

FINAL 12/14/2023

EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS LEVY

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As provided in Resolution #740. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes ... []

No ... []

Election Date: February 13, 2024

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce and Lewis Counties, Washington

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 1

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of property taxes within Eatonville School District of \$6,273,767 for collection in 2025, the levy of \$6,581,917 for collection in 2026, the levy of \$6,905,475 for collection in 2027, and the levy of \$7,245,211 for collection in 2028. In accordance with Board Resolution No. 740 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.05 for each of the years of collection, 2025 through 2028. 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.

EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
PIERCE AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 740

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 29, 2023

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce and Lewis Counties, Washington (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible activities for 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 410, Laws of 2019 (66th Legislature, Regular 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, to provide properly for such maintenance and operations and 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 above 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 \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,273,767, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025;
- B. A tax of approximately \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,581,917, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- C. A tax of approximately \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$6,905,475, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and
- D. A tax of approximately \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$7,245,211, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

WHEREAS, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations/enrichment tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required under RCW 84.52.053(4); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether 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 EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404, PIERCE AND LEWIS 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 above the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

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- A. \$6,273,767, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025;
 - B. \$6,581,917, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;

C. \$6,905,475, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and

D. \$7,245,211, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

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 2024 levy is \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$2.05 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$2.05 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 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 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 maintenance 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 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 Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce 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:

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As provided in Resolution #740. 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 Pierce County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Lewis 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 (a) the District’s Business Manager (Krista Heersink), telephone: 360.879.1037; email: k.heersink@eatonville.wednet.edu; and (b)

special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; cell: 206.618.6050; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Business Manager is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

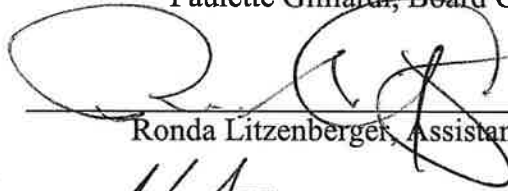
Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 13, 2024 election and requests that the Pierce County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The 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 Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce and Lewis Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on November 29, 2023.

EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404,
PIERCE AND LEWIS COUNTIES,
WASHINGTON



Paulette Gilliardi, Board Chair




Ronda Litzenberger, Assistant Chair



Matt Marshall, Director

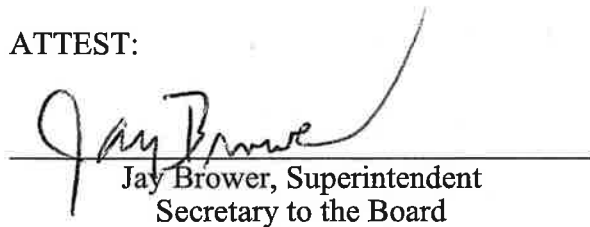


Ashley Sova, Director



Corey Ackerman, Director

ATTEST:



Jay Brower, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

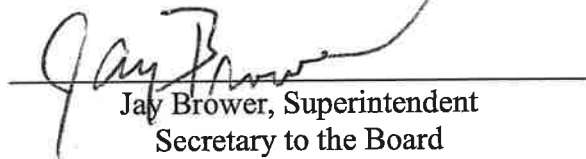
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce 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. 740 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on November 29, 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 on November 29, 2023.


Jay Brower, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

OFFICIAL BALLOT
EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
PIERCE AND LEWIS 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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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
PIERCE AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 13, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2024, a special election will be held by mail ballot 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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