

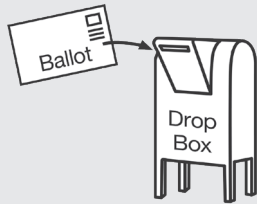
Skagit County Local Voters' Pamphlet

February 13, 2024 Special Election

Concrete School District No. 11

Proposition No. 1 - Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

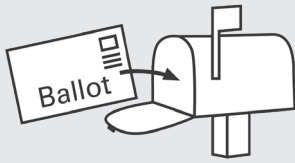
Proposition No. 2 - Capital Levy for Safety, Security and Accessibility Improvements



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Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

The Board of Directors of Concrete School District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1457 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would replace the expiring levy by authorizing the following excess taxes upon all taxable property in the District as an enrichment levy for the District's General Fund to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$1.65	\$1,749,709
2026	\$1.69	\$1,838,771

Explanatory Statement

Written by Concrete School District No. 11

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$1,749,709 in property taxes within Concrete School District for collection in 2025, and the levy of \$1,838,771 for collection in 2026. In accordance with Resolution No. 1457 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Concrete School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District which are not fully funded by the state. General expenses include employee costs, instructional materials, activities and sports, transportation outside of the basic school day, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025, and \$1.69 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026. 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 your county assessor.

Argument For

Our students and the broader community need your support for the Educational Programs & Operation (EP&O) Levy Replacement. This levy reaches beyond what is considered basic educational needs, funding areas that lack adequate support from state allotments in areas such as school nursing, mental health services, coaching, athletic programs, special education, after-school transportation, and district maintenance and operation. Without additional funds from other sources, many of the essential needs of students will be unmet.

Coaches and athletic programs instill values of teamwork, discipline, and health-conscious habits in our youth. By backing this levy, you help to create a richer educational experience for our students by funding these additional professionals who make a real difference in student's lives.

These levy funds further contribute to special education programs, ensuring individual support for each student's unique needs. They also sustain transportation for extracurricular activities and help maintain the overall operations of the district.

A Yes vote for the Prop.1 Educational Programs & Operation Levy Replacement is an opportunity for individuals in this community to contribute to the success of the upcoming generation. Join us in securing a brighter future for everyone through a steadfast commitment to educational excellence.

Committee: Vote YES for Concrete Schools
Committee Spokesperson: Joe Frank
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<https://yesforconcretesdlevy.wixsite.com/yesforconcretesdlevy>
Committee Members: Rebecca Miller, Jennifer Maxwell

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Proposition No. 2

Capital Levy for Safety, Security and Accessibility Improvements

The Board of Directors of Concrete School District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1456, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety, security and accessibility improvements (replacing elementary and high school fire alarm systems and main exterior doors; upgrading interior door locks; installing emergency communications systems in school offices; installing ADA compliant electronic door systems):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$1.88	\$2,000,000
2026	\$1.83	\$2,000,000

Explanatory Statement

Written by Concrete School District No. 11

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Concrete School District to levy taxes over a two-year period to finance District-wide safety, security and accessibility improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) replacing the elementary school and high school building fire alarm systems and main exterior doors; (2) upgrading and/or re-keying interior doors and locks; (3) installing emergency communications systems, including panic buttons, in school offices; (4) installing Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliant electronic door systems; and (5) making other safety, security and accessibility improvements to school facilities.

The School Board determined these improvements are required to address aging and outdated school facilities and the need to improve facility accessibility and student and staff safety and security. Further information is available on the District's website <https://www.concrete.k12.wa.us/>.

The proposed two-year levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$2,000,000 in 2025 and \$2,000,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.88 in 2025 and \$1.83 in 2026. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at 360-416-1780 or the Whatcom County Assessor at 360-778-5050.

Argument For

We seek your support for a crucial Capital Levy dedicated to safety, security, and accessibility in our school district. This essential initiative aims to annually raise two million dollars for the next two years, focusing on vital upgrades to enhance the well-being of our students and staff. Without this levy, the Concrete School District will be unable to initiate these urgent projects for 8-10 years.

Our commitment to safety begins at the school entrances. This levy will fund projects to harden these entry points, introducing state-of-the-art security measures for a secure learning environment. By replacing dated fire and security alarm systems, we can respond more effectively to emergencies, ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community. Furthermore, the Capital Levy addresses the imperative for enhanced accessibility. The installation of ADA doors is a pivotal step toward creating an inclusive environment, allowing individuals of all abilities to navigate our facilities with ease and dignity.

Your Yes vote for the Prop. 2 Capital Levy underscores our collective commitment to the safety, security, and accessibility of our educational spaces. Together, let's invest in the well-being of our students and staff, cultivating a secure and welcoming environment conducive to learning and growth.

