

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION 7 - CAPITAL LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENTS

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Hockinson School District No. 98, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The existing condition of the District's educational technology equipment, systems and infrastructure, safety and security concerns, deteriorating infrastructure, educationally outdated school facilities and equipment, and the need to improve energy and operational efficiencies require the District to levy excess property taxes to support the construction, modernization and remodeling of school facilities, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively, the "Projects").

(b) It appears certain that the money in the District's Capital Projects Fund will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects, and that it is necessary that an excess tax levy of \$800,000 be made in 2019 for collection in 2020, \$800,000 be made in 2020 for collection in 2021, and \$800,000 be made in 2021 for collection in 2022 for the District's Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to pay those costs.

(c) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053 to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

(d) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property tax levies authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Fund updates to instructional technology throughout school facilities (including, but not limited to, hardware and software for classrooms and supporting infrastructure), and make other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The foregoing technology improvements and upgrades shall be part of the District's integrated technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.

(b) Fund building and site improvements throughout school facilities (including but not limited to, security and heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC")), and make other capital improvements to school facilities, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(d) Pay costs associated with implementing the foregoing technology improvements, including, but not limited to, acquiring, constructing and installing hardware and licensing software, online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Such costs constitute a part of the Projects and also include, but are not limited to, ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the use, installation and integration of these products and services, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The hardware, software or applications shall be an integral part of the District's technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.

(e) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Clark County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on April 23, 2019, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether a Capital Projects Fund excess property tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value

of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) shall be made annually for three years commencing in 2019 for collection in 2020 of \$800,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2020 for collection in 2021 of \$800,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2021 for collection in 2022 of \$800,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Taxes. If the excess property taxes authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such taxes to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board determines that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the District will not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the excess property tax levies authorized herein or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the excess property tax levies, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District shall use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess property tax levies authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities.

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Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 7

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98

CAPITAL LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Directors of Hockinson School District No. 98 adopted Resolution No. 18-19-10, concerning this proposition to fund technology and school improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to fund updates to instructional technology (including hardware and software for classrooms and supporting infrastructure) and building and site improvements (including security and HVAC), by levying the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2020	\$0.45	\$800,000
2021	\$0.40	\$800,000
2022	\$0.36	\$800,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 18-19-10. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES

LEVY . . . NO

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or her designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than February 22, 2019; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Business Manager (Michelle Scott), telephone: 360.448.6400; fax: 360.448.6409; email: michelle.scott@hocksd.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone: 206.447.5339; fax 800.533.2284; email: jim.mcneill@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. General Authorization and Ratification. The Secretary, the District's Business Manager, the Chair of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the

provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 11. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Hockinson School District No. 98, Clark County, Washington, at a special open public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as required by law, held this 19th day of February, 2019, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chair and Director




Director



Director



Director



Director

ATTEST:



SANDRA F. YAGER
Secretary to the Board of Directors