

Effective July 1, 2021 each county auditor in Washington State is required to print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet prior to every special, primary and general election.  
(RCW 29A.32.210)

# Whitman County

## Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

# Special Election

## Tuesday, February 8, 2022

When returning your ballot, remember to:

- Postmark by Election Day or
- Deposit in an Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 pm on Election Day



Ballots are Mailed out on Jan. 21.

*If you haven't received your ballot by Jan. 31, contact the Elections Office.*

Register to vote or change your address until 8:00 pm on Election Day by coming into the Whitman County Elections Office.

(See page 2 for more information)



### Whitman County Elections Office - Contact Information

**In Person:** 304 N. Main Street, Colfax

**Phone:** (509) 397-5284

**Fax:** (509) 397-5281

**Email:** [elections@co.whitman.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whitman.wa.us)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm\*

\*Open until 8:00 pm on February 8, Election Day

**Web:** [www.whitmancounty.org/169/election-information](http://www.whitmancounty.org/169/election-information)

Although your ballot came with a prepaid postage return envelope this election, you can save taxpayer dollars by dropping off your ballot in one of the Ballot Boxes which are open 18 days prior to Election Day.  
**All Drop boxes will close at 8:00 pm on Election Day**

Drop Box locations:

- Whitman County Elections Office, 304 N. Main St., Colfax, WA 99111
- Alley behind Elections Office, 304 N. Main St., Colfax, WA 99111

Voting Machines for the visually, hearing, or physically impaired are available at the Elections Office in Colfax (304 N. Main St.) 18 days prior to and on election day.

If you need a replacement ballot or have any questions, please contact the Whitman County Elections Department at (509) 397-5284, or email us at [elections@co.whitman.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whitman.wa.us)





## Participating Jurisdictions

The following jurisdictions have a resolution included in this pamphlet:

Washtucna School District No. 109

Palouse School District No. 301

Endicott School District No. 308

Clarkston School District No. 250

Garfield School District No. 302

Rosalia School District No. 320

Tekoa School District No. 265

Colton School District No. 306

St. John School District No. 322

Colfax School District No. 300



## Jurisdictions Waivered out of this pamphlet due to financial hardship

LaCrosse School District No. 126

Steptoe School District No. 304



## Voting in Washington State

### To Register to Vote, You Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have lived at this address in Washington for at least 30-days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
- Be at least 16 years old by Election Day;
- Not be disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not be under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction; and
- I am not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

### How to Register to Vote or Change Your Address in Time for this Election:



Go to [MyVote.wa.gov](http://MyVote.wa.gov) on or before January 31 if you have a current Washington State driver's license or I.D. card.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by February 8. Registration forms are

online, or can be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Elections Office.



Come into the Whitman County Elections Office, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

### Registration Deadlines for the General Election:



Voter registration and address changes online or by mail **must be received by January 31.**

After January 31, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

### Military or Overseas Voters:



Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.



## Voting Instructions

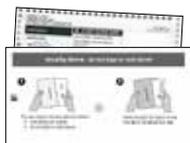
1. The ballot packet will be mailed to you and will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



2. To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.



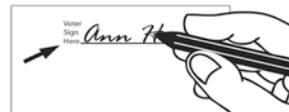
3. Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. *If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.*



4. Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.



5. Sign and date your return envelope. **Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.**



6. Return your ballot to the Whitman County Elections Office by ballot drop box or mail.



Or



Ballot must be in the drop box by 8:00 pm, February 8

Or

Ballot must be **postmarked** by February 8



Washtucna School Dist. No. 109

# Proposition No. 1

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Washtucna School District No. 109-43 adopted Resolution No. 2021-03, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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 operation expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.44	\$150,000
2024	\$2.39	\$150,000
2025	\$2.37	\$150,000
2026	\$2.35	\$150,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-03 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Washtucna School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, maintenance and operation, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <https://www.tucna.wednet.edu/>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 6.1% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor 509.659.3200, Franklin County Assessor 509.545.3506, or Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220.

## Argument For

No Statement Submitted.

## Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



## Clarkston School District No. 250

# Proposition No. 1

### Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Clarkston School District No. J250-185 adopted Resolution No. 21-05, concerning a proposition to finance school programs and operations expenses. 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, for support of the District's General Fund school programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.50	\$4,261,000
2024	\$2.50	\$4,474,000
2025	\$2.50	\$4,698,000
2026	\$2.50	\$4,933,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 21-05. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Clarkston School District to replace an existing school 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 school programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, nurses, special education, counselors, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, and teacher pay and training. Further information is available on the District's website at <http://www.csd12.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$4,261,000 in 2023, \$4,474,000 in 2024, \$4,698,000 in 2025 and \$4,933,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.50 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 levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Asotin County Assessor (509)243-2016, Garfield County Assessor (509)843-3631 or Whitman County Assessor (509)397-6220, as applicable.

## Argument For

No Statement Submitted.

## Argument Against

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 \$122,330 with a high of \$249,683. Median teacher compensation is at \$126,690 up 38% 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.schooldatapoint.com](http://www.schooldatapoint.com)

Written by: Jeff Heckathorn, [info@schooldatapoint.com](mailto:info@schooldatapoint.com)



Tekoa School District No. 265

# Proposition No. 1

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Tekoa School District No. 265 adopted Resolution No. 03-2022, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.50	\$236,818
2024	\$2.50	\$236,818

all as provided in Resolution No. 03-2022. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Tekoa School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State.

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220 or the Spokane County Assessor at (509) 447-3698.

## Argument For

The Tekoa School District is the hub of Tekoa. Levies need to be passed to maintain buildings and buses, to ensure the ongoing quality of education our students need to progress in their lives and this world.

Written by: Bob & Linda Zehm [bzehm@tekoasd.org](mailto:bzehm@tekoasd.org)

## Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



## Tekoa School District No. 265

### Proposition No. 2

#### Replacement Capital Levy for Health, Safety and Technology Improvements

The Board of Directors of Tekoa School District No. 265 adopted Resolution No. 04-2022, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. 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 continue funding health, safety and technology improvements (including enhancing security, upgrading roofs, heating, electrical and flooring, and acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.60	\$142,090
2024	\$1.60	\$142,090

all as provided in Resolution No. 04-2022. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Tekoa School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will continue funding health, safety and technology improvements (including security, roofs, heating, electrical, flooring and technology equipment).

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220 or the Spokane County Assessor at (509) 447-3698.

### Argument For

The Tekoa School District is the hub of Tekoa. Levies need to be passed to maintain buildings and buses, to ensure the ongoing quality of education our students need to progress in their lives and this world.

Written by: Bob & Linda Zehm [bzehm@tekoasd.org](mailto:bzehm@tekoasd.org)

### Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



Colfax School District No. 300

# Proposition No. 1

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Colfax School District No. 300 adopted Resolution No. 511, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.99	\$960,000
2024	\$2.00	\$990,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 511. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Colfax School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, nurses, athletics, extracurricular activities, nutrition, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <https://www.csd300.org/>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

## Argument For

The renewal of this levy will ensure the funding of essential programs of the Colfax School District that are not fully funded by the state. This includes, nursing, counseling, curriculum, insurance, the arts and extracurricular activities from vocational clubs to athletics, and utilities. The increase in the levy from two years ago is to maintain the funding level in the current inflationary trend as well as the priority to always be upgrading the curriculum and education of our students.

The state is required to fund local schools. Additional income by local levies is allowed by the state up to a rate of \$2.50 per thousand of assessed value; this is about \$1,200,000. This levy would be less than the state allowed amount at \$1.99 per thousand of assessed value or \$960,000 for 2023 and \$2.00 per thousand of assessed value or \$990,000 for 2024.

Every dollar from state funding is controlled by the state. This levy allows the school board and administration flexibility to target our community's educational priorities.

Written by: Weston & Jennifer Claassen, westerncfarms@gmail.com

## Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



## Palouse School District No. 301

### Proposition No. 1

#### Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Palouse School District No. 301 adopted Resolution No. 249, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000</u> <u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$2.50	\$441,000
2024	\$2.49	\$441,000
2025	\$2.37	\$441,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 249. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Palouse School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation 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.

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

### Argument For

No Statement Submitted.

### Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



Palouse School District No. 301

## Proposition No. 2

### Replacement Capital Levy for Instructional Technology and Facility Improvements

The Board of Directors of Palouse School District No. 301 adopted Resolution No. 250, concerning a proposition to finance improvements to school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to continue funding the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure, all to improve student technology access, and make other improvements:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.78	\$300,000
2024	\$1.69	\$300,000
2025	\$1.61	\$300,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 250. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Palouse School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will improve student technology access by continuing to fund the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure.

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

## Argument For

No Statement Submitted.

## Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



## Garfield School District No. 302

# Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Garfield School District No. 302 adopted Resolution No. 227, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.87	\$176,040
2024	\$1.82	\$176,040
2025	\$1.76	\$176,040

all as provided in Resolution No. 227. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Garfield School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation 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.

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

## Argument For

Our students need your support! Passing this levy provides critical and essential funding for costs related to supporting core learning activities and offer elective/specialist classes, field trips, and extracurricular programs such as art, drama, music, and sports. The state does not fully fund many of these activities and staff. To make up the shortfall and maintain excellent opportunities for students, we must rely on local levy dollars.

This is not a new tax. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will improve student technology access by continuing to fund the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will improve student technology access by continuing to fund the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure. Support the continued learning of our children with a Yes vote.

Written by: Cande Hasenoehrl [rhasey@yahoo.com](mailto:rhasey@yahoo.com)

## Argument Against

In general people oppose taxes.

Written by: Kelly Bates [kellybates@hotmail.com](mailto:kellybates@hotmail.com)



Garfield School District No. 302

# Proposition No. 2

## Replacement Capital Levy for Instructional Technology and Facility Improvements

The Board of Directors of Garfield School District No. 302 adopted Resolution No. 228, concerning a proposition to finance improvements to school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to continue funding the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure, all to improve student technology access, and make other improvements:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.06	\$100,000
2024	\$1.03	\$100,000
2025	\$1.00	\$100,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 228. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Garfield School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will improve student technology access by continuing to fund the acquisition and installation of student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure.

The exact tax levy rate and amount may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

## Argument For

The Garfield School District students need the voter's help to maintain current programs by voting yes, for the District's Capital Projects Fund. The District's Capital Projects supports the construction, modernization and remodeling of school facilities and allows the district to continue modernizing existing school facilities by making facility improvements to the Garfield School which also includes acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing school equipment; improving, upgrading and/or repairing school facilities; and making other instructional technology and facility improvements to existing District facilities.

Funding levies has been a strong tradition in our community. Let's continue to give our students the support they deserve by voting "yes" on the Capital Projects Fund.

Written by: Cande Hasenoehrl crhasey@yahoo.com

## Argument Against

In general people oppose taxes.

Written by: Kelly Bates kellybates@hotmail.com



## Colton School District No. 306

## Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Colton School District No. 306 adopted Resolution No. 2111-36, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$2.32	\$398,947

all as provided in Resolution No. 2 | I-36. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Colton School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, CTE programing, extracurricular activities, nutrition, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <https://www.colton.k12.wa.us/>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor at (509) 397-6220.

## Argument For

I believe that this levy is extremely beneficial to our school district and is necessary in order to keep our school running. Since the state only funds "basic education" we would not have enough money going towards the custodians that keep our classrooms sanitary, our athletic programs, all of the teachers that we have to help the students learn, and lots more. This levy will also allow our school to continue to teach technology and ag systems classes that many high schools are not as fortunate to have. I also believe that since we have had a levy for many years now, it should continue to be renewed in order to provide for a better education and experience for all students who attend Colton High School.

Written by: Amy Keller, Maggie Meyer citizenforlevy@gmail.com

## Argument Against

In light of the inherent uncertainty of the future of our local community, we disagree with the proposal of the 2022 levy for the Colton School District. This is due to an examination of financial instability becoming more prevalent. This concern has recently increased even more due to the ongoing pandemic.

