

Douglas County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

February 8, 2022 Special Election



**2** Message from the Elections Department

Dear Voters,

Welcome to our February Special Election Local Voters' Pamphlet! State law now requires each county to produce a local voters' pamphlet for every election.

This pamphlet is a guide designed as a reference tool to help you make informed decisions. Inside you will find useful information about voter registration, deadlines for returning your ballot and ballot drop box locations. This pamphlet also includes ballot measures that may be on your February Special Election ballot.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your vote counts and participation matters. Voting is an important opportunity to elect public servants of your choice and to help decide how tax dollars are spent. The freedom to vote has been secured and preserved by men and women who were willing to fight and sacrifice their lives for the right to be heard; this should not be taken lightly or for granted.

Remember, your vote is your voice!

Sincerely,

Douglas County Election Department

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**Local Jurisdictions Participating in the Election:**

Coulee Hartline School District, Grand Coulee School District, Lake Chelan School District, Orondo School District, Palisades School District, Quincy School District, Waterville School District

## Important Dates

Ballots Mailed .....January 18, 2022  
18 Day Voting Period Begins...January 21, 2022

Last day to register to vote:

Online & by mail.....January 31, 2022  
In person .....February 8, 2022

Election Day .....February 8, 2022  
Ballots postmarked by .....February 8, 2022  
Drop box close @ 8 p.m. ....February 8, 2022

Douglas County:

Certifies the election .....February 18, 2022

*You may not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.*

## Registering to Vote

### **You can register to vote through Election Day!**

You can now register to vote, update your address, or make other updates to your voter registration in person at the Douglas County Courthouse in Waterville through 8 p.m. on Election Day. But why wait? Register or update your registration at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov).

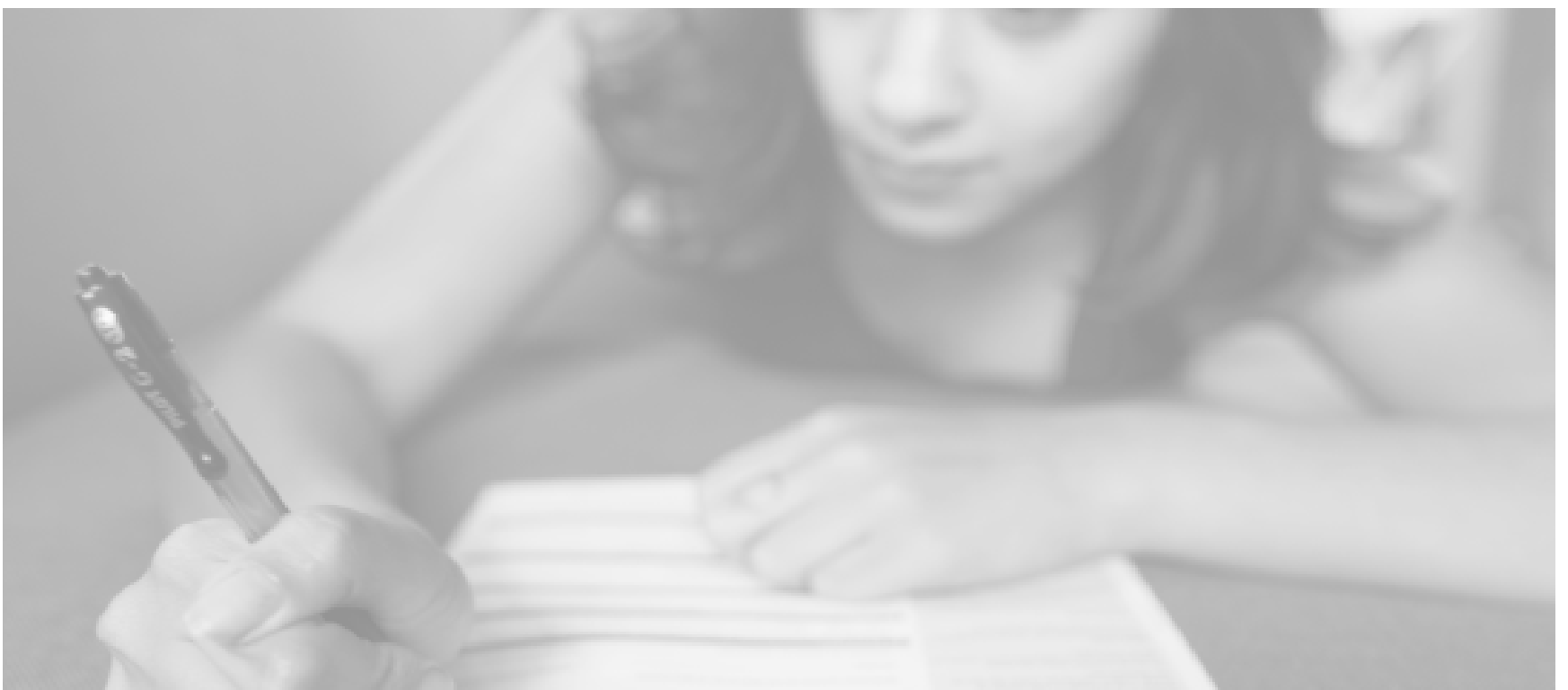
### **Registering to vote through the Department of Licensing or Health Benefit Exchange just got easier!**

