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# Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Centralia School District No.401  
District Address: 2320 Borst Ave, Centralia, WA 98531  
Date of Election: 4/27/2021  
Contact Person: Rick Bonner Title: Executive Director of Fiscal Services  
Contact Phone: (360) 827-6381 Email: rbonner@centralia.wednet.edu  
2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: Lisa Grant Title: Superintendent  
2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone: (360) 827-6373 Email: lgrant@centralia.wednet.edu

Attorney for District: Lance Andre  
Attorney Phone: (206) 622-0203 Attorney Email: lance@pfrwa.com

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

Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

Simple majority or majority 50% +1       Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: Section 2 of Article VII Washington State Constitution

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

This issue requires validation:     Yes       No

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Lewis County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

- A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on April 27, 2021, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2021 for collection in 2022, and \$1.50 per \$1,000 in 2022 for collection in 2023, said excess taxes to pay part of the cost of educational programs and operations support of the District.

WHEREAS, Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington (the "District"), in prior years had in effect an educational programs operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expired last year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65th Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,500,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022; and
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,600,000, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

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

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022; and
- B. \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023.

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 Lewis County Assessor's office, the levy rate for the 2022 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the levy rate for the 2023 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate and amount

shall be adjusted based upon the legal limits and the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on April 27, 2021.

The Lewis County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Lewis County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2021-02 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes,

to replace an expired levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations not funded by the state:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2022	\$1.50	\$4,500,000
2023	\$1.50	\$4,600,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO .....

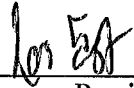
The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Lewis County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Thurston County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the District's Executive Director of Fiscal Services (Rick Bonner), telephone: 360.827.6381; email: [rbonner@centralia.wednet.edu](mailto:rbonner@centralia.wednet.edu) as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Executive Director is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Lewis County Auditor or the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. 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 April 27, 2021 election and requests that the Lewis 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.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 17th day of February, 2021.

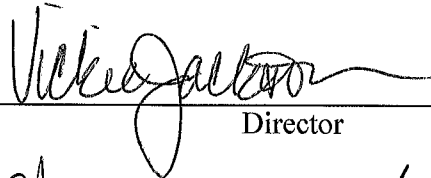
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LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES,  
WASHINGTON



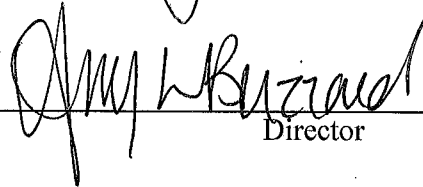
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President and Director



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ATTEST:



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Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston 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. 2021-02 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a special meeting thereof held on the 17th day of February 2021.

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 passage 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 17th day of February 2021.



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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
April 27, 2021

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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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all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO .....



NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
April 27, 2021

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 27, 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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CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

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all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO .....

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Lewis County Auditor

# ENRICHMENT LEVY: OSPI PRE-BALLOT APPROVAL

1 Select District Name: Centralia School District  
 2 Anticipated date of ballot 04/27/2021  
 3 Primary Contact Name and Email Rick Bonner rbonner@centralia.wednet.edu  
 4 name e-mail

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 6 Districts are to fill out the green highlighted cells before printing and obtaining approver's signature.  
 7 Completed forms can be returned to thomas.kelly@k12.wa.us or SAFS@k12.wa.us.

9 **Part I. Basic Education Assurances**

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 11 Will your district comply with WAC chapter 392-127 (46:1,000 compliance) using only state funds?  
 12 Yes  X No   
 13 Will your district provide 180 days of instruction or obtain a waiver from SBE on an alternative calendar?  
 14 Yes  X No

16 **Part II. Narrative of Proposed Levy Expenditure Plan\***

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 18 For continual improvement in outcomes for students, we plan to add resources to support increased interventions for all grade levels; including  
 19 instructional facilitators, supporting special needs students (e.g. special education, 504, Highly Capable), improving curriculum, and maintaining  
 20 technology staff. Our plan also includes supporting activities that improve student engagement, including athletics and activities, music and  
 performing arts, and additional counseling supports. We have started a long term process of developing the District strategic plan, and will  
 incorporate any additional resources, including our levy, to achieve the goals set out in that strategy.

22 \*OSPI approval of this plan does not constitute a legal opinion or approval of your official ballot language.

