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!
5. Track your ballot. Visit **kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot** or sign up for ballot alerts at **kce.wiki/BallotAlert**. These are the best ways to know your ballot was counted and your voice was heard.

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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 Bellevue School District No. 405

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Online: Visit **VoteWA.gov** to register to vote online. The deadline to register online for the February Special Election is February 2.

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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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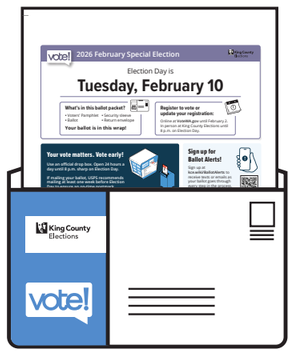

We are here to help!

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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.

Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District No. 405 adopted Resolution No. 2025-14, concerning a proposition to maintain current educational funding. This proposition would fund operations, including CTE programs, classroom staff, counselors, nurses, mental health, safety/security, advanced learning, STEM programs, special education services, music, arts and extracurricular activities, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.75	$88,300,000
2028	$0.75	$93,200,000
2029	$0.75	$97,900,000
2030	$0.75	$103,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-14. 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:
John Harrison
Chief of Staff
(425) 456-4142
harrisonj@bsd405.org

Passage of Proposition 1 would renew the existing educational programs and operations levy that expires at the end of calendar year 2026. The levy pays for school operations that are not funded by the State, including but not limited to: Career and Technical Education ("CTE") programs and facilities; additional classroom staff; seventh period classes and tutorial at middle and high schools; world languages in middle schools, heritage and dual language programs; counselors, psychologists and nurses, and social workers; social emotional learning; safety and security staff, training and emergency planning; advanced learning at all grade levels; science, technology, engineering and math ("STEM") programs; advanced classes (including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and College in the High School), special education services; orchestra, band and music; athletics and after school activities for students; art and music in elementary school; transportation costs; materials, supplies and utilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District.

If approved, Proposition 1 would allow a levy of up to $88,300,000 in 2027, $93,200,000 in 2028, $97,900,000 in 2029, and $103,000,000 in 2030. Based on projected assessed valuation information, the levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $0.75 per $1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of 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; call the King County Assessor 206-296-3920.

Statement in favor

Lynne Robinson, My-Linh Thai, Tim Motts
www.BellevueQualitySchools.org

Our quality schools are the pride of our community. Voting "*Yes*" on Prop 1 renews our commitment to quality education.

Bellevue School District achieves some of the best educational outcomes in the State thanks to our quality teachers, involved parents and families, and broad community support. Prop 1 strengthens each of these pillars by funding: *High-Quality Learning* with Career & Technical Education (CTE); Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); world languages, and advanced learning programs; *Student Well-Being* with nurses, counselors, and safety staff; *Student Programs Not Funded by the State* including programs like art and music; extra-curricular athletics and after-school opportunities; *Education Essentials* such as classroom instruction materials, transportation, and literally keeping the heat and lights on.

The fact is that the State doesn't fully fund these core needs, and local school districts are expected to cover them through local levies. This levy renewal continues funding basic educational needs that our students rely on. It is *Not a New Tax* and simply renews the existing levy at the existing tax rate.

Our students thrive thanks to our community's support. *Now they're counting on us to vote "Yes" and renew Prop 1 for student success!*

Statement in opposition

Kendall Demaree
commentsbsdlevyopposition@gmail.com

This 4 year Enrichment Levy is a 43% increase in dollars over the previous 4 year Enrichment Levy. Hardly a "renewal." This levy is supposed to be called an Enrichment Levy – for student enrichment programs – not staff salary enrichment. For 2024-2025, there were 26 WA school districts, Bellevue is one, that compensated their superintendent at over $400,000. That is more than the governor's compensation. The McCleary Decision called for equitable and sufficient funding for all WA school districts by the State funding mechanism. WA's public Charter schools stick within their budget. Charters don't (and cannot by law) ask for additional funding through these incessant local school district levies. Traditional public school districts need to follow the same rules.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the district already had a Total Per Pupil Expenditure of roughly $27,000. We, voters, need to make a principled decision and reject this extra spending. As of 2025, about 60% of our property taxes go to K-12 funding. This is driving home ownership and rents further out of reach and hence hurting our children's future. (Renters pay property taxes in their rents.)

For a logical, accurate cost analysis, see the SchoolDataProject.com website.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The against-schools committee's figures are not correct, and levy funds are not used to pay administrator salaries. Voting "*Yes*" maintains the same, stable rate the voters have already approved. The two existing levies account for 24% of 2024-2025 school funding. Levy failure would mean drastic cuts to essential student programs and support. Thanks to our community's support, Bellevue SD has some of the highest educational outcomes in the State. Vote "*Yes*" for student success!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The Pro statement proports the Levy is required to cover items already addressed by McCleary. Quoted from Prop 1 pro statement: "literally keeping the heat and lights on."

