



# 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

## Whittier 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](http://www.tacoma.k12.wa.us)