If you are getting an enhanced driver license, you will now be automatically registered to vote or have your address updated. Don't wish to register? You can opt out. If you are getting a non-enhanced license, you will still be asked if you would like to register to vote. You can now also register to vote while signing up for or renewing your health insurance through the Health Benefit Exchange.

### **Pre-registration for teens**

16 and 17 year olds may now pre-register to vote. Registrations submitted online, by mail, or in person will be assigned a 'pending' status until they turn 18.

If the registrant turns 18 before the next scheduled Election Day, they will automatically be mailed a ballot at their registered address.



## Who can Register

To register to vote in Washington, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have lived at the current address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which you vote;
- Be at least 16 years old on election day;
- Not be serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction;
- Not be disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not be currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.



### **Keep Your Voter Registration Current**

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply update your information online or submit a new registration form by January 31, 2022 for the Special Election or visit us in person through February 8, 2022, Election Day.

# 6 Accessible Voting      Returning Your Ballot



Douglas County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU).

AVU's are available in the Auditor's Office starting 18 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVU's are wheelchair accessible, screened from other voters to maintain privacy, and can be outfitted with headphones or sip and puff tools.

If you have questions or concerns regarding accessibility, please contact the Douglas County Elections Office at 509-888-6402.

## Replacement Ballot

If you have lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available. To get a replacement ballot:

- By email: [elections@co.douglas.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.douglas.wa.us)
- Online: [www.VoteWA.gov](http://www.VoteWA.gov)
- By phone: 509-888-6402 or 509-888-6407
- In person: Douglas County Courthouse  
213 S. Rainier St  
Waterville WA

### Use a Drop Box!

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained election officials.

Boxes are open 24/7 beginning no less than 18 days before the Election and closed promptly at 8 p.m. on Election night. Drop boxes are the most direct and secure way to return ballots!

#### Douglas County Drop Box Locations:

##### Waterville:

Douglas County Courthouse .....213 S. Rainier St

##### East Wenatchee:

Public Service Building.....140 19<sup>th</sup> St. NW

City Hall.....271 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE

Maintenance Building.....110 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE

##### Coulee Dam

Coulee Dam Town Hall.....300 Lincoln Ave.

##### Rock Island

Rock Island City Hall.....5 N. Garden Ave.



**Coulee Hartline School District No. 151**

**Proposition No. 1**

REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION/  
ENRICHMENT LEVY

The Board of Directors of Coulee-Hartline School District No. 151 adopted Resolution No. 1-2021-22, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation / enrichment expenses. This proposition would authorize the district to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the district, for support of the district's General Fund educational maintenance and operation / enrichment expenses:

Levy Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$ 1.50	\$ 350,624
2024	\$ 1.50	\$ 350,624

all as provided in Resolution No. 1-2021-22. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy....Yes [ ]

Levy....No { }

**Explanatory Statement**

On the ballot of the upcoming February special election, the Coulee Hartline School District is requesting voters to approve an Enrichment Levy, formally known as our Maintenance and Operation Levy, at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which will generate approximately \$350,624 in 2023 and 2024.

