How to vote!

1. Read your voters' pamphlet to learn about what's on your ballot.
2. On your ballot, fill in the ovals beside your choices.
3. Sign the back of your ballot return envelope.
4. Return your ballot. Whether by drop box or the mail, vote early!
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How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

- Go to kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.
- Enter your information in the form.
- Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot.

  OR

- Print your ballot and mark it by hand.
- Check that your ballot is marked correctly.
- Return your ballot as usual, at a ballot drop box or via USPS.

  No postage is required when you use the envelope cover sheet included when you print your ballot.

If you need additional assistance or another way to cast your ballot, please contact our office at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

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as requested by Shoreline School District No. 412

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By mail: Download and print a registration form from **kce.wiki/VoterReg** and mail to King County Elections: **919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057**. It must be received by February 2.

In person: You can register in person through February 10, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at **kingcounty.gov/elections**.

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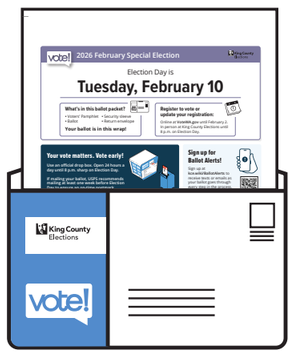

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Your ballot is wrapped in useful information! Be sure to check out your ballot wrap for:

- the five drop boxes closest to you,
- where to get in-person assistance,
- how to print your ballot if yours is lost or damaged,
- how to return your ballot,
- and more!

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Proposition No. 1

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution No. 2025-15, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$1.67	$39,000,000
2028	$1.69	$41,500,000
2029	$1.71	$44,000,000
2030	$1.72	$46,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-15. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Requirement passage: Simple majority (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Rachel Belfield
Public Information Officer
(206) 393-4412
public.info@ssd412.org

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Shoreline Public Schools to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. This includes, but is not limited to, staffing to keep class sizes reasonable, professional development for teachers, inclusive learning supports, multilingual learner programs, school-based student support staff, transportation, athletics and performance teams, performing arts, and other extracurricular activities. Further information is available on the District's website at www.ssd412.org/Levies26.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to $39,000,000 in 2027, $41,500,000 in 2028, $44,000,000 in 2029, and $46,500,000 in 2030. The levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $1.67 in 2027, $1.69 in 2028, $1.71 in 2029, and $1.72 in 2030. The exact 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 State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

Statement in favor

Sarah Press, Malorie Larson
https://voteyesshoreline.wixsite.com/vote-yes-for-shore-1

Shoreline and Lake Forest Park voters have consistently supported public education. This replacement levy continues that tradition by maintaining essential programs for our 9,000+ students. If the levies are approved, the average tax rate over the four-year levy period, 2027-2030, is projected to be lower than the previous four years. The levy provides 16.5% of district operating revenue and prevents the drastic cuts that would otherwise be inevitable.

This levy funds what the state does not: reasonable class sizes, teacher professional development, inclusive learning supports for all students, multilingual learner programs, school-based counselors and support staff, transportation, athletics, performing arts, and other extracurricular activities.

Property owners will pay less to Shoreline schools in 2027 than in 2025, even if both EP&O and Tech Levies pass. The rate drops from $3.21 per $1,000 assessed value in 2025 to $3.20 in 2027.

Shoreline outperforms state averages in graduation rates and college readiness while serving diverse student needs. Vote yes to prevent staff cuts, maintain smaller class sizes, and ensure every child receives quality education regardless of background. Well-funded schools strengthen our community and protect property values.

Statement in opposition

Nate Herzog

Shoreline School District is asking you to support a levy that is 57% greater than what we budgeted four years ago.

That's right, a *57% increase*... all because elected officials simply haven't controlled expenditures. Instead of doing the hard work themselves, they ask our families to foot the bill. Prop 1 costs the average household *$6,600 over the next four years*, hurting lower and fixed income families the most, even making housing less affordable. *It's simply too much*.

We love our schools. As a Shoreline Schools graduate, son of a schoolteacher, parent of Shoreline students, and a part-time public school employee myself, I understand the quality level of education provided in our schools. The issues we face are not with our wonderful teachers; we all strive for the very best for children in our community.

