

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408  
KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

SAFETY, SECURITY, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND TECHNOLOGY  
REPLACEMENT LEVY

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WHEREAS, Auburn School District No. 408, King and Pierce Counties, Washington (the “District”), is a first-class school district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington (the “State”) now in effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.053, the qualified electors of the District may by a simple majority vote authorize capital projects and technology levies of up to six years to support the construction, modernization, and remodeling of District facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District’s educational facilities (including technology systems) require repairs, modernization, and updates to meet current and future educational, safety, security, instructional, and extra-curricular needs of District students (as further defined herein, the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s current technology levy expires in 2026; and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District are not sufficient to enable the District to implement such Projects; and

WHEREAS, to provide adequately for the Projects, the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) deems it necessary to levy 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, such levy to be made for six years commencing in 2025 for collection in the school years 2025–2026 through 2031–2032, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053, with such excess taxes to be deposited into the District’s Capital Projects Fund, or a sub-fund thereof, and used to pay for a portion of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State require that the question of whether the District may levy such excess taxes be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition for such excess tax levies before the District’s voters at an election to be held within the District on November 4, 2025 (the “Proposition”);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408, KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Finding. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District’s students and other residents require the District to carry out the Projects as hereinafter provided, at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Authorization of Projects. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition in substantially the form set forth below, the District will finance the following Projects with proceeds from the excess property tax levies:

- Districtwide safety and security improvements, including upgraded and expanded security camera systems, building entries, door locks, access controls, intrusion alarms, fencing, and lighting;
- Districtwide upgrades to technology systems and facilities, including modernized network infrastructure, and acquisition and installation of new computers and technology devices for students, teachers, and staff (including software, licensing and implementation support), enhanced cybersecurity protections, assistive technology, vape detectors, and curriculum for online safety and citizenship;
- Districtwide renovation and improvement of building systems, including major repairs; ADA improvements; seismic upgrades; and replacement and refurbishment of roofing, paving, heating and ventilating systems, floor coverings in classrooms and public areas, and electrical and plumbing systems;
- Districtwide energy conservation improvements; and
- Districtwide renovation and rehabilitation of playfields and athletic fields and facilities.

The District may incur indebtedness for the foregoing purposes through the issuance of short term obligations as authorized by chapter 39.50 RCW.

Incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the foregoing shall be deemed part of the Projects. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to: payments for fiscal and legal expenses; establishing and funding accounts; necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; site improvement and demolition costs; and costs for other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and permitted by law.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects.

If any or all of the improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities, all as the Board finds necessary; provided, however, that such funds may only be used to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's facilities master plan and technology resources plan.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District's students and other residents require submission to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in order to provide funding for the Projects. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition in substantially the form set forth below, the District will 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, for deposit in the District's Capital Projects Fund:

- A. \$17,144,318, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. \$17,658,648, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- C. \$18,188,408, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;
- D. \$18,734,060, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029;

- E. \$19,296,082, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030; and
- F. \$19,778,484, said levy to be made in 2030 for collection in 2031.

The exact levy rate and the actual amounts collected shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. At this time, based upon information provided by the King and Pierce County Assessors' Offices, the estimated levy rate for each of the six collection years is \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Board hereby requests that King County Elections, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, call and conduct a special election to be held within the District on November 4, 2025, and submit to the qualified electors of the District the Proposition set forth below. King County Elections shall conduct the election by mail or as such office otherwise requires.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") to certify the Proposition to King County Elections in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408

SAFETY, SECURITY, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND TECHNOLOGY  
REPLACEMENT LEVY

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution 1409 concerning a proposition to fund safety, security, technology and capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to replace an expiring levy by levying the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, to provide funds for Districtwide facilities improvements, including safety and security improvements, technology system upgrades, and building and infrastructure renovations:

| Collection<br>Years | Approximate Levy<br>Rate/\$1,000<br>Assessed Value | Levy<br>Amount |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| 2026                | \$0.77   | \$17,144,318   |
| 2027                | \$0.77   | \$17,658,648   |
| 2028                | \$0.77   | \$18,188,408   |
| 2029                | \$0.77   | \$18,734,060   |
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| 2031                | \$0.77   | \$19,778,484   |

as provided in Resolution 1409. Should this proposition be approved?

YES . . . . . ☐

NO . . . . . ☐

The Board hereby directs the Secretary to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to King County Elections no later than August 5, 2025, and to deliver a courtesy copy to the Pierce County Auditor. The Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board, the Secretary, and the District's Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations, to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the

Projects. The Board hereby ratifies and confirms all actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution.

Section 5.     Notices relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations (Cindi Blansfield), telephone: 253.931.4930; email: cblansfield@auburn.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, Pacifica Law Group LLP (Faith Pettis), telephone: (206) 245-1700, email: faith.pettis@pacificallawgroup.com, as the individuals to whom King County Elections shall provide such notice. The Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by King County Elections or the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 6.     Ratification. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution, but shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.



Section 7.     Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408, King and Pierce Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 23rd day of June, 2025.

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408, KING  
AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

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President and Director

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Director

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ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408, King and Pierce Counties, 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. 1409 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of June, 2025.

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 adoption 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 23rd day of June, 2025.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408  
KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
November 4, 2025

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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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NOTICE  
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408  
KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 4, 2025, a special election will be held by mail ballot 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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King County Elections