

South Whidbey School District Levy Election Fact Sheet VOTE - February 12, 2019



TWO MEASURES:

The South Whidbey School District is submitting two measures to South Whidbey voters in February. They are described below.

WHAT THEY'LL DO:

Replacement Educational & Operational Levy

The Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy will support the District's educational programs and operations which are not funded or not fully funded by the State.

Replacement Capital Projects & Technology Levy

The Replacement Capital Projects/Technology Levy will provide funding for needed repairs and renovations of school buildings and grounds. Funding will be provided to upgrade the district's infrastructure and to provide essential technology upgrades for classrooms, students, and faculty.

The proposed Replacement for Educational Programs and Operations Levy is a replacement of the M&O levy that was approved by the voters in February 2016. That authority expires on December 31, 2019. On February 12, 2019, the school district will ask voters to approve a renewal levy that will continue those levy funds for another three years beginning on January 1, 2020. This levy funds athletics and helps maintain class size, improves student achievement, maintains programs and services, and funds the extra costs associated with food service, special education, athletics, music, arts and bus service that are not covered by the state.

The proposed Replacement Capital Projects / Technology Levy is a replacement of the Capital Projects levy that was approved by the voters in February 2013. That authority expires on December 31, 2019. On February 12, 2019, the school district will ask voters to approve a renewal levy that will continue those levy funds for another six years beginning on January 1, 2020. This levy will be for renovation, upgrading and modernization of educational facilities or the District including safety, security and technology improvements.

Replacement Levy	2020	2021	2022
Levy Amount	\$4,017,000	\$4,018,000	\$4,019,000
Tax estimate per \$1,000	\$ 0.95	\$0.95	\$ 0.95
Cost estimate \$300,000 home	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285

WHAT'S THE COST?

Capital Projects / Technology Levy	2020	2021	2022	2022	2024	2025
Levy Amount	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000
Tax estimate per \$1,000	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.47
Cost estimate \$300,000 home	\$ 156	\$ 153	\$ 150	\$ 147	\$ 144	\$ 141



ELECTION BALLOTS: Election Day is February 12, 2019. On or about January 25, 2019, Island County will mail Special Election ballots to South Whidbey residents. Voting questions should be directed to Island County Auditors at 360-679-7366 or <u>elections@co.island.wa.us</u> more information can be found online at https://www.islandcountywa.gov/auditor/elections/pages/home.aspx

Ballots must be postmarked **no later** than Election Day **(February 12, 2019).** Please check with your local Post Office to clarify the last pickup of the day. State Law requires a ballot must have a postmark on or before Election Day (RCW 29A.40.091(4)). If a ballot is received with a postmark on it that is after Election Day, it cannot be counted.

ADA Compliant Ballot drop boxes are available 24-hours per day from the time ballots are mailed to voters. They will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

No stamp is required to return your ballot.



- Island County Election Office 400 N Main Street, Coupeville
- Trinity Lutheran Church 18341 SR 525, Freeland
- Ken's Korner Shopping Center 4141 SR 525, Clinton
- Island County Camano Annex 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island
- Oak Harbor City Hall 865 S.E. Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor
- Langley Post Office (front patio) 115 2nd St., Langley

Tax Exemptions: Those who are 61 years old or older and whose household income is less than \$40,000, must be their primary residence, may qualify for an exemption from all or part of this levy. Regardless of age, persons who have a disability which prevents them from employment may also qualify for this exemption. To apply, call the Island County Assessor's Office at 360-678-7853.

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