


Stanwood Camano
School District

TO : BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM : GARY PLATT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - BUSINESS SERVICES
SUBJECT : FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY
TYPE : ACTION NEEDED
DATE : AUGUST 6, 2013



The Facilities and Technology Levy approved by the board will be on the November 5, 2013, general election ballot. Snohomish County will be publishing a voter's pamphlet and all entities proposing measures will be required to submit an explanatory statement. An explanatory statement describes the factual details of the measure. The statement, which has been approved by the district's attorney as required by county regulations, is attached. The statement has been provided to the county auditor's office.

In addition to the explanatory statement, statements in support of, or in opposition to the levy may also be submitted and published in the voter's pamphlet. A citizen's committee prepares these statements. Committee members should be appointed by the school board to write the statements and the appointments are reported to the county auditor. There is no requirement that any statements actually be provided, only that a public request was made for volunteers. Since this memo is part of the school board agenda and is available on the district website, the notice requirement is satisfied. At this time we do not have a recommendation for appointments to the committee opposing the measure. If the district does not make appointments, then the county auditor is required to make a good faith effort to identify interested individuals and appoint them to a committee.

We recommend the board **move to appoint John Russell and Marcus Bresko to serve as representatives on the committee to write a statement supporting the proposed Facilities and Technology Levy ballot measure.**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - SCHOOL FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of property taxes within Stanwood-Camano School District, for collection each year from 2014 through 2018, in the following amounts: \$6,884,014 (2014), \$6,952,817 (2015), \$7,091,801 (2016), \$7,233,566 (2017), and \$768,559 (2018). If authorized by the voters, taxes would be collected at an estimated rate of \$1.44 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation during 2014-2017 and at an estimated rate of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation during 2018.

These funds would pay for school facility repairs and classroom technology updates, including:

- Replacement of roofs, floors, ceilings, and restroom fixtures
- Replacement of heating and ventilation systems
- Energy conservation replacements of windows and lighting
- Improvements for student safety and health
- Other improvements and repairs to extend the useful life of schools
- Replacing worn-out and obsolete classroom computers and other teaching aids
- Updating infrastructure supporting classroom and district-wide technology systems

This levy replaces an expiring tax levy that paid for debt service on District bonds. On December 15, 2013, all school district capital debt will be fully retired and all school facilities will be owned free and clear. Unlike bond issues, there are no interest or other financing costs incurred from this capital levy.