

Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3  
GENERAL OBLIGATION CONSTRUCTION BONDS  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$198,500,000.00



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3, adopted Resolution No. 60 2003-04, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to its education facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to build two new elementary schools, a new junior high; remodel Meeker Elementary; renovate Aylen and Kalles Jr. Highs and Puyallup High East Campus; infrastructure improvements at Northwood Elementary and Ferrucci Jr. High; expand Fruitland Elementary; modify special education classrooms; pay for other capital improvements to its facilities, including technology improvements; issue \$198,500,000.00 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property tax levies to pay such bonds. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** Puyallup School District No. 3 (the "District") seeks voter approval of the construction of capital improvements to its education facilities, the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for such capital improvements and the levy of excess property taxes to repay such bonds.

This proposition would authorize the District to build two new elementary schools and a new junior high school; remodel Meeker Elementary; renovate Aylen and Kalles Jr. Highs and Puyallup High East Campus; improve the infrastructure at Northwood Elementary and Ferrucci Jr. High; expand Fruitland Elementary; modify special education classrooms; pay for other capital improvements to its facilities, including technology improvements; issue \$198,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years and levy annual excess property tax levies to pay such bonds.

**Statement For:**

***New Schools Needed Today and Tomorrow***

The Puyallup School District is the state's ninth largest school system; schools are already overcrowded and student enrollment continues to grow. This year, more than 4,000 students attend classes in portable classrooms because there is no room in regular school buildings. Currently, 111 portables are used for elementary students and 57 portables at junior high schools. Site restrictions, building codes and facility limitations mean more portable classrooms cannot be added to accommodate future growth.

***Repair and Renovate Aging Schools***

The Bond Measure will provide essential repairs and renovation to keep aging schools maintained for future student use. Many older schools need new roofs, new energy efficient windows, new floor coverings and more efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems for healthy indoor air quality.

***Lower Total Bond Tax Rate Than 1991 and 1997***

If approved by voters, the Bond Measure would add only 89 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation - lower than what voters approved in the 1991 and 1997 Bond Measures.

**Vote Yes**

*Committee Members Include: Bruce Uhl and Greg Heath*

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Yelm Community Schools  
**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY**



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 11-25-03-19 concerning a proposition to levy property taxes. Upon the expiration of the current maintenance and operation levy, the proposition would authorize the following taxes for purposes of operation and maintenance in excess of all regular property tax levies, upon all taxable property within the Yelm Community Schools district for the district’s general fund:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.42	\$5,214,800
2006	\$3.42	\$5,579,800
2007	\$3.42	\$5,970,400
2008	\$3.42	\$6,388,300

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Yelm Community Schools No. 2 provides educational services to children of the community in grades K-12. Passage of this proposition would allow for the replacement of the existing maintenance and operations levy that is expiring. The proposed four-year levy would be paid into the District’s General Fund during school years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008. The taxes collected under this proposition would mean \$3.42 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The funds collected by this levy will be applied to the general operating funds of the District for purposes of maintenance and operation of the District’s educational services, supplementing state funds for such purposes. Staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, and staff inservice training are examples of costs supported by levy dollars.

**Statement For:**

Yelm Schools deserves your support on February 3rd for the maintenance and operations **replacement** levy. The levy rate (\$3.42 per \$1000) is the **same rate that was passed in 2002**. The four-year duration will provide for financial stability and maintain our tax rates through 2008. **It will also save the district at least \$30,000 in election costs over the four-year period.**

Our district is doing a great job educating our kids. Test scores are rising, attendance rates are up, high school dropout numbers are down, and our effort to align our curriculum and teaching strategies with the state standards is well underway. School safety and student discipline continue to be high priorities for our district. The community cares about Yelm’s kids!

Keep our schools strong by voting “yes” for Yelm Schools on February 3rd.

