

**Proposition No. 11**

**Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology, Health and Safety Improvements**

The Board of Directors of Washougal School District No. 112-6 adopted Resolution No. 2022-23-04, concerning a proposition to finance educational technology, health and safety improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to acquire and install educational technology equipment and infrastructure and provide technology support, upgrade building access controls, make ADA accessibility improvements, replace/repair boilers and roofs, and modernize flooring:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$0.21	\$950,000
2025	\$0.84	\$3,950,000
2026	\$0.85	\$4,150,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2022-23-04. Should this proposition be approved?

**To vote, use your official ballot.**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This proposition authorizes Washougal School District to replace an expiring capital levy. Taxes collected from this replacement levy will be used to make District-wide educational technology, health and safety improvements, including: (1) acquiring and installing educational technology equipment and infrastructure and providing related staff training and support; (2) upgrading, acquiring and installing building access controls and other safety and security systems; (3) making ADA accessibility improvements for main entrances; (4) replacing or repairing boilers and roofs; and (5) modernizing flooring. Further information is available at <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

**STATEMENT FOR**

*Powerful learning for the future*  
Modern learning requires up-to-date technology. The replacement Capital levy provides a stable and consistent set of funding. This funding provides support and security for the technology, too. All of this lets teachers and students focus on learning instead of worrying about unreliable or outdated technology getting in the way.

*Maintain our great schools*

In 2025, as school bond payments begin to drop off, the Capital levy will increase by the same amount. A yes vote funds maintaining our great schools and ensures students and teachers have safe, warm, and welcoming places to learn together. The Capital levy will replace the 25 year old roof at WHS, heating systems at several schools, and modernize the control systems to ensure our schools are heated and cooled in an energy-efficient way. These necessary projects will keep our oldest schools in great shape to support learning, making the most out of our investment.

*Safe and Welcoming Schools*

The Capital levy will also fund important safety work at schools, bringing all of our schools into the same security system. This will enhance the ability of school staff to respond to emergencies quickly, and keep our students, staff, and visitors safe. The levy will also add ADA door operators at main entrances, so moms with strollers and folks using a wheelchair or walker can access our schools easily.

Please join me in voting yes!

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**

Washougal has invested in great school facilities through construction and remodeling, and the Capital Levy funds important projects to protect those investments. This replacement capital levy increases as the bond payments start to fall off, meaning a yes vote won't increase taxes. The capital levy is a prudent investment in school safety improvements, roof and boiler replacements, and will make sure our school buildings last to serve another generation of students.

**Statement For and Rebuttal of Statement Against Submitted by:**

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Washougal Citizens for Schools

**STATEMENT AGAINST**

Did you notice there are two (2) levies asking for your money? This one asks for \$9,050,000 for Tech on *Top* of the EP&O Levy of \$31,500,000. That's right. We're here to share facts and data that may lead you to voting *No!* They will tell you "this is for the kids" and that if you vote no it will hurt the kids. Fiscal responsibility is a teachable skill.

This is an extension of the existing Tech levy. Last time they got \$2,613,000. This extension for another 3 years asks for \$9,050,000 which is an increase of \$6,437,000 = a 246.3% increase! The inflation rate for the past 2 years has been 15%. How can they justify such an increase? The EP&O Levy on this ballot has an increase of \$7.5 million or 31.25%.

Has your income increased by 246% in the last 2 years? Test scores are in the trash can. Are you an endless well of money? Gasoline prices are at historic highs. A new carbon gas tax goes into effect in 2023 and adds another \$0.46/gallon. Utility rates are up 15-20%. Grocery prices are through the roof.

The school district needs to feel the same pain we do. They must find ways to do with less...just like us. We love the kids but we can't afford to increase our property taxes this much. Send a clear message. We are in this together. Demand they live within our means. Vote *No!*  
[www.swweduction.org](http://www.swweduction.org)

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**

This Tech Levy is for \$9 million (a 246% increase!). There is the need to replace equipment but this is outrageous. Voting *No* tells them to come back a 2nd time and ask for a *Lot* less. This is \$6.4 million *More!* Saying no forces the district to sharpen their pencils and justify this egregious spending. You don't have limitless money to keep funding unreasonable spending. Protect the future of our children by voting no.

