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.
Seattle School District No. 1

Proposition No. 1
Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District passed Resolution No. 2021/22-1 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 replacing an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Explanatory statement
Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of an operations levy of $60.00 million in the aggregate to be collected in the three-year period from 2023 to 2025.Absent this levy, there will replace an expiring levy.

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of taxes to pay for the education programs and operations and to meet the education needs of the students attending district schools. Funds would pay for programs that are not funded or not fully funded by the State. The money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District is insufficient to meet those needs without additional levy.

Programs and services to be funded by the levy include, but are not limited to: teachers, instructional assistants, classified and administrative staff salaries; textbooks and classroom supplies; bilingual and special education services; student transportation, security, maintenance and other operations; student activities; such as, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; professional development and training.

The total amount to be collected will be $205.0 million in 2023, $215.9 million for 2024 and $225.0 million in 2025. The estimated rate per $1,000 of assessed value will range from $0.74 for 2023 collections to $0.75 for 2024 and 2025 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual 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 favor

Yes

Statement in opposition

No

Rebuttal of statement in favor

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at $14,854 per student.

The Con statement contains many incorrect statements. For example, the 70-year-old concrete Memorial Stadium will get significant upgrades rather than new construction. The memorial wall honoring veterans will remain. This levy also includes $12 million for clean energy improvements, money for critical building maintenance, and funding that will help all students access technology they need to learn in the 21st Century.

Vote to Renew the expiring Capital Levy to create safe schools for our kids.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

In 2023, $0.74 $205,900,000
2024 $0.75 $215,900,000
2025 $0.75 $225,000,000

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

Submitted by: Rebeca Saldaña, Girmay Zahlay, Tim Burgess, www.SchoolsInSeattle.org

Proposition No. 2
Replacement for the Buildings, Technology and Academic Capital Levy

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 requests approval of a capital levy as described in Resolution No. 2021/22-7. The proposition replaces an expiring capital levy and authorizes the levy of excess taxes to fund the Buildings, Technology and Academics/V Program for earthquake and safety projects, energy efficiency upgrades, interior and exterior renovations, technology infrastructure improvements, modernization of athletic fields and other projects throughout the District.

Explanatory statement
Seattle Public Schools requests voter approval of a capital levy of $783.0 million in the aggregate to be collected in the three-year period from 2023 to 2025. Absent this levy, there will replace an expiring capital levy.

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of taxes over a six year period to pay for modernizing educational facilities throughout the District including fire safety, earthquake, air quality and security improvements, electric vehicle accommodations, energy efficiency upgrades, sustainable technology retrofit, roof replacements, mechanical systems, interior and exterior renovations, life safety and ADA compliance improvements, improvements to drinking water quality, student accessibility to technology, instructional renovation, modernization of athletic fields and facilities, including, but not limited to, Memorial Stadium, and implementation of training and other measures throughout the district to meet the current and future educational needs of its students.

The total amount to be collected will be $130.5 million annually in the years 2023 through 2028 inclusive. The estimated levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value will range from $2.47 per one thousand for 2023 collections to $3.79 per one thousand for 2028 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual 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 favor

Yes

Statement in opposition

No

Rebuttal of statement in favor

A “No” vote is a vote to save Memorial Stadium, a living tribute to World War veterans: this Capital Levy would demolish Memorial Stadium. This levy is a gigantic $49 increase from the 2016 levy, ($783 million versus $473.5 million). Please vote “No” on Proposition 2.

A “No” vote is a vote to save historic Rainier Beach High School. This levy adds to demolition plans for Rainier Beach, which was supposed to be saved and modernized like Garfield, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Franklin, and West Seattle. The recent reporting report Notes Rainier Beach has been “extremely well maintained.”

A “No” vote is a vote for instruction by teachers not machines (“Technology,” $270 million). Remember when teachers used to recommend that students watch less TV? This levy does the opposite: it increases screen time. Instead, students need physical books and human teachers.

A “No” vote is a “green” vote. This levy will cut down trees (remember the 70-year-old concrete Memorial Stadium will get significant upgrades rather than new construction? A “No” vote is a vote to save Memorial Stadium and Rainier Beach, and to instead fix up schools and buy books. Unlike the 2016 levy, this 2022 levy had no Environmental Impact Statement study. Money for teachers is not in Proposition 2 (it’s in Proposition 1), so a “No” vote on Proposition 2 won’t cut down trees.

Questions about Rainier Beach? Please call Rainier Beach Alumnae Beverly Laidman at 206-853-2504.

Statement in opposition

Yes

Rebuttal of statement in favor

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Rebuttal of statement in opposition

In 2018, because of the McCleary Decision, state legislators pumped an estimated $1,000 of assessed value will range from $0.75 per one thousand for 2028 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property with $0.74 for 2023 collections to $0.75 for 2024 and 2025 collections. The exact levy rate will be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

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Seattle School District No. 1

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