

Grant County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

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### Deadlines:

**Ballots mailed to voters by: January 22**

**Register by mail, received by: February 3**

**Register online by: February 3**

**Register in person by: February 11**

**Election Day: February 11**

**Certification: February 21**

**i** Our Accessible Voting Machine supports a number of adaptive switches for people who need it. It is available for use during our regular business hours.

## Election Results Online

**On Election night, voting results will be posted online after 8:00 p.m at [results.votewa.gov](https://results.votewa.gov)**

## Register to vote

Use VoteWA.gov to:

- Register to vote
- Update your info
- Track ballot status
- View the voters' guide
- Find a drop box



## Lost Ballot or need a replacement?

Contact Grant County Elections as soon as possible.

**Phone:** (509)754-2011 EXT 2704

**Email:** elections@grantcountywa.gov

**In person:** 35 C St. NW, Ephrata

## Whats on my ballot?

**You will not vote on every item in this voters' pamphlet.**



**Your ballot will contain only the races and issues that you are eligible to vote on based on where you live.**

**If you want to verify what districts you're in and what precinct, go to VoteWA.gov**

## Drop Box Locations

### Electric City, City Hall

11 Western Ave, Electric City

### Grant County Courthouse

1st & C St. NW (parking lot A) Ephrata

### Grant County Elections Office

35 C St. NW, RM 203, Ephrata

M-F 8:00 a.m to 5 p.m

Election Day 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m

### Grant County PUD

555 Grand Coulee Ave. Grand Coulee

### Krupp

297 N Urquhart Ave. Krupp

### Mattawa Hospital

210 Government Rd. Mattawa

### Moses Lake City Hall

321 Balsam St. (drive through at the back just before city payment box)

Moses Lake

### Soap Lake City Hall

239 SE 2nd Ave (across the street) Soap Lake

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Wahluke School District No. 73

Capital Levy for Health, Safety and Facility Improvements

Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Wahluke School District No. 73 adopted Resolution No. 01-2025, concerning a proposition for a levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make District-wide health, safety and facility improvements (replacing aging safety and security systems, including fire and alarm systems, and paying costs of replacing failing HVAC):

	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$0.75	\$834,000
2027	\$0.75	\$859,000
2028	\$0.75	\$885,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-2025.  
Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES ... [   ]  
LEVY NO ... [   ]

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C.  
Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

Passing Proposition No. 1 would authorize Wahluke School District to levy the following excess taxes to pay costs of making District-wide health, safety and facility improvements, including: (1) replacing aging safety and security systems, which include fire and alarm systems at Mattawa Elementary School, Saddle Mountain Elementary, Morris Schott STEAM Elementary and Wahluke Junior High School; and (2) replacing and/or upgrading failing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment (“HVAC”) at Morris Schott STEAM and Mattawa Elementary Schools, Wahluke Junior High School and Wahluke High School (which may include paying, when due, the outstanding principal of the District’s Limited General Obligation Bond, 2023, issued to upgrade HVAC); and (3) making other health, safety and facility improvements. Further information is available at <https://www.wsd73.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$834,000 in 2026, \$859,000 in 2027 and \$885,000 in 2028. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

## **For Statement**

Let's invest in our Wahluke students! After graduation, many of our students return to the Mattawa/Desert Aire area to become contributing members of the community. An investment in our youth today is an investment in the future of tomorrow.

After making significant budget cuts over the past two years, WSD is on a positive trajectory! A "yes" vote for the WSD Capital Levy will help address two of the most urgent district needs by replacing the 30+ year old Safety & Security Systems at the four oldest buildings and finish paying off the Mattawa Elementary HVAC project.

The proposed levy rate is \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value over three years. This investment is not only fiscally responsible for our community but it also provides a critical foundation for the educational environment for our students.

Please join Mattawa & Desert Aire Citizens for Quality Schools by voting "Yes".

## **Against Statement**

No Statement Submitted.



Odessa School District No. 105

Replacement Educational  
Programs and Operational Levy

Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 1-2024-25, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in the place of the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for the District’s educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Estimated Levy Rate \$1,000		
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$1.86	\$625,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1-2024-25 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES [ ]  
LEVY NO [ ]

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Greg Stevens, Stevens/  
Clay PS

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2025. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, nutrition, preschool, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <https://www.odessa.weclnet.edu>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 13% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2001 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.

**For Statement**

No Statement Submitted.

**Against Statement**

No Statement Submitted.

Odessa School District No. 105

Replacement Capital Levy for  
School Improvements

Proposition No. 2

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 2-2024-25, concerning a capital levy to modernize school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the modernization of school facilities (including making health, safety, technology, and energy efficiency improvements):

	Estimated Levy Rate \$1,000	
<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$0.37	\$125,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2-2024-25.  
Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES [ ]  
LEVY NO [ ]

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Greg Stevens, Stevens/  
Clay PS

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2025. The proposed replacement levy will be used to support the modernization of school facilities by making health, safety, technology, and energy efficiency improvements to school facilities. Further information is available at <https://www.odessa.wednet.edu>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2000 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.



**For Statement**

No Statement Submitted.

**Against Statement**

No Statement Submitted.

