Proposition No. 3

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 adopted Resolution No. 913 concerning a renewal technology and capital projects levy. To modernize technology systems, enhance infrastructure and data security, support student learning through curriculum and instructional software, acquire hardware, including student devices, and provide training for students and staff, this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.54	$35,500,000
2028	$0.52	$35,500,000
2029	$0.49	$35,500,000
2030	$0.47	$35,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 913. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Explanatory statement

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Passage of Proposition No. 3 would allow Northshore School District to replace an existing technology capital levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for enhancing infrastructure and data security; hardware procurement, deployment, and life-cycle maintenance; licensing software, online applications, and subscription services; the implementation of software applications and delivery of related training; sustaining and modernizing of technology systems for instructional and operational services; ongoing training for students and staff related to the integration, use, and analytics; and supporting the adoption of emerging technologies.

The proposed four-year replacement technology capital levy would authorize the collection of $35,500,000 in property taxes within the District for each of the years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. The levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $0.54 in 2026 for 2027 collection, $0.52 in 2027 for 2028 collection, $0.49 in 2028 for 2029 collection and $0.47 in 2029 for 2030 collection. 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.

Property tax exemptions may be available to certain senior or disabled homeowners who meet specified income limits. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-3920.

Statement in favor

Holly Muenchow
https://citizensfornorthshoreschools.org/

Voting *Yes* on Proposition 3 renews Northshore's commitment to modern, high-quality classroom technology for every student. *This is not a new tax*. The technology replacement levy ensures students have up-to-date devices, electronic curriculum, and the tech support needed to succeed in an increasingly digital world.

Thanks to overwhelming voter support four years ago, *every* Northshore student now receives a device matched to their grade level and learning needs. This 1:1 access allows students to learn, create, and collaborate in and beyond the classroom. Renewing the levy maintains this access by updating or replacing devices on a responsible schedule and repurposing equipment whenever possible. It also continues the Family Tech Support services launched in 2020, which have become essential for students, teachers, and families.

This measure strengthens STEM education and supports the safe, responsible integration of new technologies, including emerging AI tools. It funds direct classroom instruction through educator training, adaptive technology for individual student needs, and programs that spark curiosity and critical thinking.

Technology education is an essential part of career readiness. A *Yes* vote on Proposition 3 keeps Northshore innovative and forward-looking. Support student success—vote *Yes* to renew the Technology Levy.

Statement in opposition

Dominique France, JoAnn Tolentino, Lynda Schram
https://SchoolDataProject.com/districts.html

The proposed Technology Levy is described as a continuation of existing programs, but it is not a simple renewal. It represents a 77% increase over the prior technology levy. Voters should be informed that this measure asks for substantially more funding, not a simple renewal.

Over the past four years, widely used technology price indexes show that many core technology costs—such as student devices, networking equipment, and basic IT services—have remained flat or declined when adjusted for inflation. While some specific items experienced temporary price increases, overall technology cost inflation does not support an increase of this size.

The district states the levy will fund one-to-one student devices, classroom technology upgrades, digital curriculum, secure infrastructure, and support for special education students. These are the same general purposes cited in the previous technology levy. If these investments were already funded, why is a 77% increase now required?

Taxpayers are asked to approve dollar amounts, not goals. Before approving a large increase, voters deserve transparent reporting on prior promises, results achieved, and specific reasons current funding levels are no longer sufficient. Accountability to outcomes should accompany any request for significantly higher taxes.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The committee against school funding is ignoring the rapidly growing need for technology in the classroom. Our students must graduate with career-ready skills for the modern world.

Proposition 3 renews the technology levy, keeping student devices current and supporting proven programs students and teachers use daily. A "no" vote means falling behind and disrupting learning. Northshore families have consistently supported this investment. Keep students prepared for the future. Vote Yes on Proposition 3.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The district's math doesn't add up. Student devices were claimed to be fully funded under the prior levy, so how do maintenance and limited device replacement justify a 77% increase? Calling this a "renewal" misrepresents the scale of the hike without transparency or explanation.

Voters should also note that ballot language does not bind how funds are spent. The Board may reallocate dollars without voter approval. Vote No—transparency is required.

