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February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the Riverview School District No. 407

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

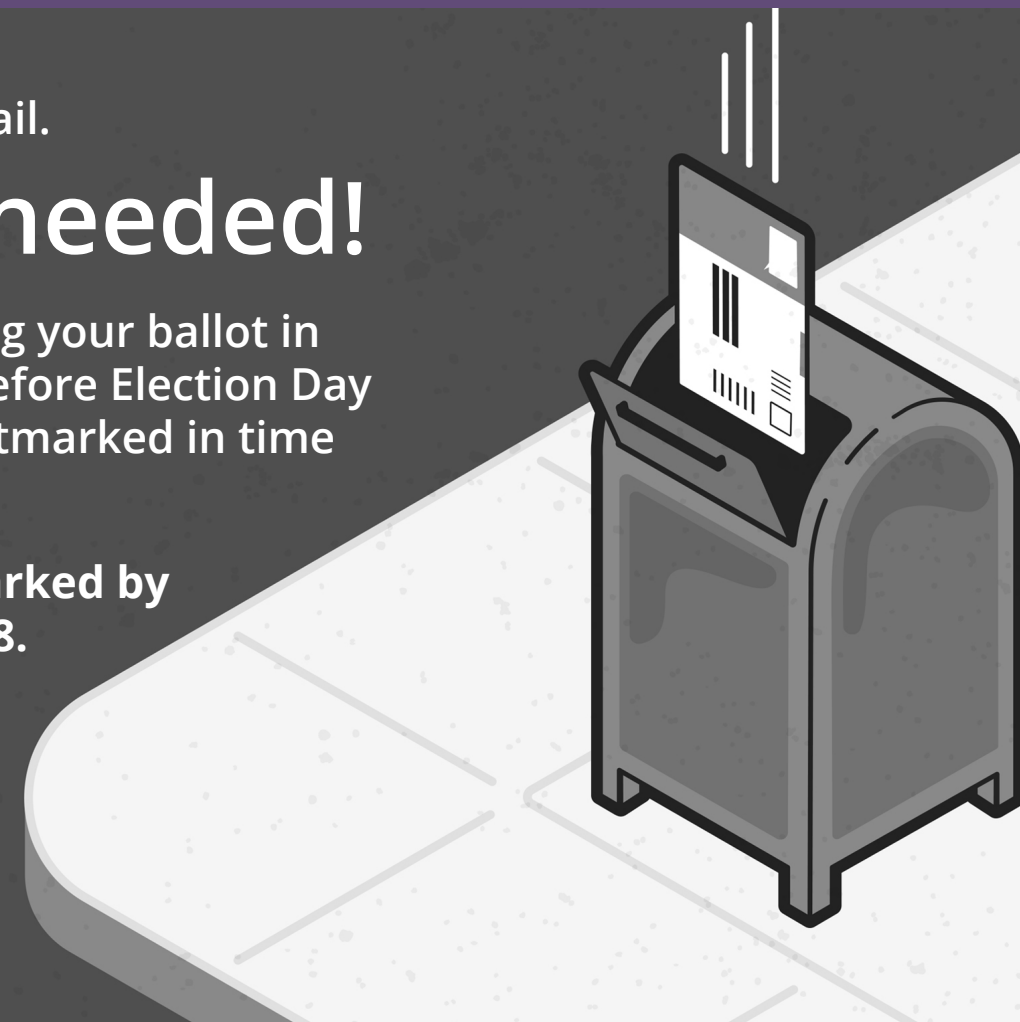
You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections

Return your ballot by mail.

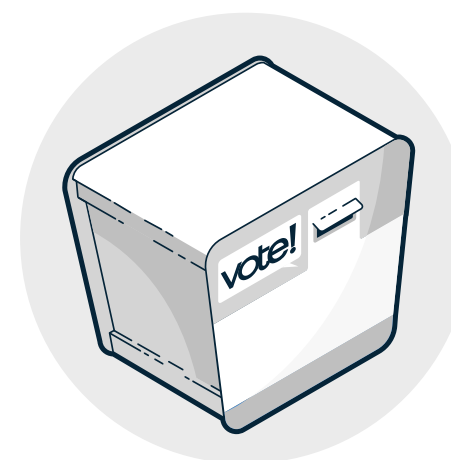
No stamp needed!

