



Resolution cover sheet

This form **must** accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Castle Rock School District No. 401

District Address: 600 Huntington Ave. S.

Date of Election: February 9, 2021

Contact Person/Title: Shelby Garrett, Director of Fiscal Services

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): levy

Pass / Fail Requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel.
Please circle one: simple majority, supermajority, 60% plus validation, other (explain below)

Simply Majority

Questions?

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CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-98

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein on February 9, 2021, of a proposition to authorize the district to levy an additional tax to provide a total of \$1,485,816 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for the purpose of making capital improvements to educational facilities, including modernizing its educational facilities such levies to be made for three years commencing in 2021 for collection in the calendar years from 2022 through 2024, inclusive.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 24, 2020

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington (the "District"), are in need of renovation, construction, improvements and expansion to meet the current and future educational programs for its students (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement such projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of the Improvements as found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District in excess of the annual tax the District is permitted by law to levy without a vote of the people, such levy to be made for three years commencing in 2021 for collection in the calendar years from 2022 through 2024, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such excess tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth which requires the holding of a special election in the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the Improvements hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements. The District shall modernize its educational facilities through building repairs, enhanced safety and security systems, communication upgrades, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors.

The District may repay any obligations hereafter incurred for the foregoing purposes.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of school facilities.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such improvements or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the improvements or to other capital purposes of the District, as the District in its discretion shall

determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. It is hereby found and declared that best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall make the Capital Projects Fund levies for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on February 9, 2021. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Cowlitz County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Cowlitz County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for tax levies for the Capital Projects Fund for three years, commencing in 2021, producing dollar amounts at estimated tax rates per thousand dollars of assessed value to produce such amounts, in excess of the maximum amount tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, all as follows:

- A. \$495,272, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022;
- B. \$495,272, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023; and
- C. \$495,272, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$0.44 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2022 levy is \$0.44 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2023 levy is \$0.44 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Voters' Pamphlet. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 2021 election and requests that the Cowlitz County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

Section 5. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Cowlitz County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Cowlitz County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District adopted Resolution No. 2020-98 concerning capital improvement levies. This proposition authorizes the repairs to school buildings, communication, safety and security upgrades; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2022	\$0.44	\$495,272
2023	\$0.44	\$495,272
2024	\$0.44	\$495,272

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby authorized and directed to deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Cowlitz County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Lewis County Auditor.

Section 6. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) Director of Fiscal Services (Shelby Garrett), telephone: 360.501.3132; fax: 360.501.3140; email: sgarrett@crschools.org, and (b) bond counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; fax: 206.623.7022; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Cowlitz County Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Fiscal Services is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Cowlitz County Auditor or the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 24th day of November, 2020.

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES,
WASHINGTON

Vilas Sundberg

Denny Karnofski

Todd Jensen

Tracy Long

Board of Directors

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of the Board of Directors

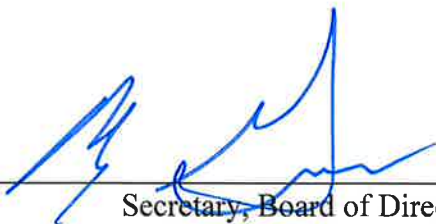
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington (the "District"), and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2020-98 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of November, 2020.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of November, 2020.


Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 9, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

NOTICE
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 9, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2021, a special election will be held in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

Cowlitz County Auditor

Election Date: February 9, 2021

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington

Contact Name: Cynthia Weed

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 206-370-7801

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 1

The Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District 401 requests approval of a capital levy as described in Proposition No. 1. The proposition authorizes the levy of \$495,272 annually for three years to fund infrastructure improvements along with major preventive maintenance, safety projects, and other capital improvements throughout the District to meet the current and future educational needs of its students. Such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, remodeling to school facilities, and safety of students.

The total amount to be collected will be \$495,272 annually, to be collected in each of the three calendar years commencing 2022 through 2024, inclusive. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.44 (2022 collection), \$0.44 (2023 collection), and \$0.44 (2024 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.