



# Puyallup School District

## Vote on February 11, 2014

### Proposition 1

#### Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy



**Not a new tax - replaces expiring levy**

**Supports 24% of day-to-day operations**

- Classroom teachers and support staff
- Reasonable class sizes
- All academic programs
- Up-to-date textbooks and other learning materials
- Music, the arts, and athletics

#### Maintains basic health, safety, and security

- Maintains fire, safety, and security systems
- Maintains safe plumbing, and heating and cooling systems
- Maintains safe playgrounds

#### Ongoing school maintenance

- Maintenance at all schools
- Ongoing repairs to basic utilities
- Transportation of students



*Approximately \$51.7 million annually, averaged over 4 years*

### Proposition 2

#### School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy



**Addresses critical school improvement needs districtwide**

- Replace or repair aging and deteriorating roofs and structures in school buildings
- Upgrade heating, cooling, and plumbing systems
- Make energy-efficient improvements to lighting and electrical systems
- Expand access to full-day kindergarten

#### Technology upgrades in all schools

- Replace or upgrade outdated student computers
- Install interactive classroom white boards and mounted projectors
- Modernize computer network infrastructure and increase wireless capacity

#### Health, safety, and security upgrades

- Upgrade fire, alarm, sprinkler, and emergency systems
- Make earthquake safety building improvements
- Upgrade school playgrounds to meet safety standards



*Approximately \$7.6 million annually, averaged over 6 years*

#### Total Cost

Proposition 1: Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy  
Proposition 2: School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy

\$8.13 per month additional cost for the average Puyallup homeowner

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**For more information, visit the Puyallup School District website at [www.puyallup.k12.wa.us](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us)**



# Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy and School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy

## Remember to Vote by February 11, 2014!

**This election will be conducted by mail-in ballot only. Ballots will be mailed to voters on January 24, 2014. To be counted, all ballots must be postmarked or received in drop boxes by 8 p.m. February 11.**

### Ballot Drop Box sites



Voters may mail election ballots or drop them off postage-free in Vote-By-Mail Ballot Drop Boxes.

Drop boxes are open 24 hours daily. Ballots will continue to be accepted until 8 p.m. on election day. The drop boxes within the school district are located at:

- Puyallup Library, 324 South Meridian, Puyallup
- South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian Ave. E., Puyallup
- Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave. E., Edgewood

### Is the Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy a new tax?

No. The proposed four-year educational programs and operations replacement levy replaces the current four-year school programs and operations levy, which was approved by Puyallup School District voters in 2010 and expires in December 2014.

### What if the replacement levy fails?

The Puyallup School District, the ninth largest district in the state, would have to reduce its operating budget by 24 percent. This equates to \$49.5 million worth of program reductions, including about 500 full- or part-time employees, to balance the budget.

### Why propose the School Facility Improvements and Technology Upgrades Levy now?

Construction costs and interest rates continue to remain low, which allows for more school improvements districtwide. Further deterioration of neighborhood schools costs more in the long run to fix.

### Where can I get more information?

Visit the school district website at [www.puyallup.k12.wa.us](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us). The February 11, 2014 levy election information is featured in a box on the Home page. The community may also email questions to [election@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:election@puyallup.k12.wa.us) or call (253) 841-8703.