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AGENDA

Special School Board Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2026
6 p.m.
District Office Board Room
107 First Street North • Yelm, WA

Special School Board Meeting

A	**1.**	**Call to Order** Flag Salute
I	**2.**	**Audience** Community Comments
A	**3.**	**Resolution 09-25-26** EP & O Levy
A	**4.**	**"For" and "Against" Committees**
A	**5.**	**Adjourn**

Next Board Meeting: August 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting
Location: District Office

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's Office no later than three days before a meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

A= Action **I= Information** **D= Discussion**

YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
THURSTON AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 –EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 09-25-26

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for two years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of $11,194,449 and in 2027 for collection in 2028 of $12,278,072, for the District's General Fund to pay expenses of essential educational programs, extracurricular activities and operations; designating the District's Director of Finance and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Thurston County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

ADOPTED: August 3, 2026

This document prepared by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, THURSTON AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Yelm Community Schools, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2024 was the last year of collection of the District's prior four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 01-19-20, adopted by the Board on November 26, 2019, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 11, 2020.

(b) With the expiration of the District's prior four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of essential educational programs, extracurricular activities and operations not funded by the State of Washington (the "State"), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that an excess tax levy of $11,194,449 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 and $12,278,072 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed two-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for maintenance of the District's reduced educational program established for the 2025-26 school year, which is authorized to roll-over into the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay) essential educational programs, extracurricular activities and operations expenses.

(e) The District has received or, 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 tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is or will be on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Thurston County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), and the proper officer of the county to which the District belongs pursuant to chapter 28A.323 RCW, is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the State general election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for two years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of $11,194,449, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, and in 2027 for collection in 2028 of $12,278,072 the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of essential educational programs, extracurricular activities and operations not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, certificated classroom teachers, certificated specialists, office support, para-educators, supervision, nurses, counselors, social workers, classified staff, school resource officers and safety staff, graduation and career readiness, technology, athletics, extracurricular activities, facilities, and curriculum, during the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney, as the county prosecuting attorney of the county within which a majority area of the District is located, is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE LEVY

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 09-25-26, authorizing a levy to maintain existing educational program support levels. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on taxable property within the District, to maintain essential educational programs, extracurricular activities, and operations not funded by the State (including, but not limited to, teachers, arts, nurses, counselors, classified staff, paraeducators, safety, graduation readiness, technology, athletics, facilities, curriculum):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Maximum Levy Amount
2027	$1.50	$11,194,449
2028	$1.50	$12,278,072

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-25-26. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES ☐ LEVY . . . NO ☐

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor and the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington (the "Pierce County Auditor"), no later than August 4 , 2026; and (b) 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 authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of educational programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. 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 Director of Finance (Veronica Birdsong), telephone: 360.458.6104; email: veronica_birdsong@ycs.wednet.edu; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com as the individuals to whom the Auditor and the Pierce County Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The President, the Secretary, the District's Director of Finance, other appropriate officers of the District and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington, at a special open public meeting, of which due notice was given as required by law, held on August 3, 2026.

YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, THURSTON AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

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President and Director

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Vice President and Director

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Director

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Director

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Director

ATTEST:

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CHRIS WOODS
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, CHRIS WOODS, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 09-25-26 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on August 3, 2026 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect;

2. Written notice specifying the time, place and noting the business to be transacted (the "Notice") was given to all members of the Board by mail, fax, electronic mail or by personal delivery at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting, a true and complete copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Appendix 1;

3. The Notice was also posted on the District's website and prominently displayed at the main entrance of the District's Administrative Office and the entrance to the special meeting location at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting;

4. The Notice was also given by mail, fax, electronic mail or by personal delivery at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting to each local radio or television station and to each newspaper of general circulation that has on file with the District a written request to be notified of special meetings and to any others to which such notices are customarily given by the District; and

5. The Meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

Dated: August 3, 2026.

YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, THURSTON AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

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CHRIS WOODS
Secretary to the Board of Directors

APPENDIX 1

COPY OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Yelm Community Schools, Thurston and Pierce Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a special Board meeting on August 3, 2026, commencing at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible , in the Board Room of the Yelm Community Schools District Offices, located at 107 First Street North, Yelm, Washington 98597 (the "Special Meeting")

The Special Meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following items:

1. Resolution No. 09-25-26, which provides for the submission to the District's voters, at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, of a proposition authorizing a replacement educational programs and operations levy.
2. Appointment of for/against committee members to write "for" and "against" statements for the Thurston and Pierce County Local Voters' Pamphlets related to the foregoing levy proposition.

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AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

CHRIS WOODS
Secretary to the Board of Directors