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- Enter your information in the form.
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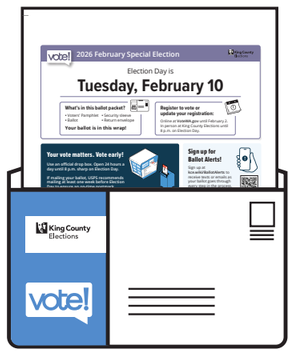

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Proposition No. 1

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

Renewal of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

The Board of Directors of Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 adopted Resolution No. 896, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to fund educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State, including career/college readiness, arts/music, staffing, mental health supports, extracurriculars, electives, nutrition, safety:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$1.55	$27,320,000
2028	$1.55	$28,686,000
2029	$1.55	$30,120,000
2030	$1.55	$31,626,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 896. 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:
Dan Schlotfeldt
Superintendent
(425) 831-8000
svsdinfo@svsd410.org

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will allow Snoqualmie Valley School District to renew an existing educational programs and operations levy that expires on the last day of 2026. This renewal levy will continue funding essential educational programs, activities and operations not fully funded by the State of Washington. These include, but are not limited to: Career and Technical Education (CTE); maintaining lower class sizes; expanded access to Advanced Placement (AP), music, and art classes; student safety and security; math and reading specialists; materials, supplies, and operational costs such as utilities and insurance; athletics, clubs, and other extracurricular opportunities; school counselors, nurses, and mental health specialists; behavioral support services; and staff training and curriculum. Further information is on the District's website at svsd410.org.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to $27,320,000 in 2027, $28,686,000 in 2028, $30,120,000 in 2029, and $31,626,000 in 2030. The levy rate required to generate these amounts is estimated to be $1.55 per $1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes are available to certain homeowners. For more information contact the King County Department of Assessments at (206) 296-3920.

Statement in favor

Amanda Frame, Elizabeth Beckmann, Kyle Granderson
(425) 466-3733

Renewing the Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy provides essential local funding for programs and services that support student learning and well-being and are not fully funded by the State of Washington. This is a replacement levy, not a new tax.

Levy funding helps maintain high-quality instruction, manageable class sizes, and a broad range of learning opportunities, including arts, music, world language, advanced courses, career and technical education, athletics, and extracurricular activities that help students thrive.

The levy also supports student health, safety, and social-emotional well-being by funding counselors, nurses, behavioral health services, and safety staff. These positions are critical to creating safe and supportive learning environments.

Local levy dollars make up nearly one-fifth of the District's operating budget. Without renewal, valued programs and services our community depends on would be at risk. The Snoqualmie Valley School District Board of Directors unanimously supports this levy as part of its focus on educational excellence, opportunity, and student access. A *Yes* vote renews our shared commitment to preparing every Snoqualmie Valley student to succeed and choose their own future.

Statement in opposition

Kelly Dillingham, Robyn Balcom, James Keeffe
SVSDforstudents@outlook.com

The OSPI SVSD report card indicates only 52% of students are on-track for college-level learning for math and 45% for science. These are failing grades – Fs! More taxpayer funded levies will not improve student outcomes, or they would have improved already. Therefore, your vote on these levies should be no.

Though referred to as "renewal levies", this proposal includes large increases. The 2027 proposed EP&O levy is 33% higher than in 2023. Meanwhile, district enrollment has decreased since 2022. In addition, state funding has increased dramatically since the previous levies. HB1664 increased staffing allocations for personnel such as nurses and counselors and SB5263 increased funding for special education. SVSD's federal and state funding has increased from $95M (2022) to $115M (2025).

In the last four years, the district's revenue per student has increased from $15,900 to $19,400 – a 22% increase. Have student outcomes improved accordingly? Not per the OSPI report card.

Two new proposed items in the EP&O budget are costs for elementary deans and sales tax – these items will consume over $1 million annually and should be in the general budget. Voting no on the levies isn't anti-education. It's pro-accountability and a vote for wiser use of public funds.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

State test results are an incomplete indicator as students choose alternative pathways or opt out. SVSD measures readiness through outcomes: a 96% on-time graduation rate, with 80% enrolling in college or career programs, far exceeding the state average. Levy increases are driven primarily by inflation and unfunded state requirements. Inflation since 2023 exceeds 20%, while state funding has not kept pace. SVSD has already cut $4 million to absorb some impacts. Vote Yes.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Voters deserve more transparency on how levy money is spent. Why are taxes, utilities, and insurance paid from levies? This begs the question – why aren't these paid from the district's general budget - $115,000,000 of federal/state funding? These items do not contribute to student learning or well-being, which is the district's stated reason for requesting "extra" funds from taxpayers.