Written by: Raphael Arnhold, Kali Foiles, Elysia Rogerson citizensagainstlevy@gmail.com



Endicott School District No. 308

# Proposition No. 1

## Educational Programs and Operation Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Endicott School District No. 308 adopted Resolution No. 22-2, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.65	\$236,390
2024	\$1.65	\$243,482

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-2 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Endicott School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding essential educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including teachers, support staff, nurses, athletics, extracurricular activities, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <http://www.sje.wednet.edu/>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 10% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Adams County Assessor 509.659.3200.

## Argument For

I have lived in Endicott for several decades and have seen the real academic value of a properly funded school district, as is the case of Endicott #308. I strongly support Proposition No. 1 because it will continue funding of vital programs and operation expenses not sufficiently funded at the state level. An already high level of academic achievement will be sustained by special attention to those seven factors mentioned in Proposition No. 1, in addition to curricular activities. Our children are our future and our legacy. They will benefit from your support of this replacement levy.

Written By: Greg Burns [gandlb@pionnet.com](mailto:gandlb@pionnet.com)

## Argument Against

This proposition continues a levy that has been in place for a long, long time. Why do we keep funding this? Why are we investing in our future to make our kid's lives better? I say vote no and let the chips fall where they may. Success and great education are not for everyone. Vote no and hope for the best.

Written by: Brad Hergert [Brad\\_hergert@hotmail.com](mailto:Brad_hergert@hotmail.com)



## Endicott School District No. 308

### Proposition No. 2

#### Replacement Capital Levy for Health, Safety and Facilities Improvements

The Board of Directors of Endicott School District No. 308 adopted Resolution No. 22- 3, concerning a proposition to finance health, safety and facilities improvements. 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 make health, safety and facilities improvements at Endicott School (including improving main building entryway security, replacing sidewalks, upgrading the 1960's kitchen, and making other capital improvements):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.24	\$177,685
2024	\$1.24	\$177,685

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-3. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Endicott School District to replace an expiring capital levy. The proposed replacement levy will make health, safety and facilities improvements at Endicott School, including improving main building entryway security, replacing sidewalks and upgrading the 1960's kitchen. The proposed levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$177,685 in 2023 and \$177,685 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Further information is available at <http://www.sje.wednet.edu/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Adams County Assessor 509.659.3200.

### Argument For

The community of Endicott is proud of the facilities of its school and needs the passage of this replacement levy to maintain the security, health, and safety of all who use those facilities. I support passage to allow for improving the aging, high use, kitchen and security issues. Health and safety should always be top of the list priorities of any facility. I urge passage of this replacement levy.

Written By: Greg Burns [gandlb@pionnet.com](mailto:gandlb@pionnet.com)

### Argument Against

This proposition funds much need upgrades to the Endicott School. Why? I say vote no on this proposition and have them re-submit it next year to build a hill surrounding the school. That way or kids, like us, can walk uphill *both* ways to and from school. That will teach them. What will replacing sidewalks and remodeling a 60-year-old kitchen do? Sure, it will be safer and more efficient but will lack the character building of walking uphill both ways to school. vote no.

Written by: Brad Hergert [Brad\\_hergert@hotmail.com](mailto:Brad_hergert@hotmail.com)



Rosalia School District No. 320

# Proposition No. 1

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Rosalia School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 2021-16, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.50	\$434,500
2024	\$2.50	\$456,500

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-16 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Rosalia School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding essential educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, maintenance and operation, transportation and special education. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 10% of the District's General Fund budget. Further information is available at <https://www.rosaliaschools.com/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Spokane County Assessor 509.477.3698.

## Argument For

Although the State of Washington claims to fund basic education, the enrichment levy picks up costs that are under funded by the State. The levy pays for the gap between state funding and the cost of our current programs. Filling this gap allows our district to fund programs such as special education, preschool, athletics, music, counselor, school nurse and more. The current EP&O Levy, passed two years ago, expires in 2022. This EP&O Levy will be a renewal of what you, the Rosalia voters supported two years ago. Two years ago, you approved a tax of \$2.50 per thousand, and this levy would be at the same rate of \$2.50 per thousand for another two years.

The citizens of the Rosalia School District have a long history of supporting their school and we want to continue with our investment.

Please vote Yes for the Rosalia School Levies

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## Argument Against

No Statement Submitted.