Either the state is grossly underfunding basic student needs as required by state law, the funds are mismanaged by BSD or both. Or possibly the "pro" statement is simply fictional, emotional overselling of the levy. Seriously, without the levy the lights will be off?

Bellevue School District No. 405

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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 Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Bellevue School District No. 405 adopted Resolution No. 2025-15, concerning a proposition to maintain educational technology and capital projects funding. This proposition would fund educational facilities, including student access to new technologies, collaborative STEM education and integrated digital curriculum, network/cybersecurity infrastructure, roofing, HVAC and safety/security systems, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.54	$64,000,000
2028	$0.54	$67,000,000
2029	$0.54	$70,000,000
2030	$0.54	$73,000,000

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:
John Harrison
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Passage of Proposition 2 would renew the existing technology and capital projects levy that expires at the end of calendar year 2026. The levy pays for educational technology, school facilities, and infrastructure improvements that are not funded by the State, including, but not limited to: (1) district-wide technology to provide students with access to new technologies and software that support learning, collaborative STEM education, integrated digital curriculum, and computers and/or tablets for every student; (2) classroom technology and related systems, including technology for teaching and learning, technology support, network and cybersecurity infrastructure, and staff technology training; and (3) upgrades to school facilities, including large scale roofing, and heating and cooling systems and equipment ("HVAC") improvements, major capital repairs, athletic facility improvements, safety and security systems and infrastructure improvements, kitchen facility improvements, and energy conservation.

If approved, Proposition 2 would allow for a levy up to $64,000,000 in 2027, $67,000,000 in 2028, $70,000,000 in 2029, and $73,000,000 in 2030. Based on projected assessed valuation information, the levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $0.54 per $1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners; call the King County Assessor 206-296-3920.

Statement in favor

Lynne Robinson, My-Linh Thai, Tim Motts
www.BellevueQualitySchools.org

Our students deserve safe, healthy, and modern schools. Vote "*Yes*" to renew the Technology and Capital Projects Levy and continue preparing students for future success.

Modern education and career readiness requires investment in technology to keep our classrooms current with evolving STEM education needs integrated with traditional education methods. This levy funds replacing outdated devices to ensure that *every student* has access to a current computer or tablet for learning. It also supports classroom instruction through teacher training in the rapidly changing technology environment.

Prop 2 also funds basic capital project needs that the State doesn't cover to maintain safe and healthy learning environments for our students. This levy maintains our school buildings in good condition with roof repairs and updated HVAC (heating, cooling, and ventilation) systems; energy-efficiency improvements to support the environment and save taxpayer money through lower utility costs; and athletic fields, school kitchens, and safety upgrades in every school across the district.

This is Not a New Tax. Just like Prop 1, voters are asked every 4 years to simply renew the levies they already approved. Voting "*Yes*" maintains a stable tax rate while continuing to fund the capital projects and technology that our students need to succeed.

Statement in opposition

Kendall Demaree
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This 4 year Capital Levy is a 20% increase in dollars over the previous 4 year Capital levy.

The Bellevue SD should not be implying, in their campaign materials, that voters are voting on future tax rates. We, voters, are voting on amounts in dollars. Tax rates for a given year are calculated by the county assessor each January by taking the amount in dollars of the levy amount for the year and dividing it by the Total Assessed Values (TAV) of all taxable properties for that year. The district is assuming 5% increases, compounded, in TAV each of the next 4 years. But the district is failing to let the example property grow at that pace giving an underestimated cost. This is why guesstimated future tax rates are meaningless and should be prohibited from school districts' campaign materials.

For a logical, accurate cost analysis, see the SchoolDataProject.com website.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The District's Explanatory Statement provided above includes all of the total dollar figures for calculations. Voters expect stable tax rates, and this measure simply renews the existing levy so that our schools can keep up with rising costs without sacrificing quality education. The against-schools committee doesn't give any argument to oppose the projects funded by this measure—and for good reason! This levy provides a strong foundation, so that our students can focus on learning.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Quoted from Prop 2 pro statement: "the State doesn't cover to maintain safe and healthy learning environments"

Same story as Prop 1. Either the state is grossly underfunding, BSD is mismanaging funds, the "pro" statement is fictional overselling or combinations thereof. Levy funds, properly managed, may be useful for student enrichment, but please let us be forthcoming why WA state constitutionally required basic needs for education remain increasingly dependent upon these deceptive "renewal" levies.