Responsible residents pay taxes, utilities/insurance before purchasing discretionary items, as should the school district. Vote no!

Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410

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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.

Renewal of Expiring Levy for Technology

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 897, concerning a renewal levy supporting technology for Snoqualmie Valley students. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, and pay technology expenses not funded by the State, such as network systems, devices, software, training and support:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.56	$9,848,000
2028	$0.55	$10,094,200
2029	$0.53	$10,346,555
2030	$0.52	$10,605,219

all as provided in Resolution No. 897. 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:
Dan Schlotfeldt
Superintendent
(425) 831-8000
svsdinfo@svsd410.org

Passage of Proposition No. 2 will allow Snoqualmie Valley School District to renew an existing technology levy that expires on the last day of 2026. This renewal levy will continue funding improvements, upgrades, and expanded technology systems, providing technology training and support for students and staff, and ensuring all students have equitable access to technology needed to successfully prepare them for future careers. This includes, but is not limited to: (1) purchasing, installing, and implementing upgraded network systems, instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, and facilities; (2) maintaining replacement cycles for student and staff devices, software, hardware, and telecommunication systems and improving cybersecurity and safety systems; and (3) providing related student and staff training to support effective use of technology (digital citizenship), infrastructure, systems, and facilities. Further information is available on the District's website at svsd410.org.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide $9,848,000 in 2027, $10,094,200 in 2028, $10,346,555 in 2029, and $10,605,219 in 2030. The levy rates per $1,000 of assessed value required to generate these amounts are estimated to be $0.56 in 2027, $0.55 in 2028, $0.53 in 2029, and $0.52 in 2030. Exemptions from taxes are available to certain homeowners. For more information contact the King County Department of Assessments at (206) 296-3920.

Statement in favor

Amanda Frame, Elizabeth Beckmann, Kyle Granderson
(425) 466-3733

Renewing the Technology Levy ensures all Snoqualmie Valley students have equitable access to modern learning tools. This is a replacement levy, not a new tax, that funds student devices, classroom technology, software, networks, and infrastructure needed for effective learning.

Levy funding supports teacher training and instructional support, helping educators use technology to improve student outcomes.

Reliable technology helps students meet state learning standards, develop essential digital skills, and remain competitive with neighboring districts.

Without this levy, the district would be unable to maintain current technology access, support, or instructional innovation, limiting student learning opportunities. A *Yes* vote provides the tools, access, and skills every student needs to succeed in school and beyond.

Statement in opposition

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Sixty-percent of our property taxes goes towards education. In 2018, the state added a second school component (McCleary) to property tax bills, to decrease reliance on levies and make school funding more equitable. After this change, levies decreased on average from 17% to 12% of school revenues. Currently SVSD is funded 20% by levies – this is unreasonable for the services intended to be provided by levies. By law, levies cannot be used for basic education, but only for specific items not covered by state funding.

Voters beware – SVSD's levy webpage highlights they collect less per student than neighboring districts. However, this is misleading – Issaquah district's levy webpage indicates that their levy rate is lower than SVSD. SVSD homeowners already pay more local school taxes per thousand of assessed home value than Issaquah district homeowners (2025 rates - SVSD $3.25, ISD $3.08, LWSD $2.43).

The 2027 proposed technology levy is 22.5% higher than in 2023. This increase is beyond what is needed to keep pace with inflation.

SVSD should reevaluate their budget to determine a reasonable amount to request from district voters. Let's prioritize student needs that improve learning over other agendas. Vote no to another large leap of unjustified spending.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Comparing tax rates alone ignores key facts. Larger districts spread costs across major commercial property; SVSD cannot. Combined levies will collect $5,323 per pupil: less than Issaquah ($6,200), Lake Washington ($5,865), and Riverview ($5,691), while delivering comparable learning experiences, demonstrating strong stewardship. The Technology Levy maintains devices/networks, enhances building and cyber security and training the state does not fund. This ensures access and future-ready digital skills. Vote Yes for Technology.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Almost half of this funding goes to teachers and staff, not students or hardware. For the 2027 levy budget, hardware updates represent only 18% of the costs, software/connectivity 36% and staff/professional development 46%; a significant shift from the 2026 budget with 35% allocated to hardware. Do we need to add a third technology/AI coach when basic math and science scores are failing?

The community supports our students and their needs, not district "wants". Vote no!