

Granite Falls School District No. 332

Proposition 1

Ballot Title

Supplemental School Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Granite Falls School District No. 332 adopted Resolution No. 09/10-10 concerning a proposition to finance programs and daily operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, as a supplement to the previously approved school programs and operations levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund programs and daily operations (such as supplies, textbooks, support staff and transportation):

Collection Year	Approximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2011	\$0.35	\$550,000
2012	\$0.34	\$585,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09/10-10.
Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Granite Falls School District is requesting voters to consider a two-year levy that would supplement the taxes to be collected for the remaining two years of the District's existing school programs and operations tax levy authorized by the voters in 2008. The proposed supplemental levy is necessary because of projected cuts in State funding, a Board policy to maintain a year-end minimum General Fund balance, and existing contractual obligations.

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize collection of taxes to provide an additional \$550,000 in 2011 and \$585,000 in 2012. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2011 and \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2012. 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 general expenses of school programs and daily operations that are not fully funded by the State (such as supplies, textbooks, support staff and transportation).

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call Snohomish County Assessor 425.388.3433.

Statement For

Statement by: Jody Hillery, Siobhan Sullivan

Your support is vital

We are proud that our community has shown its commitment to providing a good quality education for our kids. With budget cuts statewide, the school district has been struggling to do its best with limited resources. Did you know...?

- The district had to ask for donations to buy the most up-to-date math books.
- Personnel cuts have been made at every level.
- Our schools have done everything from turning down thermostats to collecting their own garbage to cut expenses.
- Granite Falls School District has cut over \$2.3 million dollars from its budget over the past two years.

Why levy dollars are important

Levy dollars pay for essentials including textbooks and classroom supplies, building maintenance and utilities, support staff, Special Education, and staff training to improve student learning. Those dollars are also the main funding source for athletic and music equipment.

Levy money currently pays for 23% of our school funding

Washington State does not fully fund basic education so we must rely on local levy dollars to pay a portion of our operating expenses. The state legislature recently approved a bill that will allow us to ask voters for additional levy monies to help us get through this rough time.

Please vote YES on this supplemental 2-year levy to provide our students with much needed support.

No Statement Against submitted