*Committee Members Include: Glenn Blando and Glen Cunningham*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19  
**SCHOOL OPERATIONS LEVY**



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Carbonado Historical School District No. 19 adopted Resolution #05-03 concerning education funding. This proposition will meet the educational needs of students and authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District to support the District’s educational programs and maintenance and operations, as specified in District Resolution No. 05-03:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$4.97	\$411,000
2006	\$4.95	\$423,000
2007	\$4.94	\$436,000
2008	\$4.93	\$449,000

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Carbonado Historical School District #19 is requesting local support for the maintenance and operations replacement levy on property within the District in the amount of \$411,000 for 2005 collection, \$423,000 for 2006 collection, \$436,000 for 2007 collection, and \$449,000 for 2008 collection. If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$4.97 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005, \$4.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006, \$4.94 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2007, and \$4.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2008.

In accordance with Resolution No. 05-03 approving this levy proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District’s General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. The maintenance and operations levy provides approximately 25% of the district’s operating budget. These local dollars support educational programs not fully funded by the state; such as lower class sizes, textbooks, classroom supplies, utilities, insurance, technology, safety, maintenance and operations costs.

**Statement For:**

The quality of a school district is one of the most important measures of a communities’ overall health. Although the State of Washington funds basic education, the maintenance and operation levy picks up costs that are under funded by the State. The levy allows our district to fund additional teachers and classified employees to keep our class sizes low.

The levy also supports student learning materials, supplies, books, instructional technology materials, computer equipment, field trips, music programs, sports, transportation, maintenance and upkeep.

This is not a new tax but replaces the existing maintenance and operations levy that expires in December 2004. This levy is for four years. It is a renewal of what you supported two years ago.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school and have never defeated a maintenance and operation levy. Supporting this levy will keep our investment working for us.

*Committee Members Include: DeLauny Nourse, Suzanne Young, and Diane Lynch*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343  
REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, MAINTENANCE  
AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Special Election - Proposition No. 2  
Submitted by Dieringer School District No. 343  
BONDS TO SHARE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING A  
NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT - \$4,900,000



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 03-03-04, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs, maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to maintain current educational programs, maintenance and operations by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational programs, maintenance and operations expenses:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$3.20	\$2,500,000
2006	\$3.20	\$2,585,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-03-04. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Dieringer School District (the "District") to replace an existing educational programs, maintenance and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2004. The proposed two-year replacement educational programs, maintenance and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$2,500,000 in 2005 and \$2,585,000 in 2006. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$3.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2005 and 2006.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students, operate educational programs and pay general expenses of maintenance and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, maintaining reasonably low class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operation.

Exemptions from taxes for levies and bonds may be available to homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, or disabled, and who meet income requirements set by State law. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.7114.

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 04-03-04, concerning a proposition to share costs of new high school construction. This proposition would authorize the District to pay its share of the cost of constructing and equipping a new high school in Auburn School District No. 408, the designated high school district serving Dieringer students; issue no more than \$4,900,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 17 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 04-03-04. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** If approved, Proposition 2 would authorize Dieringer School District (the "District") to issue \$4,900,000 of general obligation bonds to pay its share of the costs of constructing and equipping a new high school within Auburn School District. Majority of high school students within the District attend school in Auburn School District. The voters within Auburn School District recently approved a bond issue to construct and equip a new high school. State law requires the District to help pay its share of the costs of the proposed new high school. The bonds would pay that share. The bonds would mature within 17 years, and would be repaid from annual excess property tax levies. The District estimates a tax rate increase (over the existing rate) of 6¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds, or an estimated \$12.00 per year for a \$200,000 home.

Without voter approval, the District would be unable to pay its legally required share of the costs of the proposed new high school. Failure of the bond proposition could result in Dieringer students being denied the opportunity to attend high school in Auburn School District, and annexation of the District to another school district(s).

**Statement For:**

**This is not a new tax**  
Presently, taxpayers in our school district are funding an educational-programs levy that expires at the end of 2004. *Proposition 1* would simply replace that level of funding for the following two years so that the school district can maintain current programs and services for students.

**Our high-school students' education is paid for from the levy**  
Dieringer does not operate a high school. Therefore, we pay for our students to attend neighboring high schools. The levy pays for this expense, a cost that is *considerably* lower than if Dieringer were to operate its own high school.

**This levy money does not pay for "frills."**  
Teacher salaries, PE, music and counseling programs are funded by the levy, as are sports and activity programs, transportation and classroom materials. The school district depends on such levies for 28% of its funding.

