

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024 as Proposition 1.

WHEREAS, education is critical to the moral, emotional and intellectual development of all residents of the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Clover Park School District, with more than 12,600 enrolled students, has proposed this levy to replace the district's current programs and operations levy, which expires in December of 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, the Clover Park School District has placed a Special Election on the following proposition:

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Program and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 24-029 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$2.36	\$25,725,495
2026	\$2.36	\$26,497,260
2027	\$2.36	\$27,292,178
2028	\$2.36	\$28,110,943

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-029 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of the levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

WHEREAS, levy funds are needed to maintain reduced class sizes, to purchase textbooks and classroom instructional materials, to purchase library materials and fund librarians, to provide elementary and career guidance counselors, to provide educational program improvements (gifted, special education and assessments) and interventions, to provide districtwide teaching and learning activities, and after-school, extended learning programs; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used to provide school technology to support effective instruction and student learning, including classroom computer stations, instructional software and programs; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for school safety and security, including school resource officers (police), campus supervisors, increased health room support, increased student safety, mental health and behavior intervention supports, emergency management preparation, and facility alarm and monitoring systems; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for extracurricular programs and activities, including clubs, music, performing arts and sports; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for facility maintenance and operations, including building maintenance and repairs, custodians and maintenance staff to maintain healthy and safe learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood believes that a strong public education system is not only essential for our children, but is vital to the health of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood recognizes not all educational costs are fully funded by the state, and passage of this replacement levy is necessary to help properly prepare the youth of Lakewood for the challenges of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council expresses its support for the passage of the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which will come before the voters on February 13, 2024.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 22nd day of January, 2024.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



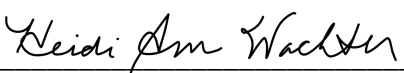
Jason Whalen, Mayor

Attest:



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney