

Special Election - February 11, 2020

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Drop Boxes Open 24/7 — Jan. 24 - Feb. 11. Close at 8 PM Feb. 11, 2020.

ASHFORD - Ashford County Park, 29801 SR 706
BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake Park and Ride, Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E
BROWNS POINT/NORTHEAST TACOMA - NE Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE
BUCKLEY - Buckley Library, 123 S River Rd
DUPONT - DuPont Ross Plaza, 1500 Wilmington Dr
EATONVILLE - Barney's Corner, 40512 Meridian E * Eatonville Town Hall, 201 Center St W
EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E
FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E
FIRCREST - Fircrest City Hall, 115 Ramsdell St
FOX ISLAND - Fox Island Fire Station 53, 906 Kamus Dr
GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA - Gig Harbor Fire Station, 6711 Kimball Dr * Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr NW * Home Park, 17220 8th Ave NW * Key Center Food Market, 9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW * Lake Kathryn Food Market, 14220 92nd Ave NW * Purdy Fire Station, 5210 144th St NW
GRAHAM - Graham Fire & Rescue Station 91, 10012 187th St E
LAKEWOOD - Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW * Lakewood (SR 512) Park and Ride, 10417 South Tacoma Way
MILTON - Milton City Hall, 1000 Laurel St
ORTING - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE
PARKLAND/SPANAWAY - Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718 Pacific Ave S * Roy Y Park and Ride, SR 507 & Pacific Ave S
PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL - Puyallup Library, 324 S Meridian * Skookum Archers, 11209 Shaw Rd E * South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required)
 Drop off ballot by 8 PM
 February 11, 2020.



Mailing your ballot?

(No stamp required)
 Must be postmarked by
 February 11, 2020. We recommend mailing
 no later than February 7, 2020.

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S
SOUTH PRAIRIE - South Prairie Fire Department, 350 Highway 162
STEILACOOM - Steilacoom Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd
SUMMIT - Summit Library, 5107 112th St E
SUMNER - Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave
TACOMA - 72nd Street Transit Center, 1319 E 72nd St * Central District, 902 S L St * Community Health Care at Salishan, 1708 E 44th St * Kandle Park Police Substation (parking lot), 5140 N 26th St * Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St * Puyallup Tribal Administration, 3009 Portland Ave * Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Wapato Park, S 72nd St & S Ainsworth Ave * Wheelock Library, 3722 N 26th St
TILLICUM - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW
UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W
WILKESON - Wilkeson Town Hall, 540 Church St

Not registered to vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

Registration Deadlines:

- Online and by mail - February 3, 2020
 Register at VoteWa.gov
- In person - February 11, 2020
 Pierce County Election Center,
 2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma, WA 98409
 Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,
Election Day, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Dieringer School District No. 343 adopted Resolution No. 01-19-20 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2021	\$2.50	\$6,000,000
2022	\$2.50	\$6,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-19-20 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Dieringer School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2020. The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to, maintaining reasonably low class sizes, staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, special education, utilities, payments to high school districts, and facility maintenance and operation.

The proposed two-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$6,000,000 in 2021 and \$6,500,000 in 2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes for levies may be available. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

This is Not a new tax

We urge you to vote "Yes" on Proposition 1 to renew our expiring levy. This is not a new tax and voters will not see a noticeable change in their taxes because of this levy.

A Levy supports an entire student body

McCleary is supposed to fully fund basic education. However, there is still a large funding gap in special education. This levy pays for unfunded special education programs, teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, PE, art, books, transportation, facilities maintenance, extra-curricular activities, and more. Levy money is vital for the whole student body from athletics and clubs to special education.

Continued Community support

Continue to give our children what they deserve and support a high quality education. Ensure our children will succeed in tomorrow's complex world. Your vote is important! Reinstate this levy by voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

Committee Members: *Kasandra Paholsky and Pat Keaton, dieringervotes@gmail.com
Dieringer Citizens for Schools*

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Governance of Valley Regional Fire Authority has adopted Resolution No. 156 concerning restoring the regular property tax levy to its original rate.

If approved, this proposition would authorize restoration of the regular property levy rate of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2021, as described in the Resolution. The increased levy would be used to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services within the Authority. The highest lawful levy permitted for collection in 2021 will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) proposes a levy lid lift to restore its regular levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in order to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to those within VRFA's service area.

The levy lid lift would return the levy rate for collection in 2021 to the level approved by the voters when they approved forming the VRFA and would reset the levy limit under the 101% lid at the 2021 level. If this levy lid lift is approved, it would avoid the need to increase the fire benefit charge in order to continue to cover currently projected costs over the next several years.

If approved by voters, this levy would result in an increase in property taxes of \$91.00 per year (\$7.58 per month) for a \$350,000 median value home. This increase will be almost entirely offset by an expected reduction in the fire benefit charge beginning in 2021, resulting in a total net change in cost to the median homeowner for VRFA fire protection and emergency medical services of approximately \$10 per year (\$0.83 per month).

Statement For

Proposition 1 will ensure that Valley Regional Fire Authority can continue meeting community needs. We rely on VRFA for quality fire protection and emergency response services. VRFA has maintained outstanding service levels despite rapid growth in population and call volumes.

Proposition 1 will help safeguard us for less than \$1 per month for the owner of an average home. It will restore the property tax levy to \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which voters approved when forming VRFA, and allow reduction of fire benefit charges in 2021.

This rebalancing will provide VRFA with flexibility to respond to our changing needs. Not doing so will limit VRFA's options, reducing its ability to make important investments that benefit us all, and eventually lead to reduced service levels.

VRFA strongly protects both our physical safety and our public dollars. We must continue supporting them to help maintain a strong and healthy community.

Committee Members: *Debbie Christian, George Frasier, and Lynn Norman, YesForVRFA@gmail.com*
Yes for VRFA

Statement Against

No statement was submitted
against this issue.

Need help?



Voting Center

Pierce County Elections

2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Hours:

Open Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Extended hours on Election Day

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Services available 18 days prior to Election:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Disability assistance — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

Questions?

PierceCountyElections.org

Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov

(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

Libraries Become Points of Assistance on Election Day.

The Pierce County Library System, Tacoma Public Library, and the Puyallup Public Library have volunteered to be Points of Assistance on Election Day.



POINT OF ASSISTANCE
Pierce County Elections + Libraries
— Election Day Help —

If you are unable to reach our Voting Center on Election Day, visit a library. These libraries have volunteered to function as conduits for voter services. They'll be ready to help you with registration, replacement ballots and voting. Think of library staff as knowledgeable, friendly, election helpers.

Hours:

Libraries will be available during their regular business hours up until 8 PM to help and assist voters on February 11, 2020 only.

Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Services available on Election Day only:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Get a voters' pamphlet.

Disability Assistance



Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)