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Vote Centers

Vote Centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots at Vote Centers through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Location	Hours of operation
King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057	Weekdays, January 19 – February 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Election Day, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Access Your Ballot Online

Access and print your ballot online! Those with disabilities or others who choose to do so may mark their selections on the ballot online before printing – or you can choose to print out a blank ballot to mark by hand. Online ballot access has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot and is available to all registered voters.

Just print, sign, follow the instructions for packaging, and return as you normally would – by mail or by drop box before boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.

Access your ballot at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

If none of the above voting options work for you, please contact our office.

Register to vote

Online

You can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov -- all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID. You can register online by January 31 for this election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to King County Elections. It must be received by January 31 for this Special election.

In person

You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections

February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the Bellevue School District No. 405

Return your ballot by mail.

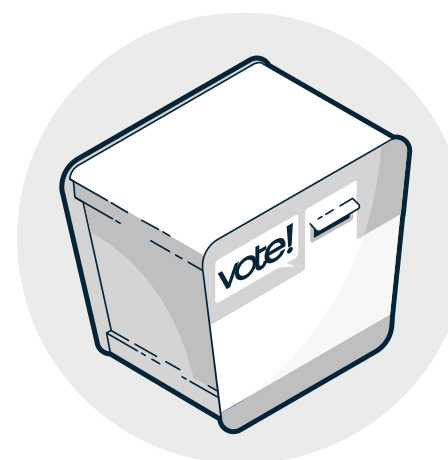
No stamp needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, February 8.



Ballot drop boxes



All 74 drop boxes across King County will be open for this election. To find the complete list, please see the other pamphlet in your ballot packet or visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, February 8.



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**Proposition No. 1
Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District passed Resolution No. 2021-28 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. To continue high quality programs that are not state funded, this authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes as an enrichment levy replacing an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.75	\$70,000,000
2024	\$0.75	\$75,000,000
2025	\$0.75	\$79,000,000
2026	\$0.75	\$84,000,000

as provided in the Resolution, subject to legal limits at time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Charles Dyer, Chris Marks, Janice Zahn, BellevueQualitySchools.org

Bellevue has nationally ranked schools. Every four years, Bellevue School District voters renew crucial levies that fund important needs for our schools. The Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy pays for daily classroom and operational needs not funded by the State of Washington. Your vote sustains this important community investment. *Your "Yes" vote supports student learning.* The EP&O levy directly funds high-quality instruction and academic support for Bellevue students. EP&O funding is critical to retain seven-period days at all our middle and high schools and fund world language and special education programs. It also provides important funding for advanced placement (AP) and science/math/technology (STEM) classes students need to prepare for the future. Programs like orchestra, art, athletics, and after-school activities rely on this funding. *Your "Yes" vote supports student well-being.* The EP&O levy funds counselors, psychologists, behavior supports, and the vast majority of school nurses. Mental health and social emotional staff are both funded by the levy. *This keeps our tax rate the same.* Your "Yes" vote means no tax increase and renews our commitment to our schools. *Please vote Yes for our Bellevue students by renewing this EP&O Levy!*

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The statement significantly overstates teacher and administration compensation and fails to address the substance of this levy. Funding from the McCleary Plan does *not* cover school nurses, counselors, extracurricular programs, or special education. Levies account for 20% of the operating spend for the district; failure would mean eliminating positions and programs. The statement misunderstands state law. This state legislature allows districts to collect local levies to fill critical gaps in state funding. Please vote Yes.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Melissa C. Devita, Deputy Superintendent Finance and Operations, (425) 456-4025, devitam@bsd405.org

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow for a levy up to \$70,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2023, a levy up to \$75,000,000 for collection in 2024, a levy up to \$79,000,000 for collection in 2025, and a levy up to \$84,000,000 for collection in 2026. In accordance with Resolution No. 2021-28 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Bellevue School District's General Fund. These additional funds pay for the day-to-day classroom operational needs that are not funded by the state such as the seventh period at middle and high schools; personnel focused on student health and well-being (nurses, counselors, and psychiatrists); special education services; advanced learning programming; orchestra, band, music and art at elementary schools; and athletics, extracurricular activities and other after school programs. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.75 (2023 collection), \$0.75 (2024 collection), \$0.75 (2025 collection), \$0.75 (2026 collection). The exact levy collection will be subject to the legal limits at the time of the levy and the rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual amount certified and the 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 call the King County Assessor at (206)296-7300.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldatapoint.com