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as requested by Northshore School District No. 417

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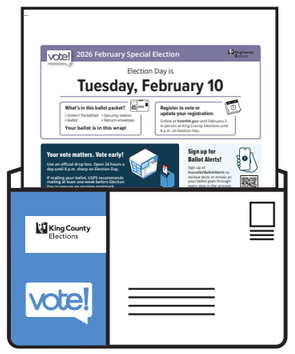

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Proposition No. 1

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Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 911 concerning a renewal educational programs levy. This proposition authorizes the District to renew an expiring levy for educational programs and eligible activities that are not state funded by levying the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$1.40	$92,000,000
2028	$1.44	$99,000,000
2029	$1.48	$107,000,000
2030	$1.53	$115,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 911. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Explanatory statement

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Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Northshore School District to replace an existing educational program 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, including, but not limited to, school based instructional and support staff, security staff, staff pay and training, special education and other programs to support students, preschool, transportation, athletics and other extracurricular activities.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to $92,000,000 in 2027, $99,000,000 in 2028, $107,000,000 in 2029, and $115,000,000 in 2030. The levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be $1.40 in 2026 for 2027 collection, $1.44 in 2027 for 2028 collection, $1.48 in 2028 for 2029 collection, and $1.53 in 2029 for 2030 collection. 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.

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Statement in favor

Holly Muenchow
https://citizensfornorthshoreschools.org/

Voting *Yes* on Proposition 1 keeps our schools running and renews our community's commitment to quality education. Proposition 1 *replaces the expiring operating levy* and *funds essential services the state does not fully cover* like nurses in every school, mental-health support, and the staffing needed to keep class sizes smaller, *so every student gets the individual attention they deserve*.

This levy also funds the programs that support learning and keep students engaged, including arts and music, clubs and activities, and advanced coursework. It ensures students with different needs, such as special education and English learners, have the services they need to succeed.

State funding is not keeping pace with actual operating costs. Renewing this levy fills those gaps so Northshore students learn in *safe*, *well-staffed*, *fully functioning* schools. This is *not a new tax*. Without this levy, students would lose key supports and programs they rely on every day.

Northshore consistently outperforms the state graduation rate, a reflection of the value our community places on strong schools and student success. Renewing Proposition 1 sustains that tradition of excellence. Protect educational quality and ensure students receive the services they depend on. Vote *Yes* on Proposition 1.

Statement in opposition

Dominique France, JoAnn Tolentino, Lynda Schram
https://SchoolDataProject.com/districts.html

This proposed Levy is not a renewal. It's a 55% increase over the previous four-year levy—more than double the cumulative inflation rate since 2020. Meanwhile, student enrollment has decreased by about 3.8 %, from 23,982 to 23,064 students. Presenting this as "almost the same" or routine is misleading.

The district is incorrectly calling this an EP&O Levy when it is primarily an Enrichment Levy—for student programs, not staff salary enrichment. The McCleary Decision requires equitable and sufficient funding for all Washington school districts through state funding. Public charter schools operate within these budgets and cannot, by law, ask voters for extra levies. Northshore should follow the same rules and manage resources responsibly.

Northshore's Total Per Pupil Expenditure is already over $24,000, higher than tuition at many private schools. This levy also duplicates funding for programs and staff already supported by the Technology Levy and proposed bond projects, including IT services and staff positions. Asking voters to approve a 55 % increase without measurable outcomes is not justified.

This levy grows twice as fast as inflation, overlaps prior promises, and lacks accountability. Vote No to reject unnecessary spending, demand transparency, and ensure taxpayers pay for meaningful results, not repeated commitments.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The committee against school funding's claims are misleading. Proposition 1 *is not a new tax*. Every four years, Northshore votes to renew and update expiring levies. If we don't continue our levy, there will be new cuts to nurses, mental health supports, teachers, and critical programs the state doesn't fully fund.

Voters face a clear choice: renew essential school funding or deny our kids an adequate education. Protect our future. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

'Renewals' don't raise collections 55%. Declining enrollment and per-pupil spend exceeding $24,000 requires budget controls, not runaway spending without accountability. Public charter schools operate within state funding without levies, and many private schools educate students for the same or less. Why the massive increase and why misrepresent as a 'renewal'?

Past levy commitments remain unmet and funding can be reallocated after the vote. That's not transparency. Vote No to unbridled spending.

Northshore School District No. 417

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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.

