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Explanatory Statement
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Marysville School District No. 25 | Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Marysville School District No. 25 adopted Resolution No. 2022-14 concerning a replacement levy for educational funding. This resolution would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes to fund necessary educational programs and operations that are not funded by the state and to replace an expiring levy on taxable property within the District:

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Despite having more state money for local education, and the defeat of similar measures in February, they ask voters to approve two new levies totaling $196 million. This four-year levy is 22% greater than the one levy.

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Response from Committee Against

Average District student scores on math and reading are significantly below the state average despite an average class size of 18.

Yet the Marysville School District median teaching staff compensation ranks fourth in the state, following Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds. The top five compensated administrators make more (cash, insurance, pension and payroll) taxes than the Governor!

The Marysville School District does not need more money. It needs better management and fiscal responsibility

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Marysville School District No. 25 | Proposition No. 2

Proposition No. 2

Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Marysville School District No. 25 adopted Resolution No. 2022-15 concerning technology levies. This proposition would authorize the acquisition, installation, and management of computer technology equipment for the District’s technology systems, projects and facilities; or other authorized capital projects; and the increasing excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Explanatory Statement

The Marysville School District seeks voter approval to re-authorize the district’s technology and capital facilities levy. If approved, the proposition authorizes the collection of excess taxes in 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, totaling $12,500,000.00. The levy will provide funds to continue replacing computers in schools and offices, provide assistive technology for special needs students, invest in improved administrative productivity, and support teachers as they integrate new and upgraded technology into classrooms. The levy also includes funds to support other necessary capital equipment purchases and facility improvements to modernize District facilities and safety systems.

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Three-in-four Marysville School District schools are rated “below average” in school quality by GreatSchools.org. The state average is about one-in-three.

In the February 2022 proposed levy, the District confided investment in long-term assets, such as replacing the roof on an elementary school, with the leasing of short-term assets, such as computers.

For this April technology-only levy, District minutes claim the levy is needed to support technology projects and facilities, including an estimated $1 million in device “refresh” each year. There is no estimate for repairs of out-of-date warranty. The levy supports 6-8% (why an estimate?) technology staff at $1,040,000 per year. There is no explanation for why the state allocation is insufficient or which technology costs it covers.

Given that these measures affect all property owners, and budgets increase annually due to steadily increasing property values, these levy requests should appear on the November ballot, which is when most voters participate in elections (voter turnout of 40%-50%). For additional information, see www.schooldataproject.com.

Response from Committee Against

The opposition is a non-profit organization with the goal to replace district levies in general. Up-to-date technology is essential for student learning from basic computer skills to higher classes of coding. Details for technology funding can be found on the district website. Every registered voter receives a ballot in April just like with other renewal of levies. Spring timing allows District leaders to notify staff of changes by May and to plan for the following school year based on community input.

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