

Bremerton School District No. 100-C

**Proposition No. 1
Capital Projects Levy**

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bremerton School District adopted Resolution No. 2018/2019-06 concerning capital projects. This proposition funds repair and improvement of existing facilities, including safety and security improvements; and authorizes the following excess levy for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2020	\$1.65	\$7,675,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$7,675,000 in property taxes within Bremerton School District No. 100-C for collection in 2020 to fund repair, renovation and improvement projects, including but not limited to safety and security upgrades, roofing and building exterior renovations, upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, upgrades to electrical and lighting systems, and upgrades to operation systems within the District. In accordance with Resolution No. 2018/2019-06 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected in 2020 and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund to address critical needs. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate for collection in 2020 would be \$1.65 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the final establishment of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Kitsap County Assessor at 360.337.7160.

Argument For the Measure

Your yes vote will help Bremerton School District renovate, repair and modernize our school buildings and facilities. This Capital Levy is needed to keep our buildings and facilities safe and healthy for students and staff. Bremerton's oldest schools were built in 1943 and 1957 during a time when planning for lock-downs was not required. This one-year levy will provide funding for security upgrades such as safe entrances and reception areas in all schools, upgraded HVAC systems and maintenance of district facility assets.

As school personnel are trained on how to keep students safe in dangerous situations there is also a need to modernize our facilities to be proactive in providing safe places for our students to learn. A Capital Levy provides the funding to pay for these types of facility upgrades that are not covered by state funding. This levy comes at a time that the current bond and Technology Levy will expire.

Voting yes will continue Bremerton School District's efforts in providing our students learning opportunities in buildings and facilities that are safe and student-centered.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No argument against the measure submitted for rebuttal.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Julie Wasserburger; Committee For the Measure. To contact the committee, call 360-620-8411, or email wasser3@comcast.net.

Argument Against the Measure

No argument submitted.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No rebuttal submitted.

No committee against formed.

Bainbridge Island School District No. 303

Proposition No. 1
Capital Projects Levy

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Bainbridge Island School District No. 303 adopted Resolution No. 02-18-19 for capital projects. This proposition authorizes the completion of the replacement of the BHS 100 Building, and roofing, plumbing, security and other renovations, improvements and upgrades to school facilities, and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Table with 3 columns: Collection Years, Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value, Levy Amount. Rows for years 2020-2025.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes/No checkboxes

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$2,500,000 in property taxes within Bainbridge Island School District No. 303 for collection in 2020, \$2,500,000 for collection in 2021, \$2,500,000 for collection in 2022, \$2,500,000 for collection in 2023, \$2,500,000 for collection in 2024, and \$2,500,000 for collection in 2025, to pay for capital improvements of the District.

In accordance with Resolution No. 02-18-19 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's Capital Projects Fund. The funds would be used to complete the replacement of the Bainbridge High School (BHS) 100 Building. In addition, funds would be used to make roofing and plumbing improvements, HVAC and electrical upgrades, school room renovations, and site, security, energy conservation and other capital improvements to Blakely, Ordway and Wilkes Elementary Schools, Woodward Middle School, Commodore Options School, Sakai Intermediate School, Bainbridge High School and District support facilities.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates tax rates of \$.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2020 collection); \$.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2021 collection); \$.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2022 collection); \$.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2023 collection); \$.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2024 collection); and \$.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2025 collection).

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Kitsap County Assessor at (360) 337-7160.

Argument For the Measure

Providing students with safe, educationally stimulating and structurally sound schools is core to the mission of the Bainbridge Island School District.

In 2016, voters approved a bond measure put forth by BISD to replace two school facilities deemed in poor condition (Blakely Elementary and the 100 Building at Bainbridge High School), as well as provide funding for district-wide renovations and repairs. Thanks to the supportive Bainbridge community, the bond measure passed. BISD began the process to replace the two buildings while also performing on-going maintenance throughout the district. The new Blakely Elementary is currently fully funded, under construction, and is on-schedule (slated to open fall 2019).