General Obligation Bonds

The Board of Directors of Northshore School District No. 417 has approved Resolution No. 912, concerning a proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to renovate and construct school facilities; decrease portable classrooms; improve seismic safety and athletic facilities; construct an addition to and renovate Kokanee Elementary; replace Shelton View Elementary; plan for additional replacements and construction at Leota Middle and Inglemoor High Schools; by issuing up to $698,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years, and levying annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as described in Resolution No. 912.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Requirement passage: 60% yes vote and a minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Washington Constitution, art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

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Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Northshore School District No. 417 to issue up to $698,000,000 in general obligation bonds.

In accordance with Resolution No. 912 approving this proposition, the bonds will fund renovations, upgrades and new construction of school facilities to meet the needs of the District; decrease the portable classroom count by 18; and improve seismic safety of school buildings in the District. In order to meet instructional program needs, the major projects include planning and construction of an addition and renovation at Kokanee Elementary School; planning and construction of a complete replacement of Shelton View Elementary; planning the second phase of replacement and construction at Leota Middle School and Inglemoor High School; districtwide seismic and other safety upgrades and improvements to playfields, tracks, tennis courts, athletic fields; and installation of inclusive playgrounds at several elementary schools.

The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 21 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold.

A property tax exemption may be available to certain senior or disabled homeowners who meet specified income limits. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-3920.

Statement in favor

Holly Muenchow
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Voting *Yes* on Proposition 2 replaces existing bond debt and ensures all Northshore students have safe, modern, permanent classrooms. This construction bond replaces aging buildings, expands classroom capacity, and strengthens safety and security across the district. This bond is essential to maintain our schools because the state requires local communities to fund school construction.

Northshore has relied heavily on portables to manage enrollment growth. Replacing these temporary structures with permanent classrooms improves *student safety* in emergencies, *reduces operating costs*, and *provides learning environments* that support long-term academic success. The bond continues the district's shift toward durable, energy-efficient buildings that keep students *warm, safe, and dry*, while addressing urgent needs such as roofs, HVAC systems, and site improvements.

This bond funds the district's highest-priority projects, ensuring investments go *where needs are most urgent and benefit the greatest number of students*. Building age, safety conditions, seismic needs, enrollment growth, and overall site functionality were all carefully evaluated in setting these priorities.

Our schools reflect who we are as a community and the future we want for our children. Proposition 2 invests in learning environments that keep Northshore students safe, supported, and successful. Vote *Yes* on Proposition 2 for a stronger Northshore community.

Statement in opposition

Dominique France, JoAnn Tolentino, Lynda Schram
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The proposed Capital Projects Bond is a massive request. Taxpayers are being asked to cover $1.15 billion, ($698 million in principal + around $450 million in interest and fees). This is in addition to existing bond debt that continues until 2044. Bonds are loans, meaning taxpayers pay interest for decades.

NSD lists many projects (including building upgrades, safety improvements, and technology items) to justify the bond. However, some of these costs overlap with the separate Technology Levy. When similar items appear in both measures, voters risk paying twice without clear separation of funding responsibilities.

Construction and capital costs do rise over time, but inflation does not explain this bond's size. Many of the same promises—building upgrades, inclusive playgrounds, and reducing portable classrooms—were made in prior measures. NSD has not shown clear results proving that previous funding solved these problems.

Unlike bonds, capital levies collect cash directly and don't require interest payments. Seattle Public Schools funds major projects with short-term capital levies, avoiding hundreds of millions in interest. NSD should do the same. That would reduce costs, improve transparency, and hold the district accountable. Vote No until fiscal responsibility and clear outcomes are ensured.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Proposition 2 replaces *existing bond debt*. The combined tax rate for all three propositions is actually *lower* than what voters approved in 2022. These projects are separate from classroom technology. The state requires local communities to fund school construction, maintenance, and safety upgrades.

A "no" vote delays repairs and increases costs. Northshore has a record of consistently completing projects on-time and on-budget. Invest in safe, welcoming schools. Vote Yes on Proposition 2.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

This bond perpetuates a cycle of long-term debt every four years, obligating taxpayers to decades of interest payments. Bonds are loans, not replacements. This request adds to debt already extending to 2044. Other districts use capital levies to fund construction without interest, why not here?

Prior bonds promised fewer portables and modernized schools, yet those issues persist. That raises questions about fiscal judgment and follow-through. Vote No—stop compounding debt, demand responsible funding.