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 Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Riverview School District No. 407 approved Resolution No. 21-04, authorizing a replacement levy for educational operations. This replacement levy funds district educational programs and school operations that are eligible activities and not state funded, and authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.45	\$8,690,124
2024	\$1.45	\$9,094,041
2025	\$1.45	\$9,544,833
2026	\$1.45	\$10,017,970

and subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the 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: Lori Rush, Rebecca Manjarrez, Lindsey Tolson, riverviewschoolscommittee@gmail.com

Approve Prop. No. 1 – Vote Yes for Teachers, Educational Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Support a Quality Education for Our Students

This levy will allow the district to continue to fund educational programs, extracurricular activities, and other necessary operational expenses, including staffing (i.e., nurses, librarians, custodians, counselors, safety officers, and teaching staff).

We want all students in the Riverview School District to continue to receive a quality education. The programs supported by the Educational Programs & Operations Levy play a key role in providing students with the resources needed to positively impact their learning experience.

Approve – Not a New Tax Prop. No. 1 replaces the levy that voters passed in 2018 and expires in 2022. Levies account for approximately 18% of the district’s general annual operating fund budget. Renew the levy to support our schools.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Riverview School District provides a comprehensive education experience above and beyond what the state funds. New state funding is a good start, but there are still gaps. This replacement levy ensures Riverview keeps programs and staff our students need and fills an 18% gap in state funding. Without it, existing programs will be cut. This levy allows our students to continue receiving a high-quality education and will replace the expiring levy. Vote Yes for Riverview!

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Riverview School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, nurses, special education, counselors, safety and security, instructional materials, athletics and extracurricular activities, specialized programs, transportation, instructional staff, maintenance of facilities, and other non-capital expenses necessary in the operation of the school district.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$8,690,124 in property taxes within Riverview School District for collection in 2023, the levy of \$9,094,041 for collection in 2024, the levy of \$9,544,833 for collection in 2025, and the levy of \$10,017,970 for collection in 2026. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.45 (2023 collection), \$1.45 (2024 collection), \$1.45 (2025 collection), and \$1.45 (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

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 \$207,670 with a high of \$361,768. Median teacher compensation is at \$123,066 up 28% 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 \$15,642. 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!

For questions about this measure, contact: Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, (425) 844-4505, robertsonm@rsd407.org

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

The Board of Directors of Riverview School District No. 407 adopted Resolution No. 21-05 concerning technology and capital projects levies. This proposition authorizes acquiring technology and equipment, including classroom computers; repairs to building systems, additional portable classroom space and safety and security upgrades; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.64	\$3,800,000
2024	\$0.61	\$3,800,000
2025	\$0.58	\$3,800,000
2026	\$0.55	\$3,800,000

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: Lori Rush, Rebecca Manjarrez, Lindsey Tolson, riverviewschoolscommittee@gmail.com

Approve Prop No.2 - Renew Our Commitment and Support a Quality Education for Our Students

Technology plays an increasingly important role in our classrooms. The state does not provide any direct funding for technology in schools, so the Riverview School District must continue funding through the levy process. This four-year Replacement Technology and Capital Projects Levy will replace the current levy which expires in 2022.

This levy provides replacement and upgraded student-issued devices, learning software, classroom modernizations, technology support staffing, and infrastructure upgrades. Additionally, this levy supports ongoing building improvements and maintenance.

Approve - Not a New Tax Prop No 2. is a four-year replacement levy for the current levy which expires at the end of 2022. Support this levy, invest in the future, and continue supporting our local schools!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Riverview students have opportunities to use modern, up-to-date technology throughout the district, thanks to the ongoing support of our community. The Technology and Capital Projects replacement levy is needed so students can continue to meet K-12 technology standards, while remaining competitive with our surrounding districts. In addition, properly maintained school facilities give students safe spaces and classrooms for learning and engagement. This levy will replace an expiring levy. Vote Yes for Riverview!

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$3,800,000 in property taxes within Riverview School District for collection each year in the years 2023 through 2026. This levy, in accordance with Resolution #21-05, would be used to pay for learning technology (software licensing, student devices, classroom upgrades), enhance school safety and network infrastructure, sustain necessary technology staffing, provide training related to the integration of technology, support ongoing maintenance and building improvements, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors.

These taxes would be collected over the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years and deposited in the District’s Capital Projects Fund (technology) for such improvements to meet current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.64 (2023 collection), \$0.61 (2024 collection), \$0.58 (2025 collection) and \$0.55 (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.

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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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