

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/10-15

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ADOPTED July 7, 2010

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WHEREAS, the State has reduced per pupil funding for basic education, including eliminating the voter-approved I-728 funds, in Seattle Public Schools by approximately \$32 million beginning with the 2009-10 school year; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (the Federal “stimulus” funds) are expected to be eliminated by the end of the 2010-2011 school year with no visible means for the State to replenish those funds; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA funds were used by the State to restore the funding gap created when the State cut from Seattle Public Schools an additional \$26.8 million in 2009-10 and \$5.5M in 2010-11; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the ARRA funds will result in an additional gap of \$5.5 million for Seattle Public Schools in school year 2011-2012; and

WHEREAS, Seattle School District No.1, King County, Washington (the “District”) is currently anticipating a shortfall of approximately \$27 million for the 2011-2012 school year, and believes that amount may increase over the next year; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed SHB 2893 into law, with an effective date of March 29, 2010, which increased the “levy lid” by 4%, providing the District the authority to seek additional levy approval from the voters; and

WHEREAS, SHB 2893 states in section three, “The legislature recognizes that school districts request voter approval for two-year through four-year levies based on their projected levy capacities at the time that the levies are submitted to the voters. It is the intent of the legislature to permit school districts with voter-approved maintenance and operation levies to seek an additional approval from the voters, if subsequently enacted legislation would permit a higher levy. . .”; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, Operations Levy , approved by majority vote on the February 9, 2010 special election will provide money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District, during the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years from the operations levy approved by the voters on February 9, 2010 will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the programs and operations enabled by this supplemental levy will further the District’s goals as set forth in the strategic plan “Excellence for All”, which is the District’s commitment to ensuring high quality schools for every student — a school where all students meet or exceed grade-level expectations and graduate from high school prepared for college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, this supplemental levy will facilitate the District's efforts to eliminate the achievement gap and to accelerate learning for all students; and

WHEREAS, other items left unfunded by the State and Federal reductions include professional development to allow teachers to fully implement new textbooks and other instructional materials; and

WHEREAS, items that cannot be funded even with the additional funds provided in the February 9, 2010 levy include textbooks and other instructional materials for 9th grade Physical Science, 11th grade Chemistry, 12th grade Physics, Social Studies in grades 9-12, Language Arts in grades 6-8 and Music in grades K-5 to further the District's work in curriculum alignment and its multi-year materials adoption plan; and

WHEREAS, these funds could also be used to support negotiated reform efforts to support student achievement and great teachers and leaders; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly maintain or enhance educational programs, provide for incentives to complete educational reform activities aimed at improving educational opportunities for all students, and providing educational programs and operations and instructional materials, 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 \$0.11 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$14.5 million, said levy to be made in 2010 for collection in 2011; and
- B. A tax of approximately \$0.12 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$16.0 million, said levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012; and
- C. A tax of approximately \$0.12 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$17.7 million, said levy to be made in 2012 for collection in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such supplemental 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 SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, KING COUNTY, 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. \$14.5 million, said levy to be made in 2010 for collection in 2011; and
- B. \$16.0 million, said levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012; and
- C. \$17.7 million said levy to be made in 2012 for collection in 2013.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. Based on available information, the estimated levy rate for the 2010 levy is \$0.11 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (\$129,900,368,015 of assessed value), the estimated levy rate for the 2011 levy is \$0.12 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (\$136,691,246,179 of assessed value) and the estimated levy rate for the 2012 levy is \$0.12 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (\$142,199,838,660 of assessed value). 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 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs 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 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 supplemental tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on November 2, 2010.

The King County Records and Elections Division, as ex officio supervisor of elections in King 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. _____

SEATTLE SCHOOLS

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The Board of Directors of Seattle School District #1 passed Resolution #2009/10-15 concerning this proposition for supplemental educational program funding. To partially replace reduced State funding and to improve education throughout Seattle Public Schools this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District, to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students:

~~The Board of Directors of Seattle School District #1 passed Resolution #2009/10-15. The Resolution concerns this proposition for supplemental educational program funding. To partially replace reduced State funding, this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District, to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students:~~

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value*	Levy Amount
2011	\$0.11	\$14,500,000
2012	\$0.12	\$16,000,000
2013	\$0.12	\$17,700,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

*The foregoing levy rates shall be adjusted as provided in Section 1 of this resolution.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of King County Elections.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of July, 2010.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1,
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President and Director

Vice President and Director

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Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, 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. 2009/10-15 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of July, 2010.

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 passage 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 7th day of July, 2010.

Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
 SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
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 November 2, 2010

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
 SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 2, 2010, a general election will be held 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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Director,
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