Why BISD Is Asking Voters To Approve Proposition 1

Since the 2016 election, the Seattle region has experienced a construction boom. In 2018, Seattle Journal of Commerce said Seattle was the 7th most expensive place to build, in the world. This competitive market has resulted in steep escalations in construction costs (both for materials and labor). Along with state funding that did not fully materialize and new city and state building codes, BISD does not have enough money to complete the BHS construction project. These increases also have impacted BISD's district-wide repair fund.

How the \$15 Million Will Be Spent

\$10 million will cover the remaining funds needed to complete the BHS construction project (scheduled to open winter 2021)

\$5 million will be spent on district-wide security upgrades and repairs (such as roof and HVAC) and through 2025

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No argument against the measure submitted for rebuttal.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Jason Shutt; Committee Member Ian Forbes; Committee Member Mark Emerson; Committee For the Measure. To contact the committee, call 206-399-3641, or email jason@jasonshutt.com.

Argument Against the Measure

No argument submitted.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No rebuttal submitted.

No committee against formed.

Central Kitsap School District No. 401

Proposition No. 1
Replacement School Support Levy for Educational Enrichment Programs and Operations

Official Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Central Kitsap School District No. 401 approved Resolution No. 12-18-19 concerning the replacement of an expiring school support levy. This proposition provides funding for educational programs and operations not funded by the State. If approved, Proposition 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, all as provided in Resolution 12-18-19:

Table with 3 columns: Collection Years, Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value, Levy Amount. Rows for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$18,000,000 in property taxes within Central Kitsap School District No. 401 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$18,000,000 for collection in 2021, and the levy of \$18,000,000 for collection in 2022 to pay for enrichment of the education programs and operations support of the District.

In accordance with Resolution No. 12-18-19 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund to pay for enrichment activities of the District not funded by the State. These include classroom teachers, librarians, and nurses; co-curricular activities; athletics; arts and music programs; classroom computer technology; and other instructional program support of the District.

The District anticipates, based on projected assessed valuation information, tax rates of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Kitsap County Assessor at (360) 337-7160.

Argument For the Measure

In Central Kitsap School District (CKSD), youth have access to safe, engaging, and exemplary schools. The current CKSD school support levy expires soon. Help continue our tradition of outstanding schools, students, and staff by voting "Yes" on the CKSD school support levy by February 12, 2019.

Washington State provides 83% of the district budget for basic education and the Federal Government provides 7%. The remaining 10% of the CKSD budget is provided by local levy dollars. Levy money enriches education by directly supporting activities and athletics, arts and drama, counselors, libraries, music, professional development, safety and security, small class sizes, special education, teachers and staff, technology, and transportation.

This replacement levy is an incredible opportunity to continue supporting our schools and programs at less than half the cost of the previous levy. Due to the restructuring in school funding at the state level, this year's levy is only \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, compared to our current rate of \$2.99. Seniors and people living with disabilities may be eligible for tax exemptions.

Visit tinyurl.com/kitsapexemptions for more information.

Additionally, a "Yes" vote from local voters sends the message to our state government that the CK community supports PreK-12 education. Passage of this levy is matched with additional state funding of \$4 million per year. CKSD continues to demonstrate strong stewardship of state, federal, and community dollars in the execution of every PreK-12 program.

Please vote "Yes" by Tuesday, February 12 and ensure continued excellence in Central Kitsap schools.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

This levy replaces an expiring \$2.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value with \$1.50 per \$1,000. This levy is for state approved enrichment activities, programs, and operations. The funds will be tracked and accounted for separately and not mixed with state funds for basic education. This levy is 10% of CKSD's funding. CKSD doesn't receive funding from Kitsap County. Budget information is available online at tinyurl.com/CKSDbudget. Vote "Yes" and your local school tax goes down.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Roy Rainey; Committee Member Ed Wolfe; Committee Member Judy Mentor Eagleson; Committee For the Measure. To contact the committee, call 360-471-5366, or email info@supportckschools.com.

Argument Against the Measure

This three-year purposed tax is as stated in the text as, "excess" meaning, in addition to the existing tax structure already in place, which provides funding from Federal, State, and County taxes, plus Grants.

Most Kitsap residents received property tax increases in 2018 and more are anticipated within this same three year purposed Levy 12-18-19. Additional taxes or levy's previously passed in 2018 for Fire, Library, and Transportation in the County, add to a growing total tax burden, and play a role in destabilizing families, as all costs of living have outpaced incomes, especially in Kitsap.

