

## **Local Option Levy Update and Discussion**

### **POLICY ISSUE / SITUATION:**

Ballot Measure 34-193, a Local Option Levy for operations, appeared on the November 8, 2011 ballot and did not pass, by 49% yes vote to 51% no vote. The margin was approximately 1,200 votes.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The five-year Local Option Levy would have provided an estimated \$14 million annually in additional operating revenue to offset teacher and educational program reductions.

In the last four years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million, raising class sizes and cutting educational programs and services. For the 2012-13 school year, the District is projecting a funding shortfall of more than \$35 million. In the near term, state school funding will likely not improve.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the School Board engage in a discussion about the recent Local Option Levy and potential next steps.