

Resolution Authorizing Local Option Levy Renewal Election May 15, 2018**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION**

The Beaverton School District Board will consider placing a