## Rosalia School District No. 320

### Proposition No. 2

#### Capital Levy for Technology, Safety and Security Improvements

The Board of Directors of Rosalia School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 2021-17, concerning a proposition to finance technology, safety and security improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make technology, safety and security improvements at Rosalia Schools (including acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure, security cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other safety and security systems):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.45	\$75,000
2024	\$0.45	\$75,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-17. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Rosalia School District to levy taxes to finance technology, safety and security improvements at Rosalia Schools (including acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure, security cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other safety and security systems). The proposed two-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$75,000 in 2023 and \$75,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Further information is available at <https://www.rosaliaschools.com/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Spokane County Assessor 509.477.3698.

### Argument For

Rosalia School District is committed to using and prioritizing technology in ways that accelerate and improve student learning. Your yes vote will support making technology, safety and security improvements at Rosalia School District, including but not limited to: Updating, upgrading and installing new technology equipment and infrastructure to improve student learning. Also modernizing security cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other safety/security systems as well as improvements to the infrastructure as part of the District's technology systems for instruction and research. A yes vote supporting these improvements will benefit every student by creating a safer and more technologically upgraded learning opportunity for our students.

The citizens of the Rosalia School District have a long history of supporting their school and we want to continue with our investment.

Please vote Yes for the Rosalia School Levies

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### Argument Against

No Statement Submitted



St. John School District No. 322

# Proposition No. 1

## Educational Programs and Operation Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of St. John School District No. 322-JT 401 adopted Resolution No. 22-2, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.60	\$404,393
2024	\$1.60	\$416,524

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-2 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes St. John School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding essential educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including teachers, support staff, nurses, athletics, extracurricular activities, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <http://www.sje.wednet.edu/>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Spokane County Assessor 509.477.3698.

## Argument For

I would recommend approving Proposition #1 Educational programs and operation replacement levy. There is approximately 11% of the general budget not funded by the state; this replacement levy will allow the school to continue providing needed resources to our students. This levy will help to provide a quality foundation for our students to excel in programs beyond secondary school, giving them a good foundation to become contributing and engaged adults. This levy also supports students with special educational needs, giving them the opportunity to excel. This levy also helps provide for athletics, extra-curricular activities and transportation.

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## Argument Against

Please vote no on Proposition 1 for the St. John School District. This levy has been in place for many years and is used to pay for the things that state funding will not cover. How important are extracurricular activities and transportation? The kids don't really need to enjoy school or get rides to and from events. Vote no.

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## St. John School District No. 322

### Proposition No. 2

#### Replacement Capital Levy for Health, Safety and Facilities Improvement

The Board of Directors of St. John School District No. 322-JT 401 adopted Resolution No. 22-3, concerning a proposition to finance health, safety and facilities improvements. 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 make health, safety and facilities improvements at St. John School (including improving main building entryway security, upgrading flooring, kitchen, maintenance shop, restrooms and electrical, and making other capital improvements):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.29	\$326,105
2024	\$1.29	\$326,105

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-3. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes St. John School District to replace an expiring capital levy. The proposed replacement levy will make health, safety and facilities improvements at St. John School, including improving main building entryway security, upgrading flooring, kitchen, maintenance shop, restrooms and electrical. The proposed levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$326,105 in 2023 and \$326,105 in 2024. The tax levy rate is estimated to be \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Further information is available at <http://www.sje.wednet.edu/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call Whitman County Assessor 509.397.6220 or Spokane County Assessor 509.477.3698.

### Argument For

I highly recommend supporting the capital levy for health, safety and facilities improvement at our St. John School. We need our school facilities to be safe and in good operating condition. This levy replaces an expiring levy and is a great investment in our future. Maintaining and necessary improvements for safety should be a priority.

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### Argument Against

This proposition funds upgrades to the kitchen, restrooms, electrical system and other areas to the St. John School District. It is estimated to cost \$1.29 per \$1000.00 of assessed value of your home or property per year. For the average home in St. John that would amount to about 150.00 dollars per year. I say vote no. If we don't pass this levy things will be as bad at school as we tell them it used to be. Voting no will teach them toughness and resilience by letting things like the kitchen, restrooms and electrical systems decay further.

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