

Your signature matters. Make it match.

Your signature doesn't need to be fancy or even be legible, but it does have to match what's on file. Not sure of what's on file? Check your driver's license or state ID.

Keep your signature current to make sure we can count your ballot. Learn more about your signature and why it matters at kingcounty.gov/elections/signature.

Register to vote

Online: It takes two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID to register online at VoteWA.gov. To register in time to vote in the February Special Election, register online by February 5.

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 5.

In person: You can register in person through February 13, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Vote center

Open in Renton for this election, the Vote Center is available for those that need assistance. Voters can register to vote and get their ballots at the Vote Center through 8 p.m. on Election Day. We also provide audio or large print ballots and other assistive devices for voters with disabilities.

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

Weekdays, January 24 - February 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Election Day, February 13, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Access your ballot online

If your ballot is lost, damaged, or you need a replacement, our Online Ballot Marking Program is here to help. Available to all registered voters, OBMP allows you to access and print your ballot from home, the library, or wherever convenient. It is also designed to provide voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or have low vision, the opportunity to mark their ballot privately.

Access your ballot online at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

If you need assistance voting, contact us at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Contact us to receive this pamphlet in an alternate format.

Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish or Vietnamese.

如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請與我們聯絡。

한국어로 투표 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы получать материалы для голосования на русском.

Nala soo xiriir si aad u hesho agabkaaga codeynta oo ku qoran Af-Soomaali.

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en español.

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

February 13, 2024 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Auburn School District No. 408



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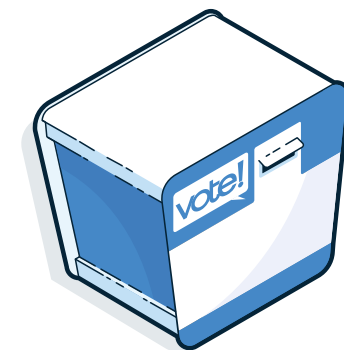
Get texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted. Opt in at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot.



Drop boxes are now open!

For a list of all 18 drop boxes open for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

All drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, February 13.



Locations near you

Auburn

- Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002
- Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001
- Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092

Black Diamond

- Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Covington

- Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Kent

- Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032

Pacific

- Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Return your ballot by mail



No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by February 13.

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Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District adopted Resolution No. 1387 authorizing a replacement educational programs and operations levy. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, that are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.50	\$51,841,820
2026	\$2.50	\$54,433,911
2027	\$2.50	\$57,155,606
2028	\$2.50	\$60,013,386

all as provided in Resolution No. 1387. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



You will be voting **Yes or No** to approve Proposition No. 1

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$51,841,820 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 for collection in 2025, the levy of \$54,433,911 for collection in 2026, the levy of \$57,155,606 for collection in 2027, and the levy of \$60,013,386 for collection in 2028. Passage would fund educational programs, including all athletics and activities, staffing for school resource officers, family engagement, school psychologists, safety officers, health techs and nurses; special education programs including staffing and specialized support for students; and extended learning opportunities for students, which are not funded or fully funded by the State. In accordance with Resolution No. 1387 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected over four years and used for the district educational program and operations to replace the expiring levy. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.50 (2025 collection); \$2.50 (2026 collection); \$2.50 (2027 collection); and \$2.50 (2028 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Cindi Blansfield
Associate Superintendent,
Business & Operations
(253) 931-4930
levy2024@auburn.wednet.edu

Statement in favor

Cari Manry, Jason Wright, Maggie Keller
auburncitizens4schools@gmail.com

We urge a *Yes* vote for renewal of the Educational Program & Operations Replacement Levy. This levy renewal funds services and activities not paid for by the state: \$12 million for special education, *All* athletics and activities, Junior Olympics and Camp Auburn, just to name a few.

Levy renewal does *Not* increase your tax rates. School administration's prudent fiscal management, retiring debt, and on-time and on-budget construction demonstrate accountability to district voters.

District voters have time and again demonstrated overwhelming support for school funding; we ask you to again invest in the instruction and programming that produced the excellent district-wide learning outcomes.

There is no relief or plan in place from Olympia for fully funding education in the state. Auburn has always invested in education and our students' success – Please vote *Yes* to renew the levy and keep Auburn's schools strong. AuburnCitizens4Schools.com

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The district has a long history of providing an excellent education to the students of Auburn *And* being fiscally responsible. The levy accounts for 14% of the budget. Do we want sports, choir, orchestra, band, drama, activities, career & technical education, special education services and strong academics? *Yes!*

As taxpayers and voters, we need to decide that we want the best for our community and our kids. Vote *Yes* for Auburn schools

Statement in opposition

Jeff Heckathorn
LevyNo.com

The district failed to find con committee members. The county had to find someone at the last minute by 12/15/23. There should be no tax measures on the lowest voter turnout month, February. Taxpayers don't even have their tax bills for the year yet. The district should wait until November. Surely it wants a high voter turnout?

Is \$500,000 in compensation (all paid for by taxpayers) enough for a school district administrator? That is more than the governor's compensation.

WA's school districts have an insatiable appetite for taxpayer money. We had the McCleary Decision that significantly increased our State School property taxes. All of that State School category on your tax bill goes to this school district, 100%. And that is not enough. The State has to send a lot more to this school district. And by State that means State Taxpayers largely from our state sales taxes.

The Auburn SD, as of 2012-2022, was already spending \$21,000 in total per pupil per year expenditures – including a 6 year average in capital outlays and interest on debt. Taxpayers pay all of it. We, voters across the state, have to decide if/when it is time to put on the brakes.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Claiming tax *rates* aren't increasing is hardly good news and is hardly prudent. Applying the same rate to dramatically increased property values equals dramatically increased taxes in dollars. Voters are voting on amounts – not guesstimated future rates. With the McCleary Decision, property taxpayers (renters in their rents) handed over a lot more cash. The districts just spent it all, on themselves, and now they want more.