**State's funding does not meet our needs.**  
Yes, the state provides our district with a basic level of funding, but it is far below what is needed to fully educate students.  
*Please vote "yes."*  
*Committee Members Include: Sam Suznevich, Lauri McLeod, and Kim Adams*

**Statement Against:**

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**Statement For:**

**Dieringer is legally required to pay high-school construction costs**  
Dieringer does not operate its own high school. Our small size—approximately 900 students K-8—would make it impossible to offer students the variety of opportunities available in a larger school. By law, Dieringer must help pay for construction costs of new high schools in the district where most of its high-school students attend, Auburn.

**Auburn passed the new high-school bond last year**  
Auburn voters approved construction of a third high school last year. Now Dieringer voters, whose high-school students account for 10% of the Auburn district's high-school population, must pay their share. On a \$200,000 home, that would be just \$12 per year.

**Failure to do so would result in the dissolution of the Dieringer School District**  
Dieringer voters have two chances to pass this bond or be absorbed by a neighboring district or districts. All surrounding districts are building new high schools. No matter what district absorbed us, we would pay for a high school.  
*Please vote "yes" to preserve our district.*  
*Committee Members Include: Sam Suznevich, Lauri McLeod, and Kim Adams*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
 Submitted by Orting School District No. 344  
 EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Special Election - Proposition No. 2  
 Submitted by Orting School District No. 344  
 ORTING SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$18,500,000



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Orting School District approved Resolution #2.03-04 concerning educational funding. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain current educational program funding and support the District's educational programs, student services and operations, as specified in Resolution #2.03-04:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$3.49	\$2,225,000
2006	\$3.49	\$2,358,500

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$2,225,000 in property taxes within Orting School District for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$2,358,500 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 2.03-04 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Orting School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$3.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$3.49 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Orting School District passed Resolution #3.03-04 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements. This proposition authorizes the District to construct and equip a new middle school, upgrade and improve existing District facilities, including classrooms, music and performing arts, and student commons and make other capital improvements, to pay for such projects by issuing \$18,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy property taxes annually, in addition to regular tax levies, to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution #3.03-04. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition No. 2 will authorize Orting School District to borrow \$18,500,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 3.03-04 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for constructing and equipping a new middle school on a site owned by the District and making capital improvements to existing District facilities, including classrooms, music and performing arts, student commons and other related upgrades. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to increase an average of approximately \$1.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

**Statement For:**

The Orting School District Maintenance and Operation Levy replaces our current levy that ends in 2004. *The state does not adequately fund basic education.* Levy funds account for approximately 15% of the basic operating budget; providing critical and otherwise unfunded support for textbooks, lower class sizes, replacement of aging buses, student transportation, safety staff for playground and highway monitors, technology, grounds and facilities maintenance, and all sports and activity programs.

With passage of this proposition, tax rates are expected to remain about the same at the rate of \$3.49 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. In addition, with voter approval, the district is eligible for an estimated \$400,000 per year in state levy equalization funding.

Support for this maintenance and operation levy will ensure the districts continuing capacity to provide the quality educational programs our children deserve.

*Committee Members Include: J.R. Inman, Marte Casso, Kasia Forster*

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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**Statement For:**

The passage of a 20-year Bond issue for **\$18,500,000** will enable the Orting School District to build a **new middle school** on recently acquired property adjacent to Ptarmigan Ridge Intermediate School. This proposed middle school, designed to house 600 to 650 students, will replace the existing middle school where approximately half of the student body receives instruction in aging portable classrooms.

In addition, the funding will provide for **expanded facilities at Orting High School**. Specifically, high school gym space will be increased to accommodate the physical education program and provide room for the popular wrestling program. Also, a **multi purpose complex** will provide a student commons as well as space for the **music** and **drama** programs, including a stage for student performances.