Elected members of our Board of Education is again lowering the levy request to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The District has listed specific programs it would like to continue to fund with levy dollars. Local levy dollars are used to fund or supplement all of the following programs; Additional Administrative Support, Additional Certificated/Classified, Building /Grounds Maintenance Plan, Club/Sport Activities, Driver's Education, Music Program, Pre-School Program, Retain/Add Additional Staff, School Lunch Program, School Nurse, Special Education, Substitute Teachers, Support Guidance Teacher, Technology, and Transportation. Also funded are our capital project improvements to Coulee Hartline K-5/9-12 school building/grounds, the Brick House Warrior Community Center, and our softball/baseball fields in Hartline.

**Argument For:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in favor.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

**Argument Against:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

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## Grand Coulee School District No. 301J

**Proposition No. 1**REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND  
OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 21/22-02, 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/\$1000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.50	\$896,013
2024	\$2.50	\$963,214
2025	\$2.50	\$1,011,375
2026	\$2.50	\$1,041,716

all as provided in Resolution No. 21/22-02 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**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Grand Coulee Dam 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 operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at <https://www.gcddsd.org/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$896,013 in 2023, \$963,214 in 2024, \$1,011,375 in 2025, and \$1,041,716 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 the Grant County Assessor at (509)754-2011 ext. 2672, Douglas County Assessor (509)745-8521, Lincoln County Assessor (509)596-1454 or Okanogan County Assessor (509)422-7190.

**Argument For:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in favor.

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**Argument Against:**

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Grand Coulee School District No. 301J

**Proposition No. 2**

REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 21/22-03, concerning a proposition to finance safety, technology and facilities improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety, technology and facilities improvements (including improving safety/security systems; acquiring classroom computers and other technology equipment; renovating Lake Roosevelt School; upgrading athletic facilities):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.70	\$595,097
2024	\$1.70	\$624,852
2025	\$1.70	\$643,597
2026	\$1.70	\$662,905

all as provided in Resolution No. 21/22-03. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes [ ]

Levy...No [ ]

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Grand Coulee Dam School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The proposed replacement levy authorizes the District to continue funding safety, technology and facilities improvements throughout existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) improving, acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing safety and security systems; (2) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing classroom computers and other instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities; (3) renovating, modernizing and repairing Lake Roosevelt School; and (4) upgrading athletic facilities and fields. Further information is available at <https://www.gcdsd.org/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$595,097 in 2023, \$624,852 in 2024, \$643,597 in 2025, and \$662,905 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Grant County Assessor (509)754-2011 ext. 2672, Douglas County Assessor (509)745-8521, Lincoln County Assessor (509)596-1454 or Okanogan County Assessor (509)422-7190.

**Argument For:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in favor.

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**Argument Against:**

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## Contact Information for Election Related Organizations

### Public Disclosure Commission:

View contributors for candidates and measures.  
Visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) or call toll free (877) 601-2828

### Douglas County

#### Democratic Party:

[www.DouglasCountyDems.com](http://www.DouglasCountyDems.com)  
[douglascntydemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:douglascntydemocrats@gmail.com)

### Douglas County

#### Republican Party:

[www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org](http://www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org)  
[dcrccemail@gmail.com](mailto:dcrccemail@gmail.com)

## Voting Tips

### *Filling out your ballot:*

You may use blue or black ink. You do NOT need to vote for every race.

### *Signing your envelope:*

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope so your ballot can be counted!

### *Returning your ballot:*

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail one week prior to Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. You can also return your ballot at one of our ballot drop box locations. Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.



## Douglas County Elections Department

### Contact Information

**PHONE:**

**509.888.6402**

**LOCATION:**

**213 S. Rainier St  
Waterville WA 98858**

**EMAIL:**

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

**WEBSITE:**

**[www.douglascountywa.net](http://www.douglascountywa.net)**

**MAILING:**

**PO Box 853  
Waterville WA 98858**

Lake Chelan School District No. 129

**Proposition No. 1**

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan School District No. 129 adopted Resolution No. 2021-05, 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 support of the District’s educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.98	\$3,850,000
2024	\$0.98	\$3,950,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-05 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy ....Yes[ ]

Levy....No[ ]

**Argument For:**

Why the EP&O Levy is Important

My children have been involved in our amazing schools in Chelan ever since we moved here in 2016. Music, art, and after-school programs have enriched their lives in countless ways. I can't imagine them not having opportunities to participate in these life-giving outlets that have helped shape, inspire, and provoke them to reach their full potential. My children are just three of the kids impacted by the programs the funding this levy provides. There are 1,247 more students and reasons to vote yes for this replacement levy. These kids, their families, as well as our entire community benefit from the many programs, staffing, and support systems funded by the levy. This is not a new tax, merely a continuation of the current EP&O levy which will expire in 2022. Please continue to support our kids and our community at large. Vote Yes!!

