

Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401

Proposition No. 1

Ballot Title

School Facilities and Technology Levy

The Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401 passed Resolution No. 2012/13-005 concerning school facilities improvements and technology upgrades. The proposition would authorize the District to modernize and repair District facilities, modernize and upgrade District technology and computer systems for instruction and operations, and other capital project expenditures; and authorize the following taxes in excess of regular property tax levies, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2014	\$1.44	\$ 6,884,014
2015	\$1.44	\$ 6,952,817
2016	\$1.44	\$ 7,091,801
2017	\$1.44	\$ 7,233,566
2018	\$0.15	\$ 768,559

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of property taxes within Stanwood-Camano School District, for collection each year from 2014 through 2018, in the following amounts: \$6,884,014 (2014), \$6,952,817 (2015), \$7,091,801 (2016), \$7,233,566 (2017), and \$768,559 (2018). If authorized by the voters, taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of \$1.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation during 2014-2017 and at an estimated rate of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation during 2018.

These funds would pay for school facility repairs and classroom technology updates, including:

- Replacement of roofs, floors, ceilings, and restroom fixtures
- Replacement of heating and ventilation systems
- Energy conservation replacements of windows and lighting
- Improvements for student safety and health
- Other improvements and repairs to extend the useful life of schools
- Replacing worn-out and obsolete classroom computers
- Updating infrastructure supporting classroom and district-wide technology systems

This levy replaces an expiring tax levy that paid for debt service on District bonds. On December 15, 2013, all school district capital debt will be fully retired and all school facilities will be owned free and clear. Unlike bond issues, there are no interest or other financing costs incurred from this capital levy.

Statement For

Statement by: Marcus Bresko, John Russell

Over the past ten years or more, the district has shown excellent leadership in managing taxpayers resources. Voters have not approved any new facility improvement taxes since 1998. As of December 2013, all bonds (mortgages) will be paid in full and the district will own all properties free and clear.

This measure, without increasing taxes, maintains the public's investment in its school facilities. By performing these needed basic facility repairs and renovations, the useful life of our schools will be extended to provide a safe, efficient, and appropriate learning environment for our students. A committee of parents, grandparents, and interested taxpayers have helped to determine that only the highest priority and most pressing projects be included on this measure.

Resources are also provided to replace obsolete classroom computers and to make upgrades to the existing computer support system infrastructure. Our students deserve and need to have access to modern technology in order to be competitive in today's universities and labor markets.

We have reviewed the proposed facility projects and the plans for replacing classroom technology equipment. These funds can only be used for the stated purposes. We strongly recommend voter approval of this important measure that will insure the continued successful education of our students.

Statement Against

No statement was submitted.