SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 686

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at the general election to be held therein on November 5, 2024, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied in the amount of $3,900,000 in 2025 for collection in 2026, in the amount of $4,000,000 in 2026 for collection in 2027 and in the amount of $4,100,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, said excess taxes to pay part of the cost of eligible activities in support of the District.

ADOPTED June 26, 2024

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WHEREAS, South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington, (the "District"), for the past three years has had in effect an educational programs and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expire this year; and

WHERES, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible activities for students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65th Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such eligible expenditures from a local levy, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to 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:

A. A tax of approximately $**.43** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide **$3,900,000,** said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;

B. A tax of approximately **$.41** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide **$4,000,000**, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;

C. A tax of approximately **$.39** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide **$4,100,000**, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028; and

WHEREAS, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its [educational programs and operations/enrichment] tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required under RCW 84.52.053(4); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206, ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied 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:

A. A tax of approximately **$.43** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide **$3,900,000**, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;

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C. A tax of approximately **$.39** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide **$4,100,000**, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is **$.43** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is **$.41** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2028 levy is **$.39** per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the eligible activities of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a general election to be held therein on November 5, 2024.

The Island County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Island County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the

District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206

REPLACEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District passed Resolution No. 686 concerning a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy to support the District's educational programs and operations which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	**$.43**	**$3,900,000**
2027	**$.41**	**$4,000,000**
2028	**$.39**	**$4,100,000**

as provided in the Resolution, subject to legal limits at time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

YES ..... ☐

NO..... ☐

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Island County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the District's Superintendent, (Dr. Jo Moccia), telephone: 360.221.6808 ext. 2245; email: jmoccia@sw.wednet.edu,

as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Superintendent is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Island County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the November 5, 2024 general election and requests that the Island County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26th day of June, 2024.

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

E-SIGNED by Brook Willeford
on 2024-06-26 20:50:06 PDT

Brook Willeford, Chair and Director

E-SIGNED by Ann Johnson
on 2024-06-26 20:48:22 PDT

Ann Johnson, Vice-Chair and Director

E-SIGNED by Andrea Downs
on 2024-06-26 21:21:39 PDT

Andrea Downs, Director

E-SIGNED by Marnie Jackson
on 2024-06-26 20:39:41 PDT

Marnie Jackson, Director

E-SIGNED by Joseph Greenheron
on 2024-06-27 06:54:03 PDT

Joseph Greenheron, Director

ATTEST:

E-SIGNED by Josephine Moccia
on 2024-06-26 20:43:54 PDT

Josephine Moccia,
Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of South Whidbey School District No. 206, Island 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.686 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26th day of June, 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 passage 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 26th day of June, 2024.

E-SIGNED by Josephine Moccia
on 2024-06-26 20:43:58 PDT

Josephine Moccia,
Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
November 5, 2024

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

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YES ..... ☐

NO..... ☐

NOTICE OF BALLOT IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 206
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 5, 2024 at the general election, a ballot will be held 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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Island County Auditor