



Resolution cover sheet

This form **must** accompany each resolution.

Name of District:

Castle Rock School District

District Address:

600 Huntington Ave S, Castle Rock, WA 98211

Date of Election:

February, 2024

Contact Person/Title:

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360-501-8132

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

Capital Projects 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)

Questions?

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-116

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 13, 2024, of a proposition to authorize the District to levy an additional tax to provide a total of \$2,490,000 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for improvements, upgrades and renovation of District facilities, including safety improvements and related costs, such levies to be made for three years commencing in 2024 for collection in the calendar years from 2025 through 2027.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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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 improvements, upgrades and renovation to meet the current and future educational and operational needs for its students; and

WHEREAS, the current capital project levies expire following the 2024 collections; and

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

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of these 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, such levy to be made for three years commencing in 2024 for collection in the calendar years from 2025 through 2027 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

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 and operational 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, replacement, and remodeling of or maintenance of school facilities, as permitted by law.

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 or remodeling of or maintenance to school facilities as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. 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 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 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 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. \$830,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and
- B. \$830,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, and
- C. \$830,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027.

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 Cowlitz County and Lewis County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is \$0.44 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$0.42 per

thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$0.41 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. 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 and Lewis Counties, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
(CASTLE ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District adopted Resolution #2023-116 concerning a capital projects levy. The proposition authorizes the repairs to school buildings, communication, safety and security upgrades, and other capital projects; 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
2025	\$830,000	\$0.44
2026	\$830,000	\$0.42
2027	\$830,000	\$0.41

as provided in District Resolution #2023-116? 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 Cowlitz County Auditor with a courtesy copy to the Lewis County Auditor.

Section 5. 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 Director of Fiscal Services (Shelby Garrett), telephone: 360-501-3132 ; email: sgarrett@crschools.org; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; cell phone 206.618.6050; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Cowlitz County Auditor or the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 6. 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 13, 2024 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.

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 21st day of November, 2023.

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

Chair and Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, 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. 2023-116 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 21st 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 21st day of November, 2023.

Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ 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
CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 13, 2024

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

NO ☐

Cowlitz County Auditor

Election Date: February 13, 2024

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

Contact Name: Cynthia Weed

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 206-623-7580; cell: 206-618-6050

Word Count: 204

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 2

Pursuant to Resolution #2023-116 of the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, the passage of Proposition No. 2 would renew an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$830,000 in property taxes for collection in each of the years, 2025, 2026 and 2027 to fund improvements, upgrades and renovation of District facilities, including building repairs, enhanced safety and security systems, communication upgrades, and related costs and to make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be collected over the 2024-2025 through 2027-2028 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025, \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026 and \$0.41 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2027. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of each levy.

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