



Facts and Information

VOTE ON FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Proposition 1

Educational Programs & Operations Replacement Levy

- **Not a New Tax — Replaces Expiring Levy**

- Replaces expiring levy passed by voters in 2006
- Pays for 22.4 % of the day-to-day school operating budget

- **Supports Teachers and Keeps Small Classes**

- Classroom teachers and instructional aides
- Nurses, counselors, librarians, staff
- Small class sizes (below state average)
- The equivalent of 600 teachers in Tacoma schools
- Academic programs for all students
- Classes for high-achieving students
- Programs to bring students up to grade-level
- Programs for students with special needs
- Arts, Music, and Athletics, extracurricular programs
- Technology support

- **Classroom and School Basics**

- Up-to-date textbooks and curriculum, classroom materials
- Basic maintenance of healthy, safe and secure schools
- Maintaining safe playgrounds, playfields and sports facilities
- Safety and security systems, emergency preparedness
- On-going school maintenance, utilities, transportation

- **Costs**

Average annual levy rate would be \$3.53 per \$1,000 assessed home value for 4 years:

| Year | Amount | Tax Rate |
|------|--------|----------|
| 2011 | \$82m. | \$3.63 |
| 2012 | \$82m. | \$3.60 |
| 2013 | \$82m. | \$3.49 |
| 2014 | \$82m. | \$3.39 |

Proposition 2

School Facility Improvements & Technology Upgrades Levy (Last Capital School Improvements measure passed by voters in 2001)

- **District-wide Needs — Aged and Deteriorated Schools**

- Classroom and school facility upgrades
- Arts, Music, and Athletic facility upgrades
- Playgrounds, playfields, basketball courts, play area improvements
- Remodel Performing Art Centers; All-weather turf replacement, and tracks
- Energy-efficient heating/lighting and utilities
- Replace Baker (originally built 1954) and Hunt (1957) middle schools; Renovate Washington Elementary (1906)

- **District-wide Health, Safety, Security and Preservation Improvements**

- Roof replacements
- ADA Accessibility - school building and parking improvements
- Upgrade alarm, security, sprinkler and surveillance systems
- Upgrade plumbing, heating and ventilation systems to maintain clean air and water

- **District-wide Technology Upgrades — Up-to-date Tools for Teaching and Learning**

- Replace/upgrade student and teacher computers (50% below standard)
- Online access for parents and students to grades, homework, attendance, discipline
- Install Smartboards, Highspeed Internet, Mobile computing
- Teacher technology, professional development and support

- **Costs**

Continues Long-term "Tacoma Renewal & Excellence Program"; Average annual levy rate would be \$1.03 per \$1,000 assessed home value for 6 years:

| Year | Amount | Tax Rate |
|------|-----------|----------|
| 2011 | \$15.95m. | \$0.75 |
| 2012 | \$17.91m. | \$0.83 |
| 2013 | \$20.66m. | \$0.93 |
| 2014 | \$27.41m. | \$1.20 |
| 2015 | \$30.21m. | \$1.28 |
| 2016 | \$28.26m. | \$1.17 |

Northeast Tacoma Elementary School

Technology Upgrades

- Replace student computers to standards (50% below minimum state education standards)
- Provide online access to parents and students for Grades, Homework, Attendance, Discipline
- Install classroom Smartboards (computer-based whiteboards, interactive curriculum delivery)
- Implement wireless/mobile computing for students and staff
- Upgrade network to increase Internet performance in classroom
- Provide on-site technology specialists/support for classroom teachers
- Provide prof. development for teachers to integrate technology in curriculum
- Upgrade all teacher computers per state education standards
- Create a system for teachers and administrators to use data to best address student academic needs

For more facts and information on Propositions 1 & 2, go to www.tacoma.k12.wa.us