

Special Election - February 11, 2020

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Drop Boxes Open 24/7 — Jan. 24 - Feb. 11. Close at 8 PM Feb. 11, 2020.

ASHFORD - Ashford County Park, 29801 SR 706

BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake Park and Ride, Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E

BROWNS POINT/NORTHEAST TACOMA - NE Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE

BUCKLEY - Buckley Library, 123 S River Rd

DUPONT - DuPont Ross Plaza, 1500 Wilmington Dr

EATONVILLE - Barney's Corner, 40512 Meridian E * Eatonville Town Hall, 201 Center St W

EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E

FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E

FIRCREST - Fircrest City Hall, 115 Ramsdell St

FOX ISLAND - Fox Island Fire Station 53, 906 Kamus Dr

GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA - Gig Harbor Fire Station, 6711 Kimball Dr * Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr NW * Home Park, 17220 8th Ave NW * Key

Center Food Market, 9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW

* Lake Kathryn Food Market, 14220 92nd Ave NW * Purdy Fire Station, 5210 144th St NW

GRAHAM - Graham Fire & Rescue Station 91, 10012 187th St E

LAKEWOOD - Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW * Lakewood (SR 512) Park and Ride, 10417 South Tacoma Way

MILTON - Milton City Hall, 1000 Laurel St

ORTING - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY - Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718 Pacific Ave S * Roy Y Park and Ride, SR 507 & Pacific Ave S

PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL - Puyallup Library, 324 S Meridian * Skookum Archers, 11209 Shaw Rd E * South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 PM
February 11, 2020.



Mailing your ballot?

(No stamp required)
Must be postmarked by
February 11, 2020. We recommend mailing
no later than February 7, 2020.

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S

SOUTH PRAIRIE - South Prairie Fire Department, 350 Highway 162

STEILACOOM - Steilacoom Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd

SUMMIT - Summit Library, 5107 112th St E

SUMNER - Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave

TACOMA - 72nd Street Transit Center, 1319 E 72nd St * Central District, 902 S L St * Community Health Care at Salishan, 1708 E 44th St * Kandle Park Police Substation (parking lot), 5140 N 26th St * Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St * Puyallup Tribal Administration, 3009 Portland Ave * Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Wapato Park, S 72nd St & S Ainsworth Ave * Wheelock Library, 3722 N 26th St

TILLICUM - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW

UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W

WILKESON - Wilkeson Town Hall, 540 Church St

Not registered to vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

Registration Deadlines:

- Online and by mail - February 3, 2020
Register at VoteWa.gov
- In person - February 11, 2020
Pierce County Election Center,
2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma, WA 98409
Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,
Election Day, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 19-22 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$1.50	\$25,140,000
2022	\$1.50	\$26,900,000
2023	\$1.50	\$28,225,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 19-22. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$25,140,000 in property taxes within Peninsula School District No. 401 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$26,900,000 for collection in 2022, and the levy of \$28,225,000 for collection in 2023 to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations. In accordance with Resolution No. 19-22 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected over three years and deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the educational programs and operations of the District. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.50 for collection in each of the years 2021 through 2023, inclusive. 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. In the event the State Legislature increases education funding, the District would review and determine the need to roll back the levies.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at (253) 798-6111.

Statement For

Vote Yes to Renew the Expiring Levy - Not a New Tax This three-year renewal will replace the expiring levy that was overwhelmingly approved by more than 70% of the voters in 2016. There will be no new taxes with this renewal. In fact, the tax rate is estimated to be equal to or lower than the expiring levy.

Levy Maintains Funding for Essential Programs This replacement levy is critical to maintaining the quality of Peninsula Schools. It fills the gap between what the state funds and what the District provides our students, about 18% of the District's budget. The levy funds teachers, special education, advanced learning, nurses, counselors, custodians, music, athletics, extracurricular activities, routine maintenance, safety and security.

Lowest Education Tax Rate in Pierce County We have top performing schools while maintaining the lowest overall education tax rate in Pierce County. Peninsula School District has an outstanding audit history and top credit rating for financial responsibility. Thank you for continuing to support our schools.

Statement Against

School Board Refuses to Maintain the Existing School Buildings? Taxpayers voted a new \$321 Million Capital Bond tax but less than \$200 Million goes toward building four new schools. \$1 Million went to interest zero dollars can be used to maintain our existing schools.

Teachers Get Huge Pay Raises From McCleary While Our Existing Schools Deteriorate. The *maintenance* levy was replaced by the *enrichment* levy requiring a spending plan be approved, but the taxpayers weren't invited to participate in that approval so no dollars from the spending plan will be allocated to maintaining existing school.

The School Board Has a New Development Plan That Looks Like This. Let existing schools dilapidate over the next 5 years and then come back to the taxpayers, demanding another Capital Bond to replace the worst of the old buildings. Repeat this scenario every 5 years.

The New McCleary Law Requires New Math to Determine Annual Levy Funding. The new levy tax is set by multiplying the number of Students in the District by \$2,500. 9,000 students equals \$22,500,000 not \$25,140,000. Let's vote *no* on a \$3 Million overcharge and tell them we want all the schools maintained now.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

The single member opposition committee continues to make false and misleading claims. Previous levy dollars have been spent exactly as voters overwhelmingly approved. This Replacement Levy is authorized for the proposed amount by state law and overseen by a citizen-led finance committee. This measure has nothing to do with capital bonds, and instead is simply a renewal of the previously approved levy and not a new tax. Thank you for your yes vote!

Committee Members: Jennifer Butler and Deborah Krishnadasan, info@standup4schools.org, www.standup4schools.org
Stand Up for Peninsula Schools

Rebuttal of Statement For

Let's be honest here! The 2016 levy expires this year. You are voting on a new levy. If you vote no your taxes will go down \$750.00. We have the highest valued homes in the county and that's why our tax rate is low. \$1.50, per thousand, times our assessed property values collectively generate \$80,000,000.00 over the next three years. Lower assessed values require a higher rate to generate the same dollars. Vote no!

Committee Member: Randy Boss, (253) 313-5122
Fair School Taxation Committee

Need help?



Voting Center

Services available 18 days prior to Election:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Disability assistance — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

Pierce County Elections

2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Hours:

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Extended hours on Election Day
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Questions?

PierceCountyElections.org
Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

Libraries Become Points of Assistance on Election Day.

The Pierce County Library System, Tacoma Public Library, and the Puyallup Public Library have volunteered to be Points of Assistance on Election Day.



POINT OF ASSISTANCE
Pierce County Elections + Libraries
— Election Day Help —

If you are unable to reach our Voting Center on Election Day, visit a library. These libraries have volunteered to function as conduits for voter services. They'll be ready to help you with registration, replacement ballots and voting. Think of library staff as knowledgeable, friendly, election helpers.

Hours:

Libraries will be available during their regular business hours up until 8 PM to help and assist voters on February 11, 2020 only.

Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Services available on Election Day only:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Get a voters' pamphlet.

Disability Assistance



Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)