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

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.

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 before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Location

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Hours of operation

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.

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

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.

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
Explanatory statement

Proposition No. 2

General Obligation Bonds - $425,000,000

The School District No. 417 Board of Directors approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to modernize and expand at Crystal Springs, Fernwood, Kenmore, Maywood Hills, and Woodin Elementary Schools, Leota Middle, Inglemoor High School and the Early Childhood Center, improve health and safety, make building and improvements throughout the District, decrease portables by one-third, and issue $425,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 21 years, and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution No. 840. Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Cheryl Stanford, Patsy Traen, Jasmine Lee Fry, Youngblood Hall, Chief Communications and Experience Officer, (425) 408-7671, lyesungbloodhall@nsd.org

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would be at a projected lower tax rate and level tax base no longer necessary for funding this measure. The Capital Bond replaces the expiring levy. This measure fills critical gaps in state funding. Students require a safe, healthy and supportive school environment with the ability to heat and operate portable classrooms and keep our schools in good repair. Do not allow the school district to further delay much needed improvements to the buildings and our schools. We urge you to vote yes to renew the educational levy and vote yes to Proposition No. 2 to complete the work that the district has started.

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Due to rapid growth in our area for many years, Northshore relies on 172 portables for classroom instruction. Reducing the District’s reliance on portables will improve student safety in the event of a lockdown, and permanent classrooms are less expensive to heat and operate than portables. Voting yes adds classroom space, as well as replacing outdated fire alarms and installing secured entries across our district. It also funds critical building maintenance like roof repairs and replacing obsolete HVAC systems with energy-efficient upgrades to keep our students warm, safe, and dry.

Because it replaces expiring bonds and refinances higher interest school construction debt, the bond pays for all of this without increasing our tax rate.

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