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RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

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Name of District: Ridgefield School District No. 122

District Address: 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

Date of Election: February 11, 2025

Contact Person: Dr. Jenny Rodriguez Title: Superintendent

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2nd Contact Phone Number: 360-619-1307

2nd Contact Email: paula.mccoy@ridgefieldsd.org

Attorney for District: Pacifica Law Group LLP, Seattle, WA

Attorney Phone Number: 206-245-1700 or 206-245-1715

Attorney Email Address: faith.pettis@pacificallawgroup.com

Type of election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Capital Projects and Technology Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirements for this measure (i.e. Simple Majority, 60% etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: 50%; Washington State

Constitution: Article VII, Sec 2(b)

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2025-003

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2025, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$6,730,000 in 2025 for collection in 2026, \$7,070,000 in 2026 for collection in 2027, and \$7,420,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, said excess taxes to support capital projects and technology improvements to meet the current and future needs of District students; and providing for other matters relating thereto.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 10, 2024

PREPARED BY:

PACIFICA LAW GROUP LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), is a first-class school district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington (the "State") now in effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.053, the qualified electors of the District may by a simple majority vote authorize capital projects and technology levies of up to six years to support the construction, modernization, and remodeling of District facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District's educational and support facilities require repair, modernization, improvement and expansion to meet current and future safety, instruction, classroom, support services and technology needs (as further defined herein, the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District are not sufficient to enable the District to implement such Projects; and

WHEREAS, to provide adequately for student safety, instruction, classroom and support services, and technology needs, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") deems it necessary to levy taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District, in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, such levy to be made for three years commencing in 2025 for collection in the school years 2025–2026 through 2028–2029, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the

State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053, with such excess taxes to be deposited into the District's Capital Projects Fund, or a sub-fund thereof, and used to pay for a portion of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State require that the question of whether the District may levy such excess taxes be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition for such excess tax levies before the District's voters at an election to be held within the District on February 11, 2025 (the "Proposition");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District's students and other residents require the District to carry out the Projects as hereinafter provided, at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition in substantially the form set forth below, the Projects the District will finance with proceeds from the excess property tax levies will include:

- Technology for staff and student use, including but not limited to: the acquisition, installation and improvement of computer technology, telecommunications and networking systems, and related equipment and facilities; cybersecurity expenditures; and ongoing fees for online applications and/or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these products and services.
- Construction of Elementary #3 and related costs;

- Repairs to Union Ridge Elementary and South Ridge Elementary;
- Districtwide safety and infrastructure improvements, including repairs and upgrades to HVAC systems and roofing, and such other modernization projects as the District determines.

The District shall make other capital project expenditures as the Board finds necessary, and may incur indebtedness for the foregoing purposes through the issuance of short term obligations as authorized by Chapter 39.50.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital or technology improvements to the District, all as the Board finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's technology program.

Incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the foregoing shall be deemed part of the Projects. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to: payments for fiscal and legal expenses; establishing and funding accounts; necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; site improvement and demolition costs; and costs for other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and permitted by law.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The District's architects and engineers will prepare and file with the District plans and specifications more fully

describing the Projects.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such Projects or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the Projects have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Projects, as the District in its discretion shall determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's technology program.

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District's students and other residents require submission to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in order to provide funding for the Projects. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition in substantially the form set forth below, the District will levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, for deposit in the District's Capital Projects Fund:

- A. \$6,730,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. \$7,070,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- C. \$7,420,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

The exact levy rate and the actual amounts collected shall be adjusted based upon the actual

assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. At this time, based upon information provided by the Clark County Assessor’s Office, the estimated levy rate for each of the three collection years is \$0.84 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. The Board hereby requests that the Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington (the “Auditor”), assume jurisdiction of, call, and conduct a special election to be held within the District on February 11, 2025, and submit to the qualified electors of the District the Proposition hereinafter set forth. The Auditor shall conduct the election by mail or as the Auditor otherwise requires.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Board (the “Secretary”) to certify the Proposition to the Auditor in the following form

PROPOSITION NO. 13

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

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Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.84	\$6,730,000
2027	\$0.84	\$7,070,000
2028	\$0.84	\$7,420,000

all as provided in Resolution #2024-2025-003. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

The Board hereby directs the Secretary to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 13, 2024, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the Proposition to voters.

Section 5. The Board hereby designates the following as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide notice of the exact language of the ballot title, as required by RCW 29A.36.080: (a) the Secretary and District Superintendent (Dr. Jenny Rodriquez), telephone: (360) 619-1301; email: jenny.rodriquez@ridgefieldsd.org, and (b) the District’s Bond Counsel, Pacifica Law Group LLP (Faith Pettis), telephone: (206) 245-1700; email: faith.pettis@pacificallawgroup.com. The Board authorizes the Secretary to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, as the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney deems necessary.

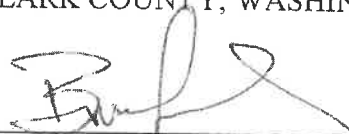
Section 6. The Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board, the Secretary, and the District’s Director of Business Services to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects. The Board hereby ratifies and confirms all actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution.

Section 7. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution, but shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

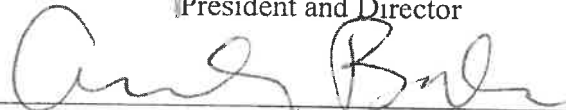
Section 8. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of December, 2024.

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122,
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON



President and Director



Director



Director



Director



Director

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors


CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-2025-003 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of December, 2024.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of December, 2024.


Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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YES.....

NO.....

NOTICE

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

February 11, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2025, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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YES.....

NO.....

Clark County Auditor