**In anticipation of surging student enrollment and increased community requests for public facilities, this ballot measure addresses both current and future needs of the school district and community.**

*Committee Members Include: J.R. Inman, Marte Casso, Kasia Forster*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Clover Park School District No. 400  
SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM LEVIES



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 04-040 concerning a proposition for partial financing of the District’s educational programs. This proposition to replace the existing levy and meet the educational needs of students would authorize the levy of the following excess taxes for the District’s General Fund upon all taxable property in the District to pay a portion of the District’s operation and maintenance expenses:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.85	\$15,550,000
2006	\$3.85	\$16,290,000
2007	\$3.85	\$17,020,000
2008	\$3.85	\$17,980,000

as specified in Resolution No. 04-040. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Clover Park School District is requesting voters to approve Proposition 1 to replace the existing educational levy that will expire at the end of this calendar year. Proposition 1 authorizes a series of four one-year levies to pay for approximately 13% of the general fund operations of the school district. The levy would pay for existing programs throughout the school district that are not fully funded by the state and are deemed to be essential by the School Board. The levy will allow Clover Park School District to continue its focus on improved student achievement. Specifically, the levy would pay a portion of the funds needed to employ teachers, counselors, nurses, and health aides and to pay for classroom supplies, textbooks, transportation, and safety/security programs. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2005 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This tax rate is expected to remain the same during the four-year period.

**Statement For:**

Clover Park Schools depend on School Educational Program levies to provide for the educational needs of children.

Levy dollars are used to hire teachers to maintain class sizes, to pay for nurses, health clerks and staff to ensure that our schools are safe. Levy dollars buy classroom computers, textbooks, supplies and materials. They provide maintenance and upkeep for 26 schools.

**This is not a new tax. The current levy will end in December. This levy replaces it, and will allow schools to continue educational services for children at their current levels.**

Clover Park School District taxpayers have the lowest tax rate in Pierce County. Voting in favor of this levy will not change that; you will have the lowest tax rate. Levy tax dollars will stay in Lakewood so that our local schools can provide a quality education for our children. Your yes vote is urgently needed.

*Committee Members Include: Elli Falk, Connie Coleman-Lacadie, and James Hairston*

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Eatonville School District No. 404  
SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVIES



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 480 concerning a proposition for partial financing of the District's educational programs. This proposition to replace the existing levy and meet the educational needs of students would authorize the levy of the following excess taxes for the District's General Fund upon all taxable property in the District to pay a portion of the District's maintenance and operation expenses:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$3.44	\$2,752,000
2006	\$3.44	\$2,835,000
2007	\$3.44	\$2,920,000
2008	\$3.44	\$3,007,000

as specified in Resolution No. 480. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Eatonville School District is requesting voters to approve Proposition 1, a series of four one-year maintenance and operation levies for the District's general fund to replace the existing levy that will expire at the end of this calendar year. This proposition authorizes the collection of taxes to pay for existing programs that are not fully funded by the state and are deemed to be essential by the school board. Specifically, about 68% of the levy dollars would pay a portion of the funds needed to the District's instructional program including teachers' salaries, textbooks, field trips and other instructional materials as well as the purchase of classroom equipment and technology. Approximately 13% of levy funds would be spent for the maintenance of schools and other facilities including roof and safety/security improvements. Finally, 16% of levy funds would be devoted to student activities and athletics and 3% would be spent to continue enhanced student school-to-home transportation. The fixed dollar amounts to be collected in each of the four calendar years beginning in 2005 will be obtained by an annual tax levy rate of approximately \$3.44 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**Statement For:**

To be successful, students need our help. To enable our schools to meet education and maintenance needs, **The Citizens for Education Committee asks for your support to replace an expiring levy.** Due to continued operating success and efficiency, the homeowners' initial projected tax rate per \$1000 assessed value remains 17.3% below the \$4.16 in the 1999 levy. As in the expiring levy, this four-year levy supports better long range planning than the two-year levy of 1999-2000.

**Your yes vote is vital so** our community schools can replace aging textbooks and instructional material. **Vote yes to** provide students improved access to technology; retain teachers hired to reduce class size; retain a counselor for elementary students; continue student activities and athletic programs and maintain facilities. **Vote yes and provide** safety improvements for our students, teachers, staff and visitors.