**Statement Against and Rebuttal of Statement For Submitted by:**

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# Washougal School District No. 112-6

## Proposition No. 10

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Washougal School District No. 112-6 adopted Resolution No. 2022-23-03, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain current educational program funding levels and support the District's educational programs, student services and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$1.99	\$9,500,000
2025	\$1.99	\$10,500,000
2026	\$1.99	\$11,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2022-23-03. Should this proposition be approved?

**To vote, use your official ballot.**

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition authorizes Washougal School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of 2023. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State, including supplies, textbooks, library, teacher and staff support, technology, athletics, transportation and facility maintenance and operations. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 18% of the District's General Fund budget. Further information is available at <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

#### STATEMENT FOR

As a parent, volunteer, and longtime supporter of our Washougal Schools, I encourage everyone to vote yes for the replacement EP&O Levy. Washougal is a great community served by a caring staff who work hard every day to meet the needs of every student. While the state provides basic funding, our community expects more for our students. From excellent athletic programs to amazing drama productions, the work students and staff do every day is made possible by the levy. Our students deserve a well-rounded education with opportunities for the arts, band, choir, drama, world languages, athletics and so much more.

#### *Vibrant Schools Benefit All of Us*

Our community benefits from strong support for our schools. Students have taken an active role in helping make Washougal an amazing place to be, and they deserve our support. Students are active and involved in serving the community through faith groups, non-profits, and community service. Students who are active in clubs, activities, and athletic opportunities made possible by the levy make healthy, positive choices, and become contributing members of our community.

The levy provides nearly 18% of the resources our schools use to help every Washougal child graduate ready for their future. Students benefit from robust programs, small class sizes, and bright, well maintained schools. Levy dollars help make sure every teacher is well trained, well equipped, and ready to serve their students. Please join me in support of our schools by voting yes!

#### REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Hundreds of new homes being constructed in Washougal will add taxpayers contributing funding to our schools. Levy rates are projected to continue to decline as new people move in to our community, and are lower than what voters approved in 2020. Our schools are vital to the success of our community and our young people. Voting yes for the levy makes sure that every Washougal student has a pathway to success after graduation.

#### Statement For and Rebuttal of Statement Against Submitted by:

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#### STATEMENT AGAINST

We support teachers. We support students. We also need to pay our own bills. We are experiencing 40 year high inflation which is devastating our pocketbooks. Gasoline prices at historic highs (2023 sees a new \$0.46/gallon carbon tax increase). Utility rates are through the roof! People are standing in food lines. Homelessness has never been higher. Wages are falling behind expenses. We would love to continue to support levies...but...we can't afford to.

In the last 3 years the district has lost 237 students (6.1% decline). Our test scores are terrible: 46.7% are failing English Language Arts; 62.7% are failing math and 52.9% are failing science. Our spending per student has climbed from \$12,600 to \$20,000 (58% increase) in the past 5 years. We spend more and we slip further behind.

The last 3 year levy totaled \$24 million. The new 3 year levy totals \$31,500,000 = an increase of \$7,500,000 or 31.25%! The inflation rate the last 2 years is 15% so they are asking for 2x the inflation rate. Has your income gone up 30% in the last 2 years?

Rather than teaching "equity" and CRT and CSE and gender identity the district should focus on improving test scores and using the existing money for basic education and proficiency. Perhaps the district should learn to live within a budget like we do. There will never be enough money. We just need to demand they spend it on core education. Vote *No* to force change. [www.swweducation.org](http://www.swweducation.org)

#### REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

The district gets more money than ever before from the state school taxes. Spending per student has over doubled in the last 10 years. Yet, they ask for more and more. Every support service they mention can be offered under the existing state funding. Why do they think the new levy needs to go up 31.25%? If they had asked for something reasonable maybe but this makes no sense! Make them ask for far less.

#### Statement Against and Rebuttal of Statement For Submitted by:

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Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

A Washington driver's license or ID is required to register online. You may also complete a new voter registration form. Contact the Elections Office by mail, email, or phone for more information.

The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 5 pm Monday, February 6, 2023.

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## Clark County Elections Office

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