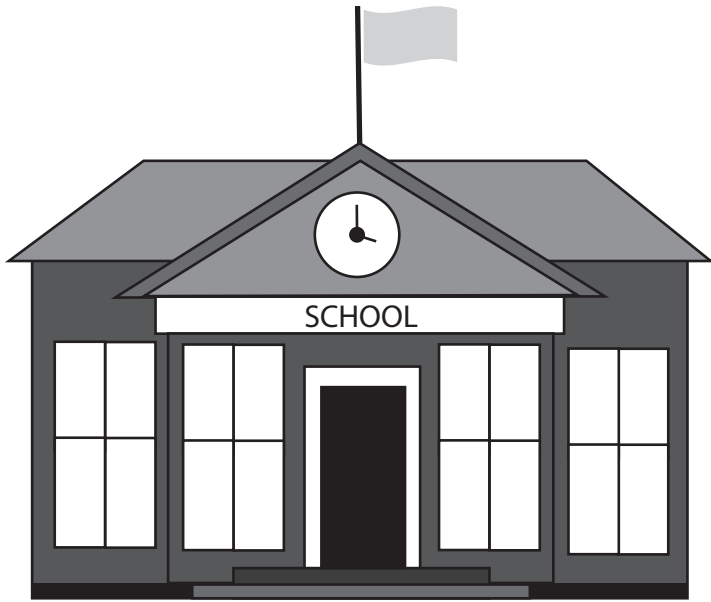


Snohomish County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet February 11, 2020 Special Election

as requested by Arlington School District No. 16



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Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 1

Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 19-11, concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. 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 operations expenses not funded by the State (including instructional services and support, facility maintenance, technology, special education and extracurricular activities):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2021	\$1.70	\$8,950,000
2022	\$1.70	\$9,200,000
2023	\$1.70	\$9,500,000
2024	\$1.70	\$9,750,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 19-11. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes
Levy No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Arlington School District to renew an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2020. The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, instructional services and support, facility maintenance, technology, special education and extracurricular activities, and other educational programs and operations expenses.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$8,950,000 in 2021, \$9,200,000 in 2022, \$9,500,000 in 2023, and \$9,750,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate 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 for levies may be available to homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425.388.3433.

Argument in Favor

As local business people, property owners, active community volunteers, graduates of Arlington High School, and parents of Arlington Public Schools students, we support the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy.

The EP&O levy vote asks for a renewal of the existing local education property tax. The proposed local tax rate is significantly lower than what is allowed by the state (proposed \$1.70/1000 vs \$2.50/1000 allowed). This proposed rate is approximately half the rate assessed locally from 2012 to 2018, before the state began to increase funding. We believe that Arlington Public Schools' administration and board continue to demonstrate excellent stewardship and responsibility with our local levy funds as they strive to meet the needs of our students and the Mission of the District.

The EP&O Levy, approved by Arlington voters, allows our local community to support educational programs and operational needs not funded by the state's "basic education" approach. This vote covers the period of 2021-2024 and would pay for approximately 10% of the school district's annual operating budget.

Our local money pays for staffing and program needs which support classroom instruction, facility maintenance, technology, special education, extracurricular activities, school nurses and mental health counselors.

Arlington voters have consistently approved our local levy and we have received excellent value for our investment. We ask you to vote YES in support of our students and community!

Argument prepared by: Robert Campbell, Ursula Ghirardo, and Connor Cummings

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers against the ballot measure came forward to write a statement.

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**Arlington School District No. 16
Proposition No. 2**

Capital Levy for Safety and Security Improvements and High School Classrooms

The Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 19-12, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, for making District-wide safety, security and infrastructure improvements (including fire sprinklers, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and traffic safety) and constructing additional classrooms and a technology workshop at Arlington High School:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2021	\$1.15	\$6,019,553
2022	\$1.14	\$6,149,553
2023	\$1.13	\$6,281,554
2024	\$1.15	\$6,606,008

all as provided in Resolution No. 19-12. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes
Levy No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would help Arlington School District pay costs of constructing a new addition for classrooms and a technology (i.e., Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) workshop at Arlington High School, and making District-wide safety, security and infrastructure improvements, including: (1) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing District-wide security cameras, building access controls, classroom door locks, secure entryways and other safety and security systems; (2) improving heating, ventilation, air conditioning, mechanical and electrical systems (“HVAC”) at Weston High School; (3) improving HVAC, flooring, data system, clocks, intercom system and traffic safety at Kent Prairie Elementary School; and (4) improving HVAC, flooring, data system, clocks, intercom system and fire sprinklers and alarm at Eagle Creek Elementary School.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$6,019,553 in 2021, \$6,149,553 in 2022, \$6,281,554 in 2023, and \$6,606,008 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2021, \$1.14 in 2022, \$1.13 in 2023 and \$1.15 in 2024. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425.388.3433.

