters four years ago. Please join community leaders, elected officials, and your neighbors in voting yes for critical building maintenance and classroom technology!

Statement of Rebuttal

Lake Washington School District

Explanatory statement

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of a replacement School Technology and Capital Projects levy to enable the district to fund critical educational projects for students, classroom technology, improvements and upgrades of school facilities, for technology improvements, and equipment and training not funded by the state and needed to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. The proposed levy replaces the District’s current levy that expires in 2023. These funds would be deposited in the Capital Projects Fund to pay for replacement computers; upgraded server and network infrastructure; insurances; technology and access; software and technology support for over 35,000 student and staff computers; health and safety upgrades; and replacement of aging major building systems such as roofs and heating systems.

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