



Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: White Pass School District No. 303, Lewis County, Washington

District Address: 516 Silverbrook Road Randle, WA 98377

Date of Election: February 11, 2025

Contact Person: Paul J. Farris Title: Superintendent

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Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): Prop.1 - School Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

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

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

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a) and RCW 84.52.053.

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.

WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS
REPLACEMENT LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 04-24

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ADOPTED: November 18, 2024

This document prepared by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303, LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of White Pass School District No. 303, Lewis County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2025 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund school programs and operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 10-20, adopted by the Board on December 3, 2020, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 9, 2021.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund school programs and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of school programs and operations not funded by the State of Washington (the "State"), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$1,197,644 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, \$1,197,644 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$1,197,644 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028, and \$1,197,644 be made in 2028 for collection in 2029 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed four-year General Fund school programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same school programs and operations purposes as the District's expiring four-year General Fund school programs and operations tax levy.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay or finance) the District's school programs and operations expenses.

(e) The District has received or, 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 operation tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is or will be on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Lewis County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the “Auditor”), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 11, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund school programs and operations tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$1,197,644, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$1,197,644, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$1,197,644, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$1,197,644, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of school programs and operations not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, teachers, support staff, technology, curriculum, athletics, and facility maintenance and operations, during the school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 and 2029-2030, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

The Board of Directors of White Pass School District No. 303 adopted Resolution No. 04-24, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of school programs and operations expenses not funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, technology, curriculum, athletics, and facility maintenance and operations:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2026 | \$0.79 | \$1,197,644 |
| 2027 | \$0.79 | \$1,197,644 |
| 2028 | \$0.79 | \$1,197,644 |
| 2029 | \$0.79 | \$1,197,644 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 04-24. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES

LEVY ... NO

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 13, 2024; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of the District's school programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. 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 Secretary (Paul J. Farris), telephone: 360.497.3791 (ext. 4004); email: pfarris@whitepass.k12.wa.us; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.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, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney.

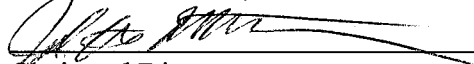
Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board (the "Chair"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Business Manager, the Chair, other appropriate officers of the District and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

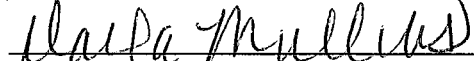
Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of White Pass School District No. 303, Lewis County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on November 18, 2024.

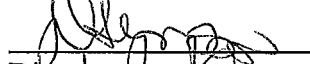
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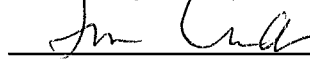
Chair and Director



Vice Chair and Director



Director



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ATTEST:


PAUL J. FARRIS
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

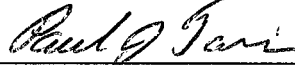
I, PAUL J. FARRIS, Secretary to the Board of Directors of White Pass School District No. 303, Lewis County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 04-24 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on November 18, 2024 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of November 18, 2024.

WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



PAUL J. FARRIS
Secretary to the Board of Directors

WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the White Pass School District to replace an existing school programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2025. The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of school programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including teachers, support staff, technology, curriculum, athletics, and facility maintenance and operations. Further information is available on the District's website at: <https://www.whitepass.k12.wa.us/>.

Passage of this proposition would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$1,197,644 in each of the years 2026 through 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Lewis County Assessor at 360-740-1392.

Election Date: February 11, 2025
Word Count: 172 words – 250 allowed

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Auditor's Office

FROM: David E. Bailey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement / White River School District

DATE: November 26, 2024

Our office has reviewed the proposed levy for the White Pass School District to impose a replacement levy for education. 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.

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.