24 **Part III. Enrichment Levy Revenues and Expenditures**

	Calendar Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
27 <b>Estimated Levy Authority Limitation (Dropdown)</b>	Select Option	\$2.50 Per \$1,000	\$2.50 Per \$1,000	Select Option	Select Option
28 <b>Estimated Per Pupil Levy or Rate per \$1,000</b>		1.50	1.50		
29 <b>Estimated Enrichment Levy Collections</b>		4,500,000	4,600,000		

	School Year			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
32 <b>Estimated School Year Collection</b>	2,367,900	4,552,620	2,179,480	-

	School Year			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
34 <b>Estimated Expenditure Program</b>				
35 Regular Instruction - 00	\$ 1,459,694	\$ 2,840,257	\$ 1,351,566	
36 Special Education Instruction - 20	\$ 300,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 275,000	
37 Vocational Education - 30				
38 Skill Center Instruction - 40				
39 Compensatory Education - 50/60				
40 Other Instructional Programs - 70				
41 Community Services - 80				
42 Support Services - 90	\$ 608,206	\$ 1,112,363	\$ 552,914	
43 <b>Totals By Program</b>	\$ 2,367,900	\$ 4,552,620	\$ 2,179,480	\$ -

	And			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
45 <b>Estimated Expenditures by Object</b>				
46 Salaries - Certified Employees - 02	\$ 450,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 400,000	
47 Salaries - Classified Employees - 03	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,977,614	\$ 950,000	
48 Benefits and Payroll Taxes - 04	\$ 691,110	\$ 1,219,744	\$ 611,532	
49 Supplies, Instructional Resources and	\$ 47,358	\$ 91,052	\$ 43,590	
50 Purchased Services - 07	\$ 189,432	\$ 364,210	\$ 174,358	
51 Travel - 08				
52 Capital Outlay - 09				
53 <b>Totals By Object</b>	\$ 2,367,900	\$ 4,552,620	\$ 2,179,480	\$ -
54 <b>Variance Must Be Zero</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
56 <b>Variance to School Year Collection</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

58 **Part IV. Certification / Signature**

I attest that all is true and correct.  
 Printed Name Lisa Grant  
 Signature *Lisa Grant*  
 Superintendent  
 Date 2.18.21

65 **Part V. OSPI Decision**

Approved  Revision Requested   
 Date 2-18-21 Date \_\_\_\_\_



# CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Learning Community · Educating Each Student · Exceeding Expectations*

Election Date: April 27, 2021

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Centralia School District No. 401, Lewis and Thurston Counties, Washington

Contact: Rick Bonner

Daytime Phone: 360-330-7600

**Dr. Lisa Grant**

Superintendent

**Kristy Vetter**

Executive Director of Teaching & Learning

**Tabitha Whiting**

Executive Director of Human Resources

**Rick Bonner, CPA**

Executive Director of Fiscal Services

**Tammie Jensen-Tabor**

Executive Director of Special Services

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WA 98531-0610

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## MISSION

*Through attending Centralia Schools, students graduate career and college ready, successfully prepared for a diverse and changing world.*

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT- PROPOSITION NO. 1

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expired levy for Centralia School District No. 401. It would allow the levy of \$4.5 million in property taxes for collection in 2022, and \$4.6 million in 2023, on all taxable property within the District. With approval, taxes would be collected over two years and deposited in the District’s General Fund to pay part of the underfunded educational programs of the District. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1000 of assessed value would be \$1.50 (2022 collection), and \$1.50 (2023 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.

A levy spending report will be publicized following the closing of each school budget year starting in 2021. Levy revenue funds are used to support areas as follows:

*Funds will focus on two areas: improving academic outcomes for students and engaging students in programs, services and activities that increase success. Continual improvement in outcomes for students, funding services and supports for all grade levels including instructional facilitators, supports and services for students struggling and students excelling, improving curriculum, instruction and programs, and maintaining instructional technology. Engaging students includes activities demonstrated to increase student success, including athletics and activities, music and performing arts, and counseling and behavioral supports. We have started developing the District strategic plan and will align levy funds to achieve the priorities.*

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## Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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Chehalis, WA 98532  
Phone: (360) 740-1240  
Fax: (360) 740-1497  
TDD: (360) 740-1480

To: The Auditor's Office  
From: Amber D. Smith, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Subject: Approval of Ballot Language  
Date: February 24, 2021

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Our office has reviewed the proposed levies for [Centralia School District No. 401](#). The ballot titles and explanatory statements are impartial, written in clear and concise language, avoid the use of legal and technical terms whenever possible, and do not exceed statutory word limits.

Our office approves as to form.

Sincerely,

Amber D. Smith  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

**It is the Mission of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office to zealously seek justice in all criminal matters, consistently promote public confidence in the legal system, and diligently represent county government while adhering to the highest ethical and moral standards.**