**Please vote yes for the future of our community and our children.**

*Committee Members Include: Kirk Heinz, Mike Powell, and Dave Uberuaga*

**Statement Against:**

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
 Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408  
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS LEVY



Special Election - Proposition No. 2  
 Submitted by Auburn School District No. 408  
 SCHOOL BUS LEVY



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 1036 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund educational program and operation expenses:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$2.75	\$18,200,000
2006	\$2.76	\$19,100,000

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$18,200,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$19,100,000 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 1036 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Auburn School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$2.76 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 1037 concerning school buses. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to purchase school buses:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$0.11	\$760,000
2006	\$0.19	\$1,340,000

Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$760,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District for collection in 2005 and the levy of \$1,340,000 in taxes for collection in 2006. In accordance with Resolution No. 1037 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Auburn School District's Transportation Vehicle Fund for the purchase of school buses. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005 and \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2006.

**Statement For:**  
 The Auburn Citizens for Schools Committee encourages voters to support Auburn School District's Educational Program and Operations **replacement** levy for 2005 and 2006 by voting "Yes" for Proposition 1. This levy will **replace** the expiring levy previously approved by local voters. It will fund 18% of the district's operating budget that is essential to the continuation of the quality education provided to our students.  
**Important Education Programs Dependent on Levy**  
 Currently, the state does not fully fund basic education. These **replacement** levy dollars will support lower class sizes, special and gifted education programs; safe student transportation; and maintenance and custodial services, which ensure school building longevity and student safety. Levy dollars fund **all** athletics and activities such as band, orchestra, and debate. This levy will provide the resources to continue the educational programs and services our children currently receive and deserve. **Vote "Yes"** - "Their education is our future."  
*Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson, Barb Whitaker, and Charles Booth*

**Statement Against:**  
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**Statement For:**  
 Opening of Auburn Mountainview High School will require a change in the current high school and middle school runs. The district will need to add 14 buses to the existing fleet to accommodate student growth. This proposal to the voters will also replace ten buses from the aging fleet. Six of the buses will be full-size passenger buses and four will be smaller buses with wheelchair stations for students with special needs. The replacement of the buses will allow the district to upgrade the fleet to have more dependable, fuel efficient buses that will also meet the new emissions standards.  
*Committee Members Include: Ryan Anderson, Barb Whitaker, and Charles Booth*

**Statement Against:**  
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Special Election - Proposition No. 1  
Submitted by Fife School District No. 417  
**TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY**



**Official Ballot Title:** The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 approved a proposition for technology levies. This proposition authorizes acquiring educational technology, equipment and training, including classroom computers; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2005	\$0.46	\$900,000.00
2006	\$0.44	\$900,000.00
2007	\$0.43	\$900,000.00
2008	\$0.42	\$900,000.00

all as provided in District Resolution No. 03-11. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** On October 27, 2003, the School Board authorized placement of the four-year 2004 – 2007 Capital Projects Technology Levy on an election ballot for February 3, 2004. Passage of this four-year levy will allow the District to improve long-range technology planning for the benefit of our students, staff, and community.

This proposed Levy would fund technology improvements, including computers, equipment, facilities, and training, and allow for the replacement of aging and obsolete equipment. Since 1996, the District has invested approximately \$4.6 million on technology needs. State funding cuts combined with the lower investment earnings in our bond fund leaves the District with no funding alternatives for technology.

Under the proposed four-year levy, taxpayers would pay: \$900,000 for an estimated .46¢ per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2005; \$900,000 for an estimated .44¢ per \$1,000 per assessed valuation for collection in 2006; \$900,000 for an estimated .43¢ per \$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2007; and \$900,000 for an estimated .42¢ per \$1,000 per assessed valuation for collection in 2008.

**Statement For:**

**Now more than ever**

Modern day technologies are not a luxury but a necessity for effective student instruction. Fife-Milton students are top performers and have gained a competitive edge entering college and the work world. They learn in an environment of first class teachers, facilities, and educational technology. They use computers and the Internet to do research and class projects, often conferencing with students from schools across the nation. Besides business applications, they have access to classes in video production, web design, robotics, and adaptive technologies.

**Jobs of the future**

Job prospects are more technologically oriented than ever before. Let's protect our past investment as well as ensure that our children continue to graduate with the skills necessary for successful and fulfilling careers.

**Affordable updated technology**

Based on the median house price of \$175,000, this amounts to only \$6.70 per month. We can continue to support students and enhance their educational opportunities for less than the cost of a movie ticket.

*Committee Members Include: Jeanne M. Niedermeyer, Jennifer Reynolds, and Katrina Asay*

**Statement Against:**

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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