Argument in Favor

The proposed capital improvements levy is essential for the safety of our students and staff, for extending the useful life of our schools, for adequate classroom space, and for the efficient operation of our schools.

Effective teaching and learning is only possible if our students and staff are safe and secure. At every school, we need to control entry, provide fire suppression systems, improve schoolwide communications, and lower the risk of accidents as our students are dropped off and picked up.

Heating and cooling systems in some of our schools are wearing out and becoming obsolete. Replacement systems are now available which are more efficient and cost less to operate.

The flooring in our two oldest elementary schools, Eagle Creek and Kent Prairie, is simply worn out. The footprints of thousands of students have taken a toll on these floors. Maintenance of our schools is a high priority to district taxpayers, and replacing these floors must be done to extend the useful life of these schools.

Arlington High School has reached capacity. Original construction plans included future expansion, and that time has come. In the next three years, students currently enrolled in our elementary and middle schools will add 300 additional students, and that does not include the new housing developments under construction. In addition, education requirements have changed. A workspace for supporting expanded technology programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) is critical and will provide more opportunities for our students.

Please vote yes on this four-year Capital Levy

Argument prepared by: Jeff Huleatt, Linda M. Byrnes, and Jola Barnett

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers against the ballot measure came forward to write a statement.

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Arlington School District No. 16 Proposition No. 3

Bonds to Construct a New Post Middle School

The Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 adopted Resolution No. 19-13, concerning a proposition to replace an aging and educationally outdated school. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new middle school to replace Post Middle School that will include general classrooms, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics classrooms, special education resource rooms, band and music rooms, stage, kitchen, commons, library, gymnasiums, and outdoor physical education/athletic fields; issue no more than \$71,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 19-13.

Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 3 would authorize Arlington School District to issue \$71,500,000 of bonds to construct a new middle school to replace Post Middle School, on or near its existing site, that will include, general classrooms; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics classrooms; special education resource rooms; band and music rooms; stage, kitchen and commons; library; gymnasiums; outdoor physical education/athletic fields; and other capital improvements. The School Board determined that a new Post Middle School is necessary because the existing middle school is aging and educationally outdated. Constructing a new Post Middle School will provide a more secure and modern learning space for students, in an energy efficient building that reduces operational costs.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over approximately 21 years. The District estimates an average tax rate for this bond of approximately \$0.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$22 per month for a \$300,000 home. This tax rate is projected to be below what taxpayers have paid each year since 2001 replacing the bond that matures in 2020. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425.388.3433.

Argument in Favor

Concerns about the deteriorating conditions of Post Middle School resulted in a group of community members voluntarily gathering for several years to research solutions. This Facilities Advisory Committee created the “2014 Master Facilities Plan: Post Middle School Options Study.” They listed five different options and concluded their study by recommending the replacement option by a wide margin. They also ranked the replacement option as the best value for the community.

WHAT DO WE RECEIVE when we vote YES?

1. Replacement of a deteriorating existing Post Middle School.
2. Create a safer school by providing INTERIOR hallways that minimizing entry points to the school for potential intruders
3. Earthquake issues addressed since the new structure will be located away from the existing slope
4. Full sprinkler system that covers the entire building
5. Average classroom size increases from 750 square feet to 900 square feet (*the average size of elementary classrooms currently in the district*).
6. Improves the traffic safety at Post and nearby Eagle Creek Elementary by separating bus and service vehicle traffic from car traffic.
7. Doubles the number of classrooms that support STEM (science, technology, engineering arts & math)
8. Improved efficiency of lighting, electrical, plumbing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems

All of us have either attended Post Middle School as students and/or have had children attend and, on behalf of the community, we ask that you vote YES. Thank you for saying YES to the children!

Argument prepared by: John V. Meno, Cory Duskin, and Anne Wendt

Argument Against

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers against the ballot measure came forward to write a statement.

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How do I vote my ballot?

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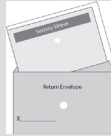
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Place the secrecy sleeve into the return envelope.



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