



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: _____

District Address: _____

Date of Election: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

2nd Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

2nd Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attorney for District: _____

Attorney Phone: _____ Attorney Email: _____

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

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

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Simple majority or majority 50% +1

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Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: _____

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

- 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 February 13, 2024 of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$6,200,000 in 2024 for collection 2025, and \$6,200,000 in 2025 for collection in 2026, said excess taxes to pay part of the cost of educational programs and operations support of the District.

ADOPTED: November 8, 2023

PREPARED BY:

Porter Foster Rorick LLP
Seattle, Washington

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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 prior educational programs and operations levies have now expired; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2024-25 and 2025-2026 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; 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 \$1.15 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,200,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.15 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,200,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026.

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;

WHEREAS, the District has received approval of its levy spending plan from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District;[JHI]

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. \$6,200,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and
- B. \$6,200,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026.

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 2025 levy is \$1.15 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$1.15 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate 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 2024-25 and 2025-26 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 by contracting indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080, 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 February 13, 2024.

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 of the Centralia School District adopted Resolution No. 2023-22 concerning this proposition to provide 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
2025	\$1.15	\$6,200,000
2026	\$1.15	\$6,200,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES..... ☐

NO ☐

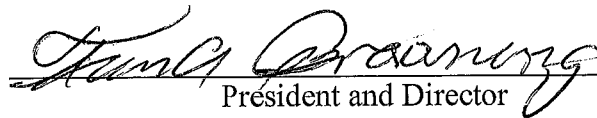
The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Lewis County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Thurston County Auditor.

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 (Joe Vetter), telephone: 360.330.7600; email: jvetter@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.

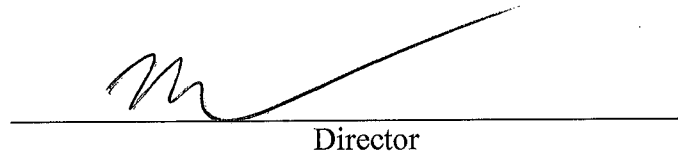
Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 13, 2024 election and requests that the Lewis County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The 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 special meeting thereof, held on the 8th day of November, 2023.

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


President and Director


Director


Director


Director


Director

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Directors

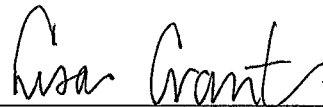
CERTIFICATE

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. 2023-22 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a special meeting thereof held on the 8th day of November 2023.

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 8th day of November, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Grant", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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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2025	\$1.15	\$6,200,000
2026	\$1.15	\$6,200,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES..... ☐

NO ☐

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
LEWIS AND THURSTON COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2024, 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 ☐

Lewis County Auditor

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CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Prioritizing Students · Upholding High Expectations · Championing Hope · Cultivating Collaboration

Election Date: February 13, 2024

Dr. Lisa Grant
Superintendent

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

Tammie Jensen-Tabor
Executive Director of
Special Services

Contact: Joe Vetter

Joe Vetter
Executive Director of
Fiscal Services

Daytime Phone: 360-330-7600

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT- PROPOSITION NO. 1

Dr. Jeff Broome
Executive Director of
Teaching & Learning

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$6,200,000 in property taxes within Centralia School District No. 401 for collection in 2025 and 2026. The current Levy will expire in 2024 and the 25/26 Levy will be applicable for all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations. In accordance with Resolution No. 2023-22 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected over two years and deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the educational programs and operations support 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 \$6,200,000 for both the 2025 and 2026 collection. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the action assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. In the event that a program is implemented that would increase State funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review and determine the need to roll back the levies.

Samantha Mitchell
Executive Director of
Human Resources

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Our Vision: All Students Achieve Academic and Personal Excellence



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Auditor's Office
FROM: Robert W. Bradley, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement
DATE: Nov. 27, 2023

Our office has reviewed the proposed levy for Centralia School District No. 401. The ballot language and explanatory statement 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Bradley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Bradley
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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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.