10 **Moses Lake School District No. 161 | Proposition No. 1**

**Moses Lake School District No. 161**

**Replacement Educational  
Programs and Operations Levy**

**Proposition No. 1**

**The Board of Directors of Moses Lake School District No. 161 adopted Resolution No. 2025-03, concerning a proposition to support education funding. This proposition would authorize the District to continue funding students' educational needs (including instructional materials, special education, technology) and operational expenses (including essential teachers/staff, extra-curricular activities) not funded by the State by replacing an expired levy with the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:**

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
	<u>Assessed Value</u>	
2026	\$1.50	\$11,214,577
2027	\$1.50	\$12,562,401
2028	\$1.50	\$13,367,687
2029	\$1.50	\$14,238,605

**all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-03.  
Should this proposition be approved?**

**LEVY YES ... [   ]**

**LEVY NO ... [   ]**

**Explanatory Statement**

**Prepared by:** Foster Garvey P.C.  
Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Moses Lake School District to replace an educational programs and operations levy that expired at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: staff (paraeducators, nurses, counselors, safety and security, communications, behavior specialists, coaches, psychologists, teachers), technology, curriculum, athletics and other extracurricular activities, facility maintenance and operations, and other educational programs and operations expenses. For additional information, visit [www.mlsd161.org/levy](http://www.mlsd161.org/levy).

The proposed replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$11,214,577 in 2026, \$12,562,401 in 2027, \$13,367,687 in 2028 and \$14,238,605 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the tax levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Grant County Assessor at 509-754-2011, extension 2672.

## For Statement

The School District has a public trust problem. Gone are the School Board members that used our second high school bond money for other purposes. Gone are the staff members that made huge financial errors.

Our current School Board and leadership are working to fix issues caused by other people. We need to help them move forward, not punish Moses Lake children for the past.

Washington State funds basic education in school districts from state tax dollars. Other things like additional educational, extracurricular & sports activities, nursing, counseling, security, music, technology, building maintenance and many other things must be funded by a local levy.

Levy money helps to channel children's energy into productive extracurricular activities that foster personal growth. Our current funding source for athletics and extracurricular activities, while greatly appreciated, is not sustainable long term.

To help our children thrive and Moses Lake prosper, vote yes on the levy.

## Against Statement

No Statement Submitted.

12 Ephrata School District No. 165/55J | Proposition No. 1

Ephrata School District No. 165/55J  
Replacment Educational  
Programs and Operation Levy

Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Ephrata School District No. 165/55J adopted Resolution No. 2024-2025-3, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
	Assessed Value	
2026	\$1.85	\$2,713,253
2027	\$1.85	\$2,821,783
2028	\$1.85	\$2,934,654
2029	\$1.85	\$3,052,040

all as provided in Resolution No. 2024-2025-3. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES ... [ ]

LEVY NO ... [ ]

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C.  
Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Ephrata School District to replace an existing levy that expires at the end of 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will provide funding for educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: extracurricular expenses, elective class expenses, unfunded College in the High School expenditures, safety and security, instructional technology, staff training, unfunded materials, supplies and operating costs, and additional unfunded staffing costs. Additional information is available on the District website with a direct link: [TigersVote.org](https://TigersVote.org).

The proposed replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$2,713,253 in 2026, \$2,821,783 in 2027, \$2,934,654 in 2028 and \$3,052,040 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rates 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 may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Grant County Assessor at 509-754-2011 (extension 2672) or the Douglas County Assessor at 509-745-8521.

## For Statement

We urge Ephrata School District voters to support a four-year Educational Programs and Operations levy this February. Not a new tax, it replaces an existing levy expiring in December.

It will continue to fund athletics and extracurricular activities in grades K-12, safety and security measures, instructional technology, elective classes like College in the High School, and operating costs unpaid by the state.

Levy passage provides budget stability and makes Ephrata eligible for an extra \$3 million yearly in state "Local Effort Assistance" dollars. But the state only provides these vital extra funds when we pass the levy.

Ephrata kids participate at high rates in sports, clubs, music and performing arts. They learn and use digital skills every day. Let's continue to support their academic and personal growth, because strong students and safe schools create a strong community. Please vote yes for Your Ephrata Schools. For information, visit [TigersVote.org](http://TigersVote.org)

## Against Statement

No Statement Submitted.

14 Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J | Proposition No. 1

Grand Coulee Dam School District  
No. 301J

Replacement Educational  
Programs and Operation Levy

Proposition No. 1

The Board of Directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District No. 301J adopted Resolution No. 24-25/03, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	<u>Levy Amount</u>
	<u>Assessed Value</u>	
2026	\$2.13	\$967,461
2027	\$2.13	\$1,015,834
2028	\$2.13	\$1,066,626
2029	\$2.13	\$1,119,957

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-25/03 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES ... [   ]

LEVY NO ... [   ]

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C.  
Lee Marchisio, Special Counsel

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Grand Coulee Dam School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at <https://www.gcdsd.org/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$967,461 in 2026, \$1,015,834 in 2027, \$1,066,626 in 2028 and \$1,119,957 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$2.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Grant County Assessor at 509-754-2011 ext. 2672, Douglas County Assessor 509-745-8521, Lincoln County Assessor 509-596-1454 or Okanogan County Assessor -509-422-7190.

**For Statement**

No Statement Submitted.

**Against Statement**

No Statement Submitted.





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