In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and local school taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control. For 2020-2021, for the district's administrators, the median total compensation was \$181,972 with a high of \$409,398. Median teacher compensation is at \$133,716 up 31% in the last 3 years - multiple times inflation. The argument that this levy is for a certain few duty types is disingenuous and heartless at best. The district complains that this levy fills the gap left from state legislators. The legislators are correct in saying no to the district. Local voters should do the same. Nearly all districts try to just focus on how our property tax rates will remain nearly flat as if that has or will do us any favors. A flat tax rate multiplied by skyrocketing assessed property values equals skyrocketing taxes in dollars (paid for by property owners and renters in their rents). Please provide your input and vote. More details at, www.schooldatapoint.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor

In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at \$24,208. That's above tuition and books at many universities let alone most private K-12 schools. In 2018, because of the McCleary Decision, state legislators pumped billions more dollars into our public schools, largely from increased property taxes. There is no amount of money monopoly school districts will be satisfied with. Citizens are crying uncle. Enough!

**Proposition No. 2
Replacement for Technology and Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District passed Resolution No. 2021-29 concerning this proposition for capital levies. This proposition authorizes the District to modernize facilities by acquiring, developing and implementing computer technology systems, facilities and projects for operations and instruction and other capital and administrative expenditures, and authorizes excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.58	\$54,000,000
2024	\$0.56	\$56,000,000
2025	\$0.55	\$58,000,000
2026	\$0.54	\$60,000,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Charles Dyer, Chris Marks, Janice Zahn, BellevueQualitySchools.org

Local funding is critical to maintaining and updating student technology and school facilities not funded by the State of Washington. The Capital and Technology (C&T) Levy provides everything from student laptops and tablets to money for ventilation systems and roof repairs. This levy also funds athletic field and performing art centers' upkeep and improvements. *Your "Yes" vote supports an exceptional education.* This levy gives students access to the tools they need to successfully pursue a multitude of careers. The C&T Levy funds one-to-one student computers as well as classroom technology and equipment, and instructional training that empowers Bellevue students for the future. *Your "Yes" vote maintains our investment in safe, modern school facilities.* The C&T Levy provides funding for school, field, and performing art center improvements like carpeting, roofing, ventilation systems, and lighting. This Levy prepares our kids for a bright future by maintaining existing safe, functional classrooms, and securing the community's investment in our school buildings and fields. *This keeps our tax rate the same.* Your "Yes" vote means no tax increase and renews our commitment to our schools. *Please vote Yes for our Bellevue students by renewing this C&T Levy!*

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Bellevue School District voters have historically voted for these levy renewals in February. The opposition statement does not even mention the substance of this Technology and Capital Levy. Your "Yes" vote helps sustain essential funding that ensures our students have access to basic technology and our investment in our facilities and fields is maintained and updated. Vote Yes!

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Melissa C. Devita, Deputy Superintendent Finance and Operations, (425) 456-4025, devitam@bsd405.org

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would replace an expiring levy and allow a levy of \$54,000,000 in property taxes within Bellevue School District for collection in 2023, a levy of \$56,000,000 for collection in 2024, a levy of \$58,000,000 for collection in 2025, and \$60,000,000 for collection in 2026. In accordance with Resolution No. 2021-29 approving this proposition, these taxes will be deposited in the Bellevue School District's Capital Fund. These additional funds pay for technology for all students and classrooms; integrated digital curriculum; collaborative STEM learning for every student; technology training for teachers to support classroom learning; multi-season field improvements; and, large scale capital improvements. These taxes would be collected over the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years, inclusive, for such improvements to meet the current and future educational program needs for students. If authorized by voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.58 (2023 collection), \$0.56 (2024 collection), \$0.55 (2025 collection), and \$0.54 (2026 collection). 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 call the King County Assessor at (206)296-7300.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldatapoint.com

These cap levy items should come out of the General Fund. If salaries were not so bloated this would be possible. These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. February is the lowest voter turnout election of the year. Understandably. Most citizens are just learning that there are levies to vote on - again. We just had the holidays. Citizens have voting fatigue. And, importantly, citizens won't even receive their property tax bills for the year until a month later in March. How convenient. In the interest of high voter participation, these important, large tax measures (which affect all property owners and renters in their rents) should be only on the November Election. It is irresponsible for the district to propose property tax measures a month before voters see their property tax bills. The state will never be able to fulfill its constitutional obligation of fully-funding schools so long as local districts are allowed to spend more than the ample provision the state provides. Until that changes, citizens need to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at www.schooldatapoint.com

Rebuttal of statement in favor

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