

Douglas County

Official Local Voter's Pamphlet

Primary Election August 1, 2023

Register to Vote



Register in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
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Local Jurisdictions Participating in this Election:

Okanogan/Douglas County Public Hospital District No. 1,
Bridgeport School District No. 75,
Ephrata School District No. 165

Ballot Information

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
- Online: www.VoteWA.gov
- By phone: 509-888-6402 or 509-888-6407
- In person: Douglas County Courthouse

213 S. Rainier St Waterville WA 98858

Drop Boxes -Primary Election 2023

The following drop boxes are open from July 14- August 1

Bridgeport City Hall 1206 Columbia Ave. Bridgeport
Public Service Building..... 140 19th St. NW East Wenatchee
Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St Waterville

Okanogan/Douglas Public Hospital No. 1 | Proposition No. 1

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
OKANOGAN AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ONE-YEAR SPECIAL LEVY

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, adopted Resolution No. 2023-02 concerning a proposition to finance and maintain the availability of essential health care services. If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2023 for collection in 2024 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$1,145,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED / REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Bradley Berg, Foster Garvey P.C., special counsel to the District

Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, Washington (the "District"), operates Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster and other health care facilities within the District.

The District has determined that it is essential for the public health, safety and welfare of the District residents and other persons served by the District that the District provide additional funds for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services, including Three Rivers Hospital.

In order to provide sufficient funds to pay these expenses, the District is proposing a ballot proposition to be voted on by the qualified electors of the District authorizing the District to levy a special one-year excess tax levy.

If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2023 for collection in 2024 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$1,145,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Argument For:

For over 70 years, Three Rivers Hospital has provided trained professional staff to meet the healthcare needs of our community. As your public hospital, we are committed to staffing our emergency department with experienced physicians dedicated to your care. This has been made possible with the existing tax levy that provides necessary funding for emergency department operations.

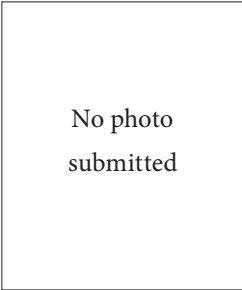
The Emergency Department is open 24/7, 365 days per year. Quality care is our top priority and having caring ER physicians on our team has allowed us to ensure that quality. We believe the renewal of this one-year levy to be essential and necessary to ensure Three Rivers can continue staffing our ER with board-certified physicians. This levy renews the annual levy voters passed in 2022. The rate will remain the same at 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, approximately \$66 per year for a home assessed at \$200,000.

Prepared by: Jennifer Munson, Chief Financial Officer, Three Rivers Hospital jmunson@trhospital.net <https://threerivershospital.net>

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.



Matt
West

No information submitted

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Kate
McPherson

Statement

I am Dr. Kate McPherson, and I am running for a seat on the school board because I believe that all students within the Bridgeport School District deserve a quality education. As a teacher, who has taught all grade levels, I have seen the challenges that are faced within schools.

I will promote a curriculum and system which encourages well-being for all students and staff including the educational opportunities which meet the students' individual needs. These include completion of their degree, trade opportunities, and AP/college-level courses.

One of my guiding principles in life is that learning is continuous. Every individual learns differently and as a school system, it is important to have a variety of ways to learn.

I have chosen to earn a Ph.D. in education to further my work in education and continue learning. In high school, I created and served in the position of student representative to the school board during my senior year to ensure representation and best serve the needs of the community.

Diverse representation on the school board helps ensure the variety of viewpoints that benefits the students.

If elected I will continue to work to ensure that all students receive a quality education.

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Educator since 2020

Teacher at Bridgeport School District 2010-2019

Education

Ph.D. in Education

Masters in Teaching

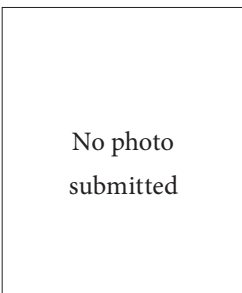
Community Service

No Information Submitted

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Jean
Hardie

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Mike
Fleurkens

Elected Experience
No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience
I've spent 24 Years working with Hydro Power generation. During this time, I've held positions and gained experience as a Mechanical Designer, Field Services Site Manager/Technical Director, Project Procurement, and Manufacturing Quality Assurance Inspector with extensive international travel and most recently, managing a team of inspectors responsible for project construction and manufacturing quality assurance.

Education
Graduate of Mechanical Engineering Technologist Program, Mohawk College
Canada

Community Service
2021 Parent/Community Committee for Sexual Health Education in the Ephrata School District (response to Senate Bill 5395)

Statement

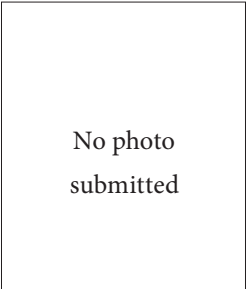
As a candidate for this position, I am committed to upholding traditional values in our schools while working hard to ensure student success, empowering parents, and supporting educators. I have a genuine interest in ensuring all kids in our District have access to a quality education in safe, clean, modern facilities. Our students must be prepared for the world, and I believe that providing a comprehensive education that includes both academic and real-world skills is critical.

With a background in leadership and decision-making roles, I understand what it takes to make tough decisions. I am committed to making those decisions based on what is best for our kids and community.

Providing every child with an exceptional education is a priority. We must work together to create the best possible future for our children. I thank you for considering me for this position and look forward to earning your vote.

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Shawn
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No Information Submitted

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Jordan
Hansen

Elected Experience
I have not previously held elected office.

Other Professional Experience
Production Manager – Trout Lake Farm; Granule Manager – J.R. Simplot; Shift Manager – J.R. Simplot

Education
Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Education – Utah State University, Logan; Master of Science, Agriculture - Washington State University; Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture - Washington State University; Graduate of Washington AgForestry Leadership Program

Community Service
2nd Harvest distribution event volunteer

Statement

As a father of 2 children in the Ephrata School District, I am proud of the education that my children have received here in Ephrata. I am proud of the job that our school board has accomplished over the years and I believe that we have very dedicated members of our community who give of their time to help our district be successful. I am seeking office to lend my service to the school board as a parent who has students in our district. I am dedicated to amplifying parent voices and advocating for our kids. I value education and will prioritize fiscal responsibility. I am a proud supporter of career and technical education working alongside of college prep courses in our high school. With your support, I will serve as a dedicated advocate, representing the needs of our children and fostering a thriving educational environment.

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