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# Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

## GRANT COUNTY

### February 14, 2023

### Special Election

#### Local Jurisdictions participating in this Election:

##### School Districts:

Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J; Othello School District No. 147-163-55

**Due to having a small voter size for this Election, we are having Adams and Lincoln County conduct our portion of this Election. Please still vote and return your ballot via mail or drop box.**

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#### Voting Center & Accessibility Information

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Accessible Voting Units are available for voters who are unable to vote their ballot in the standard way. They can display larger types or provide an audio ballot for persons with visual or cognitive disabilities. The equipment supports several assistive switches.

If you need to use an Accessible Voting Unit for this election, please contact our office prior and we can get you assistance to Lincoln or Adams County based on where you live.

**Need a replacement ballot?  
Contact our office at (509)754-2011 EXT 2704.**

#### Introduction to Local Measure

#### Othello School District No. 147-163-55 | Proposition No. 1

#### Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

##### Ballot Title

**The Board of Directors of Othello School District No. 147-163-55 adopted Resolution No. 23-002, 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:**

##### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Othello School District to replace an expiring educational programs and operation levy. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State, including athletics, nursing, custodial, maintenance, technology, security, certified staff contract costs, curriculum, and staff professional development. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy, together with State levy equalization money that is contingent upon passage of the levy, will provide approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Further information is available at <https://www.othelloschools.org/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
2024		\$1.50	\$2,825,000
2025		\$1.50	\$3,050,000
2026		\$1.50	\$3,300,000

**all as provided in Resolution No. 23-002. Should this proposition be approved?**

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

##### Statement For

No information submitted.

##### Statement Against

No information submitted.

## Introduction to Local Measure

Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J | Proposition No. 1

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operational Levy

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 1-2022-23, 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:

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$1.86	\$600,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1-2022-23 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES [ ] LEVY NO [ ]

#### Statement For

No information submitted.

#### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2023. 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.wednet.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.

#### Statement Against

No information submitted.

## Introduction to Local Measure

Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J | Proposition No. 2

### Replacement Capital Levy for School Improvements

#### Ballot Title

“Shall a replacement excess levy of \$125,000 be collected in the year 2024, requiring approximately \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the modernization of school facilities by making technology, health, safety and energy efficiency improvements to school facilities of Odessa School District #105, Lincoln County, joint with #157, Adams County and #166J, Grant County?”

LEVY YES [ ] LEVY NO [ ]

#### Statement For

No information submitted.

#### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2023. 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.

#### Statement Against

No information submitted.

## Introduction to Local Measure

Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J | Proposition No. 3

### Levy to Purchase New School Bus

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 3-2022-23, concerning a proposition to finance a new school bus. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing a new school bus to begin replacing the District's aging bus fleet:

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$0.47	\$150,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 3-2022-23. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES [ ] LEVY NO [ ]

#### Statement For

No information submitted.

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 3 would allow Odessa School District to levy taxes over a one-year period to purchase a new school bus. The School Board determined that the need for improved safety and operational efficiency requires that the District purchase the new school bus to begin replacing the District's aging bus fleet.

The proposed one-year transportation vehicle fund levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$150,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce the levy amount is estimated to be \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your County Assessor.

#### Statement Against

No information submitted.

## Voter Registration Information

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