Enrichment activities and costs are not identified and mixed with Operations and Maintenance costs. Of the roughly \$140,000,000 per year CK budget. Tighter scrutiny seems appropriate.

Excess taxes are usually aimed at business. Publicly traded corporations that operate in Central Kitsap have no additional tax obligations from the County based on "excess" earnings they generate. I believe Kitsap receives only 2.5% of the 9% collected.

No information provided stating a need, based on student body count. Schools already receive more money based on population alone. From 2016 to 2018 it appears the budget grew by 30 million dollars. Moving forward we cannot build new facilities and expect to grow the budget after construction. Costs especially for O&M, would conceivably decrease.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

CKSD website, search 2018 budget tabs. Kitsap levy's cover is 19%, not 10%. CKSD will sell off two parcels of land due to a decreased student count. State and Federal dollars are specifically for student transportation, class size, etc. so this levy is not for all of the items listed on the argument for levy. This levy is as stated, excess, not a regular levy to replace the expiring levy or a regular levy.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Kevin Tisdell; Committee Against the Measure. To contact the committee, email centralkitsap3@gmail.com.

Bainbridge Island Fire Department

Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Official Ballot Title

Will Bainbridge Island Fire Department be authorized to continue to fund emergency medical services for its citizens by imposing a PERMANENT regular emergency medical services property tax levy of forty cents or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to be collected beginning in 2020?

- Yes
 No

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

In 2009 the voters approved a 10-year Emergency Medical Service "EMS" levy. The 2009 EMS levy will expire at the end of 2019 unless the voters approve this measure. If approved by the voters, this measure will authorize Bainbridge Island Fire Department to continue to levy its EMS Levy on a permanent basis, subject to statutory rate limitations, beginning with the 2019 levy for collection in 2020, at a rate not to exceed \$0.40 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The levy will be subject to repeal by voters using a statutory referendum process.

Approval of the levy will allow the District to maintain and improve the level of emergency medical services currently provided on a continuing basis including basic, intermediate and advanced life support services by certified emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

The revenue from this levy will be used by the District exclusively for emergency medical services.

If the levy is approved, the EMS levy on a \$500,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$200.00 each year or approximately \$16.67 per month for emergency medical services.

Argument For the Measure

Support BIFD's EMS Levy

The renewal of the existing EMS Levy will allow the Bainbridge Island Fire Department (BIFD) to continue to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to this community. 70% of the Department's 3,200 calls received by BIFD in 2018 are for emergency medical reasons.

The current EMS Levy, approved by Island voters in 2009, will expire on December 31, 2019. BIFD is asking for a levy rate reset to the original \$0.40 beginning in 2020 (currently \$0.32 in 2019) and for the levy to be made permanent. This equals a \$40 property tax increase for a \$500,000 home in 2020.

Funds received from the current EMS Levy represent approximately 26% of BIFD's operating revenue. BIFD's EMS is the only medical service on the island available 24/7. This revenue is used to support minimum staffing of 9 personnel, operating out of 3 fire stations. They are the only island service designed to handle life-threatening medical emergencies, such as heart attacks, stroke & CPR. Walk-in clinics, when open, are intended for urgent but non-life-threatening conditions.

BIFD does not receive its primary funding from COBI. Rather, they report to a citizens' elected Board of Commissioners and rely on levies such as this one to fund their operations. They have earned an AA+ credit rating as a result of a more than 20-year record of sound financial responsibility.

We support this renewal request to stabilize and make permanent the EMS Levy level, which is well below the Statutory limitation. *Vote Yes!*

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

No argument against the measure submitted for rebuttal.

Argument prepared by Chairperson Jack Sutherland, AED Program Co-Director, Rotary Club; Committee Member Scott James, Author Prepared Neighborhoods; Committee Member Loren Bast, Executive Director of Bainbridge Prepares; Committee For the Measure. To contact the committee, call 206-755-7522, or email jandcsutherland@msn.com.

Argument Against the Measure

No argument submitted.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

No rebuttal submitted.

No committee against formed.