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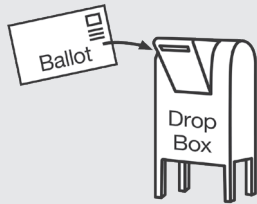
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Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Proposition No. 1 - Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

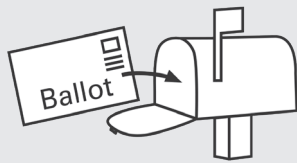
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Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District adopted Resolution No. 02/23-24 concerning a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy to support the District's educational programs and operations which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.50	\$19,601,250
2026	\$2.50	\$21,953,400
2027	\$2.50	\$24,587,800
2028	\$2.50	\$27,538,350

Explanatory Statement

Written by Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would renew an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$19,601,250 in property taxes within Mount Vernon School District for collection in 2025, the levy of \$21,953,400 for collection in 2026, the levy of \$24,587,800 for collection in 2027; and the levy of \$27,538,350 for collection in 2028. In accordance with Board Resolution No. 02/23-24 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools, not funded or fully funded by the State. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in each of the years 2025 through 2028. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at 360-416-1780.

Argument For

Renewal of Essential Funding Supporting District Operations

Passage of Proposition No. 1 is crucial for Mount Vernon School District as it renews an expiring levy. This levy supports the General Fund, addressing critical district needs.

Sustaining Educational Foundations

Approval of this proposition, as outlined in Board Resolution No. 02/23-24, ensures funding for pivotal aspects of education. The funds will cover employee expenses (salaries), instructional materials, special programs, sports, technology, transportation, and facility maintenance.

Bridging Funding Gaps

The District's general expenses are vast and include essentials not fully funded by the State. The levy maintains quality education by covering non-capital operational expenses, ensuring a conducive learning environment for students.

Financial Responsibility and Flexibility

The proposed property tax levy, estimated at \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, signifies a responsible and manageable rate. This rate is adjustable to the actual property assessments and the legal limit, ensuring fair contributions while maintaining fiscal flexibility.

In essence, Proposition No. 1's approval is pivotal for sustaining the Mount Vernon School District's vitality. It supports essential educational components, bridges funding gaps, and ensures fiscal responsibility to maintain quality education for the community's future.

Committee Spokesperson: Robert Coffey
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Argument Against

No information submitted.

Proposition No. 2

Safety and Technology Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320 adopted Resolution # 03/23-24 concerning a school facilities levy. This proposition authorizes upgrades to District facilities, including safety and security upgrades, acquisition, installation, implementation and management of technology systems, including related maintenance, staffing and training; 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	\$1.273	\$9,978,600
2026	\$1.136	\$9,978,600
2027	\$1.015	\$9,978,600
2028	\$0.906	\$9,978,600

Explanatory Statement

Written by Mount Vernon School District No. 320

Pursuant to Resolution #03/23-24 of the Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320, the passage of Proposition No. 2 would renew an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$9,978,600 in property taxes within the District for collection in each of the calendar years 2025 through 2028 to fund the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of safety and security systems, computer technology and technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications, staffing and training related to the installation of the foregoing, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be collected over the 2024-2025 through 2028-2029 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 \$1.273 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025, \$1.136 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026, \$1.015 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2027 and \$0.906 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2028. 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.

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Argument For

Essential Investment in District Development to Enhance Safety and Technology

Passage of Proposition No. 2 is critical for Mount Vernon School District's development. This levy, totaling \$9,978,600 annually (2025-2028), focuses on upgrading safety systems, computer technology, and facilities to ensure a secure and advanced learning environment.

Addressing Capital Needs

The resolution, pursuant to Board Resolution #03/23-24, prioritizes capital improvements vital for the district. Funds will facilitate infrastructure enhancements including safety, security and technology staff, security cameras, locks on doors, hardware acquisitions, software licensing, and online application implementation, along with staff training and installation costs.

Sustainable Funding for Future Growth

By depositing these taxes into the Capital Projects Fund over the 2024-2025 through 2028-2029 school years, the district can address current needs while strategically planning for future educational programs. This sustained funding supports evolving educational requirements.

Responsibly Managed Levy Rates

The estimated property tax rates, starting at \$1.273 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2025 and gradually decreasing to \$0.906 by 2028, reflect a responsible fiscal approach. These rates are adaptable based on actual property assessments, ensuring fair contributions.

Proposition No. 2's approval is integral to the Mount Vernon School District's growth and safety, security, and technology enhancement plans. It ensures sustained investment in crucial safety and technology upgrades while responsibly managing levy rates for the community's long-term educational benefit.

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Argument Against

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