

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3
REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 54 2001-2002, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational program maintenance and operation expenses:

| Levy Year | Collection Year | Assessed Value | Levy Amount |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2002 | 2003 | \$3.45 | \$24.5 Million |
| 2003 | 2004 | \$3.45 | \$26.1 Million |
| 2004 | 2005 | \$3.45 | \$27.9 Million |
| 2005 | 2006 | \$3.45 | \$30.0 Million |

all as provided in Resolution No. 54 2001-2002. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement For:

The February 3 levy election failed by the narrowest of margins.

Why is the passage of this levy so critical to our schools and our children? It means continued funding for classroom teachers, textbooks and supplies, and transportation. It means maintaining the investment we have made in our school facilities. It means having and maintaining quality programs, such as speech and debate, music and athletics. These programs have built a solid reputation for our district, and have contributed to the value of living and working in Puyallup. Failure of this levy will negatively impact our children and our community.

This is **not a tax increase!** It will replace the tax rate currently in effect. The tax rate will remain the same. Your yes vote shows support for our youth and our community. Vote yes on April 23.

Committee Members Include: Lloyd Freudenstein, Greg Heath, Ken Charboneau

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The Puyallup School District welcomes inquiries about all expenditures. Wages and benefits of all district employees are part of the public record and are accessible to all citizens. To date, no requests for such information have been received. Staffing at all levels compares with other school districts in the area. Passage of this levy continues your present tax rate. Good schools depend on good citizens. Continue the tradition of excellence. Vote yes April 23.

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Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District No. 3 seeks voter approval of a replacement educational program maintenance and operation levy that will be collected over four years, commencing in 2003. The replacement maintenance and operation levy will pay a portion of the District's costs for expenses such as textbooks, utilities, insurance, safety, classroom materials, student activities, and salaries.

The replacement maintenance and operation levy will impose an excess property tax levy of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$24.5 million to be levied in 2002 to be collected in 2003; an excess tax of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$26.1 million to be levied in 2003 to be collected in 2004; an excess tax of approximately \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$27.9 million to be levied in 2004 to be collected in 2005; and an excess tax of \$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide \$30.0 million to be levied in 2005 to be collected in 2006.

The maintenance and operations levy will replace the District's current maintenance and operation levy that expires in the year 2002.

Statement Against:

Saying "No to higher taxes" does not mean no to a quality education! More of our tax dollars can be spent in the classroom.

The Puyallup School District needs to stop waste and reduce excessive management costs. An example is paying for this election on a levy that we already voted No on just two months ago?

Even district employees are voting against this levy!

60% of your property tax goes to schools now!

Meaningful, rather than manipulative information needs to be provided by the Puyallup district. For example:

1. Total cost per student for Puyallup and other Pierce county districts.
2. Comparisons of teacher and non teacher staff with all other Pierce County districts.
3. A list of all jobs and pay including benefits.

Please vote "No" on waste, so we can reduce our rental and home ownership costs. Your "no vote" will provide you with lower taxes.

Committee Members Include: Gary Vertrees, Mary Bennett, Harold Daskam, Citizens Against Waste

Rebuttal of Statement For:

It's time we demand Integrity and Accountability from the Puyallup school district!

We want to support our children's education, not Waste.

This Is a New and Increased Tax! Phone 798-6111 to verify that the Puyallup school district's current M&O rate is \$3.22, Not the \$3.45 they say is the same! Even worse, their proposed collections **increase 22%** over the following three years!

Please hold the school district Accountable. Vote No to Stop the Waste.

Committee Members Include: Gary Vertrees, Mary Bennett, Harold Daskam, Citizens Against Waste