

Return your ballot by mail



No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by April 23.

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 April Special Election, register online by April 15.

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 April 15.

In person: You can register in person through April 23, 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, April 3 - April 22, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Election Day, April 23, 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.

April 23, 2024 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Kent School District No. 415



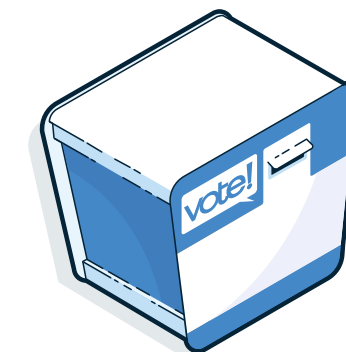
Sign up for ballot alerts!

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



Drop boxes are now open!

All drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, April 23.



Black Diamond • Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Covington • Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Enumclaw • Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Federal Way • Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

Kent

- Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031
- Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030
- Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032

Maple Valley

- Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038
- *Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038

Renton

- Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
- *King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
- *Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057

The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.

- *Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes



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Proposition No. 1

Capital Projects and Technology Levy

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1665 concerning a proposition for a replacement capital projects and technology levy. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District, to provide funding for capital projects for student safety, security, instruction, classroom and support services, and technology needs.

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.36	\$60,900,000
2026	\$1.36	\$63,400,000
2027	\$1.36	\$65,900,000

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 Kent School District No. 415 to renew a capital projects and technology levy by levying \$60,900,000 for collection in 2025, \$63,400,000 for collection in 2026, and \$65,900,000 for collection in 2027.

In accordance with Resolution No. 1665, these amounts would be used to improve Districtwide student safety, security and health by installing new heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, boilers, upgraded building access controls and alarm systems and making Children’s Internet Protection Act improvements. The District would improve school and support facilities Districtwide by installing synthetic fields at four high schools, ADA upgrades to playground equipment, and making other capital improvements. In addition, the District would improve its technology systems by continuing its student laptop program, upgrading instructional technology, data security and disaster recovery infrastructure, modernizing school technology infrastructure, acquiring hardware and software licenses and providing training to implement new technology.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates tax rates of \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Tax exemptions may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-7300.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Ben Rarick
Associate Superintendent
(253) 373-7164
ben.rarick@kent.k12.wa.us

Statement in favor

Bill Boyce, Dana Ralph, Jeff Wagner
pdkweiler@icloud.com

With graduation rates now exceeding 90%, Kent School District continues to deliver on the promise of preparing all students for their futures. This levy will provide the necessary funding for capital and technology improvements to continue delivering a high-quality education for all KSD students!

The capital improvement needs are urgent. The district has aging school buildings that require upkeep and repair to keep our students safe and comfortable. Your levy dollars will support replacing outdated building technology infrastructure, updating school safety and access control systems, replacing aging roofs, boilers, and flooring, purchasing new HVAC and air quality equipment, and installing modern synthetic playfields for school and community use.

Technology prepares students for the new modern world. The technology program will provide 1:1 computers, equipment, and software so our students can learn using cutting-edge technology. With these tools, we can prepare our students for job opportunities across the region.

The district needs this capital and technology levy to maintain long-term sustainability, and the levy was designed to minimize the financial impact on homeowners. We owe it to ourselves, our students, staff and community to make this investment in our community’s future. Vote yes for our kids on April 23rd!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The proposed levy would not lead to a “massive increase” in taxes. The failure of the 2023 bond led to a one-year decline in levy support. This levy proposal asks to resume initial support, with about 4% inflation each year. The district also did not ignore the community feedback. Since the Bond failure, the district has amended the project list, and reduced the overall tax proposal by over \$5 million for 2025 and 2026.

Statement in opposition

Joseph Riley, Shawn Bettinger

Half-truths, empty promises, and zero accountability. After a bond and levy failure, two community feedback surveys, and numerous presentations, there is virtually no difference between this levy and the previously failed attempts: same tax amount, same projects, no changes to transparency or accountability.

This levy is being called a replacement while doubling in value to over \$60 million per year. A *massive* increase. Some projects are important, such as A/C in schools, and the district could have compromised by running a dollar-for-dollar replacement to prioritize these projects. Instead, they chose to maximize their funding at the cost of the taxpayer.

Mill Creek’s field is supposedly a priority for this levy, but its field was already on the 2016 Bond. The district built synthetic fields at two other schools while ignoring Mill Creek. If “Promises Made, Promises Kept” Bond projects can be ignored, what confidence can you have in a levy that can be changed at the district’s discretion?

KSD does not listen to or value community input. The pro committee for this levy is made up entirely of local politicians, not a single community voice. There is one way to make your voice heard: vote *No* on this levy.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Increasing the levy from \$30 million to \$60 million per year is not minimizing the financial impact on homeowners. Asking for more levy money to band-aid schools rather than gaining trust to rebuild them with a bond is not an investment in our community’s future. Using school levy funding to build synthetic fields for community use is not an urgent need.

Spend money on what our kids truly need, not what politicians are prioritizing.