LCSD Pro Committee:

Kristen Degroseillier                      kdesgroseillier@yahoo.com

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Lake Chelan 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 be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at <https://www.chelanschools.org/>.

The proposed 2-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$3,850,000 in 2023 and \$3,950,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.98 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. To determine if you qualify, call the Chelan County Assessor at (509) 667-6365, Douglas County Assessor at (509) 745-8521, or Okanogan County Assessor at (509) 422-7190.

**Argument Against:**

It is simply TOO. MUCH MONEY.

This is NOT “merely a continuation of the current EP&O levy which will expire in 2022.” The proposal is a tax increase by \$350,000 (10% from previous) in 2023 and \$450,000 (13%) in 2024. All when the district has significantly fewer students than two years ago when the last levy was approved (for \$3.5 million per year). The district should need less money to serve fewer students. This is coming after the Lake Chelan Fire District 7 said they were going to increase taxes by just over \$800,000 per year and instead increased your taxes by \$1,315,000 per year! You won’t see your bill for that until after the vote for the school levy!

LCSD, like most districts in North Central Washington, has had declining enrollment for many years. The data presented at the July School Board meeting shows a decline in enrollment every year and a projected decline of 13% in student enrollment since the 2016-2017 school year, down from 1,433.39 Full Time Equivalent students in 2016/2017. Actual enrollment was 1215.77 FTE in September of 2021, an ACTUAL 15.1% decline since 2016/2017.

They want lots MORE money when they have far FEWER kids to serve. Vote NO!

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**Orondo School District No. 13**

**Proposition No. 1**

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Orondo School District No. 13 adopted Resolution No. 2021-02, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including special education, nurses, counselors, safety staff, graduation readiness, career/technical, athletics, and extracurricular activities):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1000Assessed Value	Maximum Levy Amount
2023	\$1.20	\$703,964
2024	\$1.20	\$739,162

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-02. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes [ ]

Levy...No [ ]

**Argument For:**

Orondo School District's EP&O levy will be used to pay the expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. Some of the programs covered by this levy include but are not limited to: payments for our high school students to attend neighboring districts, preschool, nursing, mental health, transportation, tech, and staffing. Although the district requires the help of local levies to keep the school funded, the district is also proactive at seeking grants to cover educational and operations shortfalls. Excellent leveraging of grants, as well as fiscal management of local, state, and federal funds helps keep our district levy rates the lowest in our region. Through the services funded and paid for by the EP&O levy, the school was exemplified and received a state school distinction for closing the achievement gap for at-risk populations. Invest in our children, vote yes.

Orondo Strong:  
Christine Dennis

ckdennis90@hotmail.com

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Orondo School District to renew an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to, special education, nurses, social/emotional supports, school safety, staff, graduation readiness, career/technical, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.orondo.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed two-year renewal levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$703,964 in 2023 and \$739,162 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.20 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. To determine if you qualify, call the Douglas County Assessor at 509.745.8521.

**Argument Against:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

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**Palisades School District No. 102**

**Proposition No. 1**

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Palisades School District No. 102 adopted Resolution No. 2022-01 concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing 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	\$1.61	\$126,891
2024	\$1.59	\$128,921
2025	\$1.57	\$131,371
2026	\$1.56	\$133,998

all as provided in Resolution No. 2022-01 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy....Yes [ ]

Levy....No [ ]

**Argument For:**

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**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Palisades School District to renew an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to: extracurricular activities; health and counseling services; student transportation costs; technology equipment and improvements; staff professional development; infrastructure; maintenance; and special education costs.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$126,891 in 2023, \$128,921 in 2024, \$131,371 in 2025, and \$133,998 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.61 in 2023, \$1.59 in 2024, \$1.57 in 2025, and \$1.56 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call Douglas County Assessor at (509) 745-8521.

