

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 16-10

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ADOPTED: OCTOBER 24, 2016

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WHEREAS, Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington (the "District"), for the past two years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, special programs and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levy expires next year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington, (the "District") during the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary maintenance and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such maintenance and operations and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$2.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,500,000, said levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018;
- B. A tax of approximately \$2.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$4,750,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019; and

- C. A tax of approximately \$2.69 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$5,000,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404, COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$4,500,000, said levy to be made in 2017 for collection in 2018;
- B. \$4,750,000, said levy to be made in 2018 for collection in 2019; and
- C. \$5,000,000, said levy to be made in 2019 for collection in 2020.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Cowlitz and Clark Counties Assessor's Offices, the estimated levy rate for 2018 collection is \$2.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for 2019 collection is \$2.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for 2020 collection is \$2.69 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. 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. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, by incurring an indebtedness through the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized

by Chapter 39.50 RCW, or by expending the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of maintenance and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 14, 2017.

The Cowlitz County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Cowlitz County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 16-10 concerning a proposition for educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and operations:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2018	\$2.70	\$4,500,000
2019	\$2.70	\$4,750,000
2020	\$2.69	\$5,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....☐

NO.....☐

Section 6. The Secretary to the Board or his designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Clark County Auditor and Cowlitz County Auditor, (b) approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Clark County Auditor or Cowlitz County Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney or Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney, and (c) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects. All actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark
Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 24th day of October 2016.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404,
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES,
WASHINGTON

President and Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington, (the “District”) and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 16-10 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of October, 2016.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of October, 2016.

Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 14, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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NOTICE
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
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February 14, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 14, 2017, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Cowlitz County Auditor/Clark County Auditor