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February 8, 2022 Special Election
Evergreen School District



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- If you are unsure about the signature in your voter registration record, we encourage you to call the Elections Office at 564-397-2345. We can provide a description of the signature you used when you registered to vote.
- Do NOT sign someone else's name, even if you have power of attorney.
- Voting over the phone by having someone else fill out and sign your ballot is against the law. Voters can call us at 564-397-2345 to learn about the options for voting while they are out of town.
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Evergreen School District No. 114

Proposition No. 5

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Evergreen School District No. 114 adopted Resolution No. 6578 concerning renewal of an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. This proposition provides funding for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State. If approved, Proposition No. 5 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, as provided in Resolution No. 6578.

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.92	\$48,500,000
2024	\$2.12	\$56,900,000
2025	\$2.12	\$59,700,000

Should this levy proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes Levy, No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition authorizes the Evergreen School District to replace an expiring educational programs and operations levy. The taxes collected by this three year levy will continue to fund existing educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State, including staff to reduce class sizes, safety programs, security staff, school nurses and counselors, performing arts, field trips, athletic and extracurricular activities, and local support to bridge funding gaps in Special Education, English Language Learners, Highly Capable and Transportation programs. The educational programs and operations levy provides approximately 12% of the District's General Fund budget. Additional information is available at <https://www.evergreenps.org>.

STATEMENT FOR

Quality Education is a Community Benefit

Investing in education – and programs that engage our children in learning and personal growth – is foundational to healthy and vibrant communities. By funding quality education, your continued investment leads to higher paying jobs, attracting employers, supporting a stable and diverse local economy, reduces crime rates, and leads to happier and healthier communities. *Saying “Yes” on this measure means saying Yes to quality education.* Healthy schools lead to healthy communities, and this virtuous cycle of reinvestment makes quality education more affordable for all.

Education is a Partnership

Approved by OSPI, this *replacement* levy – not a new tax – maintains quality education in Evergreen Public Schools and maintains current property tax level while maximizing return on investment. Levy money directly benefits our students and classrooms and doesn't go to administrative costs.

Your continued commitment to education allows our children to enjoy smaller class sizes, equal access to extra-curricular activities like music, art and athletics, and critical supports like social emotional learning, and specialized education to ensure every child has a safe and meaningful experience. Failure is not an option when it comes to the well-being and equitable outcomes for our students.

Saying Yes = Support for Children and Our Future

We are not swayed in our support for our students and public education. On behalf of all our children, *thank you* for your continued support.

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Expecting student results to increase while decreasing funding in critical areas is reckless. Evergreen School District continues to be a good steward of the communities' financial commitment to our students, and will continue to do so without an increase to your total local tax rate. By voting Yes, you are ensuring students, not adults, directly benefit from the funds allocated for essential programs. This is what is vital to increasing and growing student success.

STATEMENT AGAINST

Per OSPI's website

Less than half of ESD (Evergreen School District) students met standards for English 49.7%, Math 39.3%, and Science 40.6% (10% below Washington's state averages). *Until focusing on academics, no more money is warranted.* This resolution increases levy from \$1.72 to \$2.12 (23% over 2 years). \$15K/child is already State/Federally funded. Your ESD Superintendent and \$305K salary was terminated December 16th but will be paid \$305K for another year. Dividedly, your ESD board decided *paying him off was better than transparency and litigation* (possibly for not dealing with former ESD teacher recently convicted of child molestation since several student complaints against him for possible sexual abuse went undisciplined for years?). *For more info see ESD student's Instagram page 'youfailedtoprotectus'.*

Additionally an ESD middle school teacher Publically wished *Death on the Unvaccinated (including children)* violating Resolution 6365 your ESD board signed last year condemning 'Hate Speech'. *Repeatedly, your board refused reporting any disciplinary action.* Whether believing Masks/ Vaccines are Good or Bad, students should be allowed valid Medical/Religious Exemptions. *Children are low risk.*

“Culturally Responsive ‘Training’

Or *‘Practices’* per ESD, paves the way for *Critical Race Theory* which parents of all races denounced at school board meetings as *Racist (students judged by color of skin)*. ESD was also asked but ignored *‘Check the Facts’ (more factual/family friendly sex education curriculum than Planned Parenthood/Flash)*.

Please Vote *‘No’*

Let your school board know we deserve better. *Parental Rights are ours not theirs!*

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REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

‘Quality Education’ isn't what ESD students receive. Per OSPI's website, less than half of ESD students met standards: English 49.7%, Math 39.3%, Science 40.6% (Verifiable facts, *not rhetoric about ‘Quality Education’*). *‘Education is a Partnership’* (ESD's failed its part). Don't continue throwing *good money after bad*. Renewed focus on academics not *more money* is required. *‘Failure's not an option’* (but it's been the reality). *Saying Yes = Supporting continued failure.* (Saying No = Clear Message).