

Douglas County

Official Local Voter's Pamphlet

February Special Election

February 11, 2025

Register to Vote



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Jurisdictions:

Ephrata School District 165/55J

Ballot Information

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213 S. Rainier St Waterville WA 98858

Drop Boxes -February Special Election

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Coulee Dam 300 Lincoln Ave. Coulee Dam

Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St Waterville

Ephrata School District 165/55J | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Ephrata School District No. 165/55J adopted Resolution No. 2024-2025-3, 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 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
2026	\$1.85	\$2,713,253
2027	\$1.85	\$2,821,783
2028	\$1.85	\$2,934,654
2029	\$1.85	\$3,052,040

all as provided in Resolution No. 2024-2025-3. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C. Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Ephrata School District to replace an existing levy that expires at the end of 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will provide funding for educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: extracurricular expenses, elective class expenses, unfunded College in the High School expenditures, safety and security, instructional technology, staff training, unfunded materials, supplies and operating costs, and additional unfunded staffing costs. Additional information is available on the District website with a direct link: TigersVote.org.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$2,713,253 in 2026, \$2,821,783 in 2027, \$2,934,654 in 2028 and \$3,052,040 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact 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 the Grant County Assessor at 509-754-2011 (extension 2672) or the Douglas County Assessor at 509-745-8521.

Argument For:

We urge Ephrata School District voters to support a four-year Educational Programs and Operations levy this February. Not a new tax, it replaces an existing levy expiring in December.

It will continue to fund athletics and extracurricular activities in grades K-12, safety and security measures, instructional technology, elective classes like College in the High School, and operating costs unpaid by the state.

Levy passage provides budget stability and makes Ephrata eligible for an extra \$3 million yearly in state "Local Effort Assistance" dollars. But the state only provides these vital extra funds when we pass the levy.

Ephrata kids participate at high rates in sports, clubs, music and performing arts. They learn and use digital skills every day. Let's continue to support their academic and personal growth, because strong students and safe schools create a strong community. Please vote YES for Your Ephrata Schools. For information, visit TigersVote.org

Prepared by: Randy Bracht randybracht@hotmail.com Kathleen Allstot

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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Jurisdictions:

Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J

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Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 24-25/03, 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
2026	\$2.13	\$967,461
2027	\$2.13	\$1,015,834
2028	\$2.13	\$1,066,626
2029	\$2.13	\$1,119,957

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-25/03 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy.
Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C. Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

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 2025. 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.gcdsd.org/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$967,461 in 2026, \$1,015,834 in 2027, \$1,066,626 in 2028 and \$1,119,957 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$2.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact 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:

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