

Everett School District No. 2

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Supplemental Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Everett School District No. 2 adopted Resolution No. 996 concerning a supplemental levy for education. This proposition would fund district educational programs and school operations, and would authorize the following tax levies, in addition to the levies approved by the voters in the February 2010 election, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2011	\$0.25	\$4,000,000
2012	\$0.24	\$4,000,000
2013	\$0.24	\$4,000,000
2014	\$0.23	\$4,000,000

Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$4,000,000 in property taxes within Everett School District for collection in 2011, the levy of \$4,000,000 in taxes for collection in 2012, the levy of \$4,000,000 in taxes for collection in 2013 and the levy of \$4,000,000 in taxes for collection in 2014. In accordance with Resolution No. 996 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Everett School District's General Fund to pay for its educational programs and services. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.25 (2011 collection); \$0.24 (2012 collection); \$0.24 (2013 collection) and \$0.23 (2014 collection).

Statement For

Statement by: Carol Andrews, Karen Madsen, Jeff Russell

Achieving an extended graduation rate of over 90%, as the Everett Public Schools did last year, is a time and funding-intensive process. When state funding drops year after year, it is difficult to sustain that strong achievement level.

This year, Washington State has allowed school districts to ask local voters if they are willing to pay a little more on their property tax to offset this year's cuts from Washington State and the looming loss of a large amount of federal funding at the end of next year. Passage of this temporary supplemental levy would result in an increase of only 25 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value for the next four years for Everett School District voters—amounting to \$75 on a house with a value of \$300,000.

The dollars collected will be used to help maintain **current programs designed to improve student achievement**; purchase **instructional materials for students** and strive to **push the graduation rate even higher**. These dollars will make the difference between continuing many very successful programs for students and the possibility of having to cut programs and staff to make up for budget shortfalls over the next four years.

The support of the Everett School District voters has helped this district improve steadily in services to students, test scores and the graduation rate over the past several years. Please vote "yes" on the temporary supplemental levy to continue this strong record of achievement.

No Statement Against submitted