**Argument Against:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

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**Quincy School District No. 144-101**

**Proposition No. 1**

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Quincy School District No. 144-101 adopted Resolution No. 01-22, 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	\$1.25	\$8,359,000
2024	\$1.25	\$8,610,000
2025	\$1.25	\$8,868,000
2026	\$1.25	\$9,134,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-22 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy....Yes [ ]

Levy....No [ ]

**Argument For:**

Vote yes for the Quincy Schools Replacement Levy. Quincy Schools have made a commitment to give our students a well-rounded education that can only be provided through the support of our replacement levy. Vote yes to continue to provide programs for our community’s youth that are only possible with the replacement levy. Vote yes to support our investment in the future –our youth.

Our community has supported the replacement levy for many years, funding programs that have created opportunity and changed lives across generations. These programs include schoolwide enrichment, the arts, athletics, libraries and academic clubs. Our innovative, levy-supported programs, students and staff have been recognized and awarded at the state, national and global levels. These programs have inspired decades of students to achieve and succeed in fields including design, film, fire science, medicine, education, agriculture, business and more. Throughout the Pandemic, levy funds supported our students with robust technology, health, safety and mental health resources.

The QSD Schools Replacement Levy creates the essence of what makes Quincy Schools special and unique. It has been integral in our community’s success and in the recognition our students, staff and programs have received. Vote yes to continue supporting these opportunities.

Citizen Supporting Quincy School:

Debra Adams  
509-797-3495

cc4quincyschools@gmail.com  
www.facebook.com/citizensupportingquincyschools

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Quincy School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State, including: athletics; extracurricular activities; class size reduction; highly capable programs; College-in-the High School expenses; transportation; early childhood education; social workers; counselors; mental health support; music; summer school; maintenance and operations; professional development; security; technology; and Special Education. Further information is available at <https://www.qsd.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$8,359,000 in 2023, \$8,610,000 in 2024, \$8,868,000 in 2025, and \$9,134,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.25 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 Grant County Assessor (509)754-2011 ext. 2672 or Douglas County Assessor (509)745-8521.

**Argument Against:**

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**Waterville School District No. 209**

**Proposition No. 1**

**REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board of Directors of Waterville School District No. 209 adopted Resolution No. 2021/2022-001 concerning a proposition to finance safety, technology and facilities improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety, technology and facility improvements (including modernizing and repairing Waterville School, including concrete and asphalt repairs and/or replacement, and continue asbestos management; acquiring classroom computers and other technology equipment):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.04	\$231,104
2024	\$1.04	\$246,588

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021/2022-001. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy....Yes [ ]

Levy....No [ ]

**Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Waterville School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2021. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to make safety, technology and facilities improvements throughout existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) modernizing and repairing Waterville School, including concrete and asphalt repairs and/or replacement, and continue asbestos management; and (2) acquiring classroom computers and other technology equipment. The School Board determined that these improvements are necessary due to safety and security needs, the existing condition of school facilities (including instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, classrooms and grounds) and the needs of the District’s educational programs. Further information is available on the District’s website at <https://www.watervilleschool.org/>.

The proposed two-year replacement capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$231,104 in 2023 and \$246,588 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.04 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the Douglas County Assessor at (509) 745-8521.

**Argument For:**

Waterville School is asking voters to approve a replacement of our expired Capital Project Levy. This Capital Projects Levy is necessary for Waterville School to maintain and update needed district facilities, continue to upgrade safety, and maintain technology infrastructure systems.

Completion of the proposed projects will increase the life span of the nearly **30-year-old** Waterville School District buildings for many years to come. Preventive maintenance and continual upgrades will allow for prudent use of taxpayer dollars rather than continually reacting to costly emergency repairs. Our current EP and O Levy does not provide sufficient funding for projects and repairs due to the cut in Waterville levy funding. State funding does not fully fund facility repairs, modernization, and upgrades. Passage of this levy will also provide funding capacity to make large-scale emergency maintenance repairs when needed. This levy is **NOT** an increase in the total amount collected from our current levy.

Waterville For Committee

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**Argument Against:**

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.



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