

Returning Your Ballot

Ballot Drop Boxes

Open ballot drop boxes are listed on your ballot. All ballot drop boxes close promptly at 8:00pm on Election Day, February 14th.

Mail

Ballots returned by postal mail must be post marked no later than Election Day, February 14th to be counted. No postage is required to return your ballot via US Postal Service. We recommend mailing your ballot no later than February 10th.

Voter Information

If you need a ballot, have questions about your ballot, your address has changed or you need to register to vote:

Visit: 411 N 5th St., Shelton, WA
(entrance at the back of the building)

Phone: (360) 427-9670 ext. 470

Email: elections@masoncountywa.gov

Online: VoteWA.gov

After February 6th, to register to vote or update your address for this election, you must do it in person at the Vote Center.

Accessible Voting

Come to the Mason County Auditors Office Elections Department Vote Center to vote. The Accessible Voting Unit is a voting assistance device that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, or limited mobility to vote independently and with privacy.

Accessible voting is available starting 18 days before Election Day.

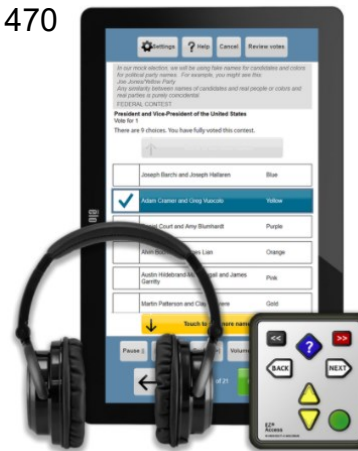
Monday - Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
Election Day 9:00am-8:00pm

To use the Accessible Voting Unit or for more information, visit or contact our office.

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Mason County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



February 14, 2023 Special Election

Pioneer School District No. 402 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

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Pioneer School District No. 402 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Pioneer School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 4-2022, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations 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 operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy	
	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$1.34	\$2,802,110
2025	\$1.34	\$2,886,173
2026	\$1.34	\$2,972,758
2027	\$1.34	\$3,061,940

all as provided in Resolution No. 4-2022.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Levy...Yes
 Levy...No

Statement Disclaimer:

Statements are the opinions of the authors and have not been fact checked for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office.

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Pioneer School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2023. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, special education, nurses, counselors, safety, food service, non-high fees, curriculum, substitute employees, other unfunded staff, music, technology, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Further information is available at <https://psd402.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$2,802,110 in 2024, \$2,886,173 in 2025, \$2,972,758 in 2026, and \$3,061,940 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax 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. To determine if you qualify, call the Mason County Assessor at (360)427-9670, Ext: 491.

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Statement For

Dear Voters,

It is my pleasure to offer my support for the Pioneer School District Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy.

After having worked with several school districts in Washington State over the past 50 years, I am aware of the nuances of school funding. It is an unfortunate truth that the state does not fully fund public education. Instead, approximately 20% of programs that voters generally believe to be 'state supported' are indeed paid for by local levy dollars.

This levy offered to the voters on February 14, 2023, is not a new tax. It is simply a replacement tax that our voters supported three years ago... which provides the current service level offered today by the Pioneer School District. This levy will collect \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property for four years. In the last election in 2019, the rate passed by voters was \$1.67 per \$1,000.

Today, there are 296 public school districts in the State of Washington. Unfortunately, every year about 5-6 school districts in the state fail their local levies. In those few districts, significant layoffs and closures of programs must occur because essential programs are not protected by state funding. Unfortunately, the very programs that help students engage the most, like STEM, music and athletics are cut first..... which has a tragic result.

This levy is a good investment in and for our kids. Please join me in supporting our Pioneer School District on February 14th.

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Statement Against

No Statement Against was submitted