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April Special Election

April 23, 2024

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Local jurisdictions participating in this election:

- Eastmont School District No. 206

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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Eastmont School District No. 206 | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206

BONDS TO EXPAND AND RENOVATE SCHOOLS AND IMPROVE SAFETY

The Board of Directors of Eastmont School District No. 206 adopted Resolution No. 2024-01, concerning a proposition to improve educational opportunities, outdated infrastructure and safety. This proposition would authorize the District to: expand and renovate Cascade, Kenroy and Lee Elementary Schools (constructing permanent classrooms to replace portables and renovating playfields, parking and student pickup/drop off areas); upgrade roofing and HVAC at Rock Island Elementary School; make District-wide safety and security improvements; issue no more than \$117,100,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2024-01. Should this proposition be:

Approved Rejected

Explanatory Statement

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BONDS TO EXPAND AND RENOVATE SCHOOLS AND IMPROVE SAFETY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Eastmont School District to issue \$117,100,000 of bonds to: (1) expand and renovate Cascade, Kenroy and Lee Elementary Schools (including constructing permanent classrooms to replace portables and renovating playfields, parking and student pickup/drop off areas); (2) upgrade roofing and HVAC at Rock Island Elementary School; and (3) make District-wide safety and security improvements (including installing perimeter fencing; upgrading security cameras; and improving school entrances/vestibules). Further information is available <https://www.eastmont206.org/>.

With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$20,100,000 in State construction financing assistance to help complete these projects.

These bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes not to exceed 21 years. The District estimates a 2025 tax rate for these bonds of \$0.86 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$35.64 per month for a \$500,000 home. With passage of this proposition, the District estimates the total tax rate for all levies (operating and bonds) will be \$2.92 for the life of the bonds, which represents no change from the 2023 total tax rate. This is accomplished because the capital levy expires after 2023. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Douglas County Assessor at (509)745-8521

For Statement

In February, the voters showed strong support for the Eastmont School District bond with a 59.56% approval rate (just shy of the 60% supermajority required). A needs inventory was evaluated of Cascade, Kenroy, Rock Island, and Lee schools and safety was identified as the top priority as well as the need for modernization. Just 34 additional supportive votes would have secured this bond and ensured a safe and productive learning environment for our kids.

Eastmont School District listened to the community's input and developed a bond proposal that WILL NOT increase the 2023 combined rate of \$2.92. If passed, this will ensure \$20M in State matching funds allowing our local dollars to go even further. As we wait, schools continue to age and costs escalate. NOW is the best, most affordable time to pass this bond!

Please vote YES and continue our community's tradition of responsible education.

Statement for prepared by: Mayor Jerrilea Crawford, neighbor@nwi.net, 509-387-9762 and Gene Sharratt

Against Statement

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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- Brewster School District No. 111/203J

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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Brewster School District No. 111-203J | Proposition No. 1

Brewster School District No. 111-203J

Proposition No. 1

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Brewster School District No. 111/203J adopted Resolution No. 6-23/24, 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 the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of 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>
2025	\$2.25	\$1,598,039
2026	\$2.25	\$1,661,961
2027	\$2.25	\$1,728,439
2028	\$2.25	\$1,797,577

all as provided in Resolution No. 6-23/24. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy...Yes Levy...No

Explanatory Statement

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Brewster School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of 2024. Taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not funded or fully funded by the State, including: athletics and extracurricular activities, class size reduction, staff, after school programs, transportation, summer school, maintenance and operations, technology, nutrition services, and special education. Taxes collected by the proposed levy will provide approximately 11.91% of the District's General Fund budget. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.brewsterbears.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$1,598,039 in 2025, \$1,661,961 in 2026, \$1,728,439 in 2027 and \$1,797,577 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.25 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, call your county assessor for more information.

Argument For:

A "YES" vote for the Brewster School District Replacement Levy invests in a high-quality education for our students. This crucial funding sustains our enrichment programs, athletics, band, robotics, and other diverse clubs, including college in the classroom—the very essence of a well-rounded education. Moreover, levy monies provide crucial general education, and special education support staff, allows us to maintain smaller class sizes, fostering an environment where every student can flourish. Voting "YES" represents an investment in the future, empowering the next generation with the tools needed for academic success and meaningful contributions to society. A "YES" vote contributes to a collective effort to shape a brighter, stronger, future for both our students and the community. Join us in saying "YES" for our students' future successes!

Respectfully submitted,

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Argument Against:

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