



# **SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT**

**DATE:** September 29, 2020  
**FROM:** Denise Juneau, Superintendent  
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**For Introduction:** November 4, 2020  
**For Action:** November 18, 2020

## **1. TITLE**

Resolution 2020/21-13, Certification of Excess Levies and Calculation of General Fund Levy Rollback for 2021

## **2. PURPOSE**

RCW 84.52.020 requires the District to annually certify to the county legislative authority, for the purpose of levying district taxes, budgets or estimates of the amounts to be raised by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property in the district.

## **3. RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I move the School Board approval of Resolution 2020/21-13, Certifying Excess Levies and Calculation of the General Fund Levy Rollback for 2021, as attached to the Board Action Report.

## **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The State of Washington requires the board of directors to annually certify to the county legislative authority the estimated taxes to be collected for the school district in the next calendar year on or before the thirtieth day of November.

In addition, excess levies for the General Fund are limited to the maximum amount school districts can collect from voter-authorized levies based on a legislative directed formula. For example, although in February 2019 City of Seattle voters authorized \$271,700,000 in property tax collections for 2021, the provisions of RCW 84.52.0531 limit the maximum collection to **\$TBD**, preventing the District from levying the total \$271,700,000 approved by voters.

The **\$TBD** collection is based on the 2021 calendar year, so it is divided across two school years as noted:

FY20-21	<b>TBD %</b>	<b>\$TBD</b>
FY21-22	<b>TBD %</b>	<b>\$TBD</b>
	100.00 %	<b>\$TBD</b>

As part of the annual certification process, the school board must roll back, or adjust the levy collection amount of the General Fund to the lesser of the legislative formula or the voter-approved amount. This assumption was known and is reflected in the 2020-21 adopted budget.

The legislative formula containing the levy amounts is provided to the district on a report called the F-780. The F-780 is generated by OSPI.

**5. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

Fiscal impact to this action will be \$TBD, including both general fund and capital fund levies of voter-approved levy resources in calendar year 2021. The revenue source for this motion is property taxes and is divided as follows between the General Fund and Capital Fund:

General Fund Levy Amount Approved by voters for 2021..... \$271,700,000  
Less Amount of Rollback..... \$TBD  
General Fund Levy Amount for 2021 after Rollback.....\$TBD

Capital Projects Fund Levy Amount for 2021.....\$312,550,000

Expenditure:  One-time  Annual  Multi-Year  N/A

Revenue:  One-time  Annual  Multi-Year  N/A

**6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

With guidance from the District’s Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

The community was previously engaged when the General Fund and Capital Projects levies were passed by the voters in the City of Seattle.

**7. EQUITY ANALYSIS**

Not applicable.

**8. STUDENT BENEFIT**

These voter-approved levies play an important role in our ability to prepare students for college, career, and life.

**9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY**

Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)

- Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)
- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy \_\_\_\_\_, provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. POLICY IMPLICATION**

The Certification of the 2021 Operations Levy is in compliance with the School Board policies below to ensure the District’s financial plan adequately funds and supports the District’s mission.

- 1) Policy No. 6000, Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption & Implementation
- 2) Policy No. 6100, Revenues from Local, State & Federal Sources

**11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

This motion was discussed at the Audit and Finance Committee meeting on October 12, 2020. The Committee reviewed the motion and Director Harris made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Rivera Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Upon approval of this motion, the resolution to certify the 2021 Excess Levies will be delivered to the King County Board of Commissioners for Certification of School District Tax Levies by November 30, 2020.

**13. ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution 2020/21-13 (for approval)
- Report F-780 (for reference) – copy available with action vote

Seattle School District #1  
Board Resolution



Resolution No. 2020/21-13

**CERTIFICATION OF EXCESS LEVIES and CALCULATION OF  
GENERAL FUND LEVY ROLLBACK FOR 2021**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington certifying collection of the 2021 Levy funds.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has limited the amount local school districts may raise through special levies, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 General fund Levy cannot exceed limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.0531, and any amount of such excess levy approved by the voters must be reduced in accordance with that statute; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, pursuant to RCW 84.52.020, that the King County Council be requested to set the 2021 excess tax levy for the General Fund Levy at a total of \$        TBD        and to set the Capital Projects excess levy at \$312,550,000 as authorized by the voters and by the Board of Directors of the Seattle School District #1 in their meeting on November 18, 2020 and submitted to the King County Council. The final tax levy may be adjusted for Administrative Refunds of prior year levies as identified by King County. The Assessor of King County is authorized and directed, without further Board action to reduce the General Fund levy amount to be extended upon the tax rolls and collected in calendar year to be consistent with the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.0531.

**CERTIFICATION OF EXCESS LEVIES FOR 2021 COLLECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

General Fund Amount Approved by voters for 2021.....	\$271,700,000
Less Amount of Rollback.....	\$ <u>      </u> TBD
Enrichment Levy Amount for 2021 after Rollback.....	\$ <u>      </u> TBD
Capital Projects Fund Levy Amount for 2021.....	\$312,550,000

ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2020

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Zachary DeWolf, President

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Chandra N. Hampson, Vice President

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Leslie Harris, Member-at-Large

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Liza Rankin, Member

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Lisa Rivera-Smith, Member

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Eden Mack, Member

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Brandon K. Hersey, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Juneau, Superintendent  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Seattle School District No. 1  
King County, WA