

## 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.

Location	Hours of operation
<b>King County Elections</b> 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://kingcounty.gov/elections)

February 8, 2022 Special Election

## King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the Renton School District No. 403

Return your ballot by mail.

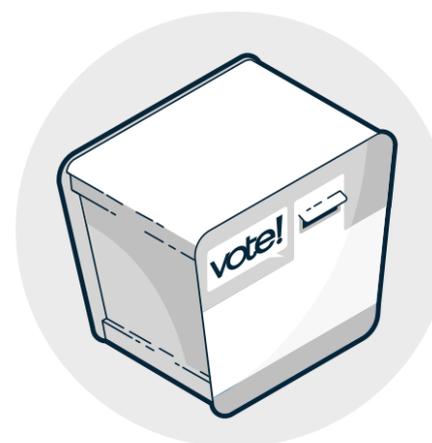
## No stamp needed!

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](https://kingcounty.gov/elections).

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



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

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 02-21/22 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.25	\$41,236,226
2024	\$1.22	\$41,896,005
2025	\$1.23	\$43,272,122
2026	\$1.21	\$44,093,427

all as provided in Resolution No. 02-21/22 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. 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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

**Statement in favor**

Submitted by: Ray Kusumi, Pam Teal, Jacqueline Connell, rkusumi6806@msn.com

No statement submitted.

**Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Renton School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, middle and high school athletics/activities programs, class size reduction, supplemental transportation, summer school and after school extracurricular activities, elementary music and art programs, curriculum, special education, and maintenance and operations programs outside of basic education funding, food service, safety, school counseling, social emotional supports, and administrative support. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.rentonschools.us/>.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$41,236,226 in 2023, \$41,896,005 in 2024, \$43,272,122 in 2025, and \$44,093,427 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.25 in 2023, \$1.22 in 2024, \$1.23 in 2025, and \$1.21 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the tax levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact: Fred R. Maiocco, Jr., Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, (425) 204-2361, frederick.maiocco@rentonschools.us

**Statement in opposition**

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 \$209,794 with a high of \$455,169. Median teacher compensation is at \$126,270 up 26% 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 provide your input and vote. More details at, [www.schooldataport.com](http://www.schooldataport.com)

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldataport.com

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Voting Yes February 8 is our opportunity to show support to our hard-working teachers and support staff. Join your neighbors in renewing our commitment so *All* students have the opportunity to succeed in school. This is *Not* a new tax; it replaces the current levy that expires this year. Even with your approval, our tax rates will likely continue to decline as they have since 2016. Visit Renton Schools website for details: [www.rentonschools.us](http://www.rentonschools.us)

**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at \$19,742. 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!

**Proposition No. 2  
Replacement Capital Levy to Renovate School Facilities**

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 03-21/22, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to renovate, modernize and improve existing school facilities and continue funding instructional technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.91	\$30,000,000
2024	\$0.87	\$30,000,000
2025	\$0.85	\$30,000,000
2026	\$0.82	\$30,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-21/22. 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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

**Statement in favor**

Submitted by: Ray Kusumi, Pam Teal, Jacqueline Connell, rkusumi6806@msn.com

No statement submitted.

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

Voting Yes for the Capital Technology Levy will fill gaps in state funding in order to provide the high-quality learning environments and classroom technology that support student success and prepare students for the jobs of the future. This measure is not a new tax and your approval won't increase tax rates. In fact, our tax rates will likely decline as they have since 2016. Learn more at [www.rentonschools.us](http://www.rentonschools.us)

**Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would authorize Renton School District to replace an existing levy for renovation of school facilities that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The proposed replacement capital levy authorizes the District to pay costs to renovate, modernize, improve and upgrade existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) making health, safety, security, energy efficiency, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements; and (2) acquiring land and interests in land as sites for new and expanded facilities of the District.

The proposed replacement capital levy will also continue funding instructional technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities; and (2) making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$30,000,000 each year from 2023 through and including 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2023, \$0.87 in 2024, \$0.85 in 2025, and \$0.82 in 2026. Further information is available at the District's website at <https://www.rentonschools.us/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

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**Statement in opposition**

At least the tech items in this levy should come out of the General Fund. If salaries were not so bloated this would be possible.

These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. February is the lowest voter turnout election of the year. Understandably. Most citizens are just learning that there are levies to vote on - again. We just had the holidays. Citizens have voting fatigue. And, importantly, citizens won't even receive their property tax bills for the year until a month later in March. How convenient.

In the interest of high voter participation, these important, large tax measures (which affect all property owners and renters in their rents) should be only on the November Election. It is irresponsible for the district to propose property tax measures a month before voters see their property tax bills.

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 like the ones before you today. More details at [www.schooldataport.com](http://www.schooldataport.com)

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