Vote *No* for a sustainable plan - a sensible 30-35% four-year increase that both stays ahead of inflation and accounts for small increases in district enrollment. Your *No* vote gives ample time for a better proposal in 2026, (*one we can all support!*) It's hard to say *No*, but sometimes it's the right thing to do. *Please vote No on Proposition 1*.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Inflation and chronic underfunding leave legally mandated services—like special education, utilities and insurance—with a growing 25% annual deficit. After repeated years of staff cuts, there is nothing left to trim. With state and federal funding stagnant, passing this levy is the only way to prevent larger classes and service losses. A 30-35% increase merely covers existing deficits and inadequate staff ratios; it is essential to move beyond bare minimum so students can thrive.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Although being billed as a *replacement* levy, Proposition 1 goes much further: *$62 million in increased spending* from four years ago, at a time when *district enrollment has not increased*.

It's simply not sustainable for our community. Despite similar levy *rates*, each year home values increase, it's a massive net property tax spike on working families. *It's okay to vote No,* allowing our School Board to present a newer, financially sustainable plan later this year.

Shoreline School District No. 412

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Proposition No. 2

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Replacement of Expiring Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution No. 2025-16, concerning a proposition to finance technology improvements and support. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and install instructional technology to improve student learning, upgrade District-wide technology equipment, systems and infrastructure, provide related training and support, and levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.30	$7,000,000
2028	$0.29	$7,000,000
2029	$0.27	$7,000,000
2030	$0.26	$7,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-16. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Requirement passage: Simple majority (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Rachel Belfield
Public Information Officer
(206) 393-4412
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Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Shoreline Public Schools to replace an existing capital levy for technology improvements and support that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to fund technology. This includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of computers and devices for students and staff; upgrades to network systems, cybersecurity, and infrastructure; and the acquisition of digital curriculum, online learning tools, and library and assessment systems. It will also fund classroom technology such as displays, sound systems, and document cameras; specialized tools for instruction and special education; and student- and family-facing systems for communication and access to learning. In addition, levy funds will support staff training and technical support, as well as modernization of district operations and management systems. Further information is available on the District's website at www.ssd412.org/Levies26.

The proposed four-year replacement capital levy for technology improvements and support would authorize collection of taxes to provide $7,000,000 each year from 2027 through 2030. The levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $0.30 in 2027, $0.29 in 2028, $0.27 in 2029, and $0.26 in 2030. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

Statement in favor

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Modern education requires up-to-date technology, yet Shoreline School District's aging computers and outdated systems threaten student learning. This replacement levy addresses critical technology needs that have been deferred for too long and sets the stage for the near future. Without voter approval, students would be left with inadequate digital tools essential for success in today's world. This levy combined with the EP&O levy is projected to result in a lower average tax rate for Shoreline and Lake Forest Park homeowners in 2027-2030 than in the previous four years.

This levy represents replacement funding, not new taxes. It funds maintenance and replacement of computers and devices for students and staff, upgrades to network systems including cybersecurity and infrastructure improvements to protect student data, digital curriculum and online learning tools, classroom technology such as displays and sound systems, specialized instructional tools for special education, student- and family-facing communication systems, staff training and technical support, and modernization of district operations.

Schools across our district serve diverse learners with varying needs and backgrounds. Technology provides critical access to learning resources, communication tools, and educational opportunities for all students, regardless of family circumstances or whether English is their first language. Updated software removes barriers to enrollment and helps families access the school district more equitably.

Shoreline & LFP have consistently invested in quality education, producing graduates who outperform state averages in college readiness. This success reflects our community's commitment to providing students with the resources they need to thrive.

Vote yes to provide students with modern technology, protect against cybersecurity threats, and ensure all children have access to the digital learning tools essential for academic success and future careers.

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

Jurisdictions that place measures on the ballot also appoint members of the public to "pro" and "con" committees. These committees prepare statements either for or against the ballot measure. These statements are published in the local voters' pamphlet to help voters make informed decisions.

If the jurisdiction is unable to appoint a committee, King County Elections can appoint any eligible committee members who come forward. To join a committee in the future, please contact the jurisdiction.