

**FINAL 12/14/2023**

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as provided in Resolution #741.

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. 2**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the property tax levies within Eatonville School District of \$1,376,940 in property taxes for collection in 2025, \$1,444,583 for collection in 2026, \$1,515,608 for collection in 2027, \$1,590,184 for collection in 2028, \$1,668,489 for collection in 2029, and \$1,750,709 for collection in 2030, to fund construction, modernization and remodeling of existing facilities, including, but not limited to replacement of the track and field, roof replacements, upgrades to heating and mechanical systems, improvements to technology and technology infrastructure, essential energy enhancements, ongoing safety and security system upgrades, and improvements to playground facilities. In accordance with Board Resolution #741, these taxes would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates would be \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in the years 2025 through 2030, inclusive. Exact levy rates 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.

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PIERCE AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

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RESOLUTION NO. 741

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Prepared by:

K&L GATES LLP  
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce and Lewis Counties, Washington (the "District"), are in need of modernization, improvements and expansion to meet the current and future educational needs for its students and community; 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 these projects 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 six years commencing in 2024 for collection in the years from 2025 through 2030, 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 require the holding of a special election in the District;

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. 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 is committed to the renovation and ongoing major maintenance of its educational facilities across the entire district. The allocated taxes shall be used for, but not be limited to, roof replacements, upgrades to heating and mechanical systems, improvements to technology and technology infrastructure. Additional initiatives shall also cover essential energy enhancements, ongoing safety and security system upgrades, improvements to playground facilities, and the replacement of the track and field.

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.

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 13, 2024. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held by all mail-in ballot 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 six years, commencing in 2024, 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. \$1,376,940, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025;
- B. \$1,444,583, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- C. \$1,515,608, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- D. \$1,590,184, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;
- E. \$1,668,489, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029; and
- F. \$1,750,709, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030.

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 Pierce County

Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2028 levy is \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2029 levy is \$0.45 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.

Section 4. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Pierce County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Pierce County, substantially in the following form:

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as provided in Resolution #741. Should this proposition be approved?

YES ..... ☐

NO ..... ☐

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

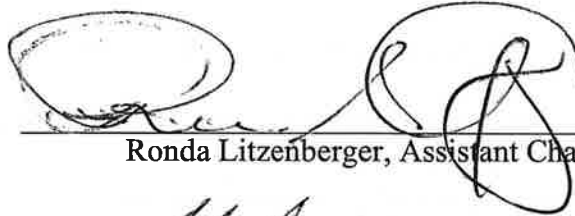


ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Eatonville School District No. 404, Pierce and Lewis Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 29th day of November, 2023.

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



Paulette Gilliardi, Board Chair



Ronda Litzenberger, Assistant Chair



Matt Marshall, Director

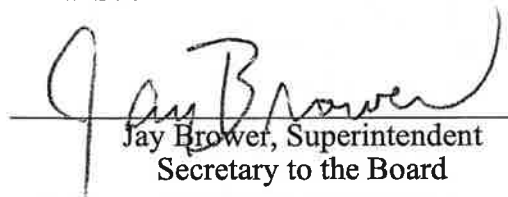


Ashley Sova, Director



Corey Ackerman, Director

ATTEST:



Jay Brower, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

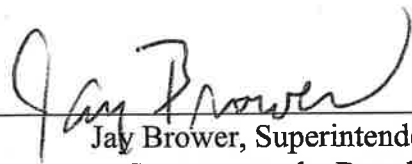
## CERTIFICATE

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. 686741 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held this 29th 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 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 29th day of November, 2023.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jay Brower", is written over a horizontal line.

Jay Brower, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

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

February 13, 2024

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

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YES ..... ☐

NO ..... ☐

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404  
PIERCE AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

February 13, 2024

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2024, a special election will be held by mail ballot in conjunction with the general election 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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Pierce County Auditor