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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.
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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.

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as requested by Tahoma School District No. 409

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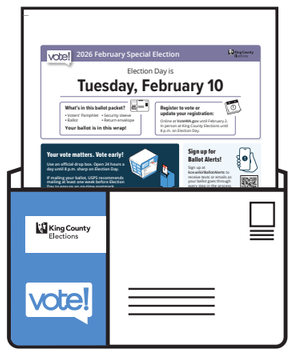

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Your ballot is wrapped in useful information! Be sure to check out your ballot wrap for:

- 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 Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2025-14 concerning a proposition supporting educational programs not funded by the state. This proposition authorizes the District to replace an expiring levy by levying the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, to provide support for educational programs and operations, including the arts, athletics, extracurriculars, specialized instruction, teacher training, and staffing to support district operations, safety, and wellness:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$2.37	$31,233,375
2028	$2.37	$32,795,043
2029	$2.37	$34,434,795
2030	$2.37	$36,156,535

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:
Megan Anderson
Director of Public Relations
(425) 413-3400
tsdmessages@tahomasd.us

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Tahoma School District No. 409 to renew an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. The proposed levy would authorize collection of supplemental annual excess property taxes of $31,233,375 in 2027, $32,795,043 in 2028, $34,434,795 in 2029, and $36,156,535 in 2030.

If voters approve this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's General Fund and used to pay for day-to-day school operations to meet student needs not funded by the state, including but not limited to: the arts, athletics, extracurriculars, specialized instruction, teacher training, and staffing to support district operations, safety, and wellness.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates a tax rate for this proposed levy of $2.37 per $1,000 of assessed value for each of the four collection years (2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030). 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) 296-7300.

Statement in favor

Lee Thomas, Abraham Ritter

EP&O levy dollars ensure that our community continues to benefit from a top-tier school district. The *replacement* levy is essential to providing safe, enriching, and empowering educational experiences for *all* Tahoma students. A strong school district strengthens the vitality, safety, and economic health of our community.

Because state and federal dollars do not cover the full cost of educating students, local funding is required to support staffing, nurses, security, programs, clubs and athletics, and equipment. The levy accounts for 16% of the district's overall budget. Levy support allows students to excel across a variety of programs that prepare them for college, careers, and life. Without the levy, important programs would face deep cuts.

The proposed levy is *not* an increase in funding. The district is requesting only the amount necessary to maintain current services. The maximum allowed levy is $2.50 per $1,000 of assessed value; however, Tahoma initially requested $2.37, and the final levy rate may be as low as $2.35! This four-year levy will save taxpayers money and time while providing long-term stability.

A "Yes" vote supports our students and staff, preserves the quality of our schools, and strengthens both our district and our community.

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.

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Tahoma School District No. 409

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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 Technology Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2025-15 concerning a proposition for a technology capital projects levy. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to acquire educational and operational technology, equipment, software, staffing, training and technical support:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	$0.39	$5,145,316
2028	$0.39	$5,402,582
2029	$0.39	$5,672,711
2030	$0.39	$5,956,346

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:
Megan Anderson
Director of Public Relations
(425) 413-3400
tsdmessages@tahomasd.us

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would enable the Tahoma School District No. 409 to renew an expiring levy for capital projects and technology needs. The proposed levy would authorize collection of supplemental annual excess property taxes of $5,145,316 in 2027, $5,402,582 in 2028, $5,672,711 in 2029, and $5,956,346 in 2030.

If voters approve this proposition, these taxes would be deposited into the District's Capital Projects Fund and used for technology for staff and student use, including the acquisition, installation and improvement of computer technology, telecommunications and networking systems; physical security and cybersecurity expenditures; and ongoing fees for online applications and software licenses, and ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these products and services.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates a tax rate for this proposed levy of $0.39 per $1,000 of assessed value for each of the four collection years (2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030). 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) 296-7300.

Statement in favor

Kenneth Moreland, Ginnylynn Ursprung
https://voteyestahoma.com/

Technology is an essential part of student learning in 2025, and renewing the Technology Levy is critical to keeping Tahoma students competitive, connected, and safe. A "yes" vote on Proposition No. 2 renews an expiring levy that supports technology and capital project needs across Tahoma School District No. 409.

If approved, the levy will continue funding that supports student and staff technology, improved computer systems, telecommunications and network upgrades, physical security and cybersecurity, software licenses, online learning tools, assistive technology for student accessibility, and ongoing training so teachers can effectively use technology in their classrooms.

The Technology Levy ensures students have access to modern devices and digital tools while still developing essential skills like collaboration, communication, and problem-solving. These experiences give students the digital literacy and real-world technology skills needed for success in future careers and continued education. The levy also protects sensitive student and family data and supports safety systems such as key card access, radios, and security cameras.

The tax rate remains $0.39 per $1,000 of assessed value each year, as is it now. Some senior or disabled homeowners may qualify for exemptions; contact the King County Assessor at (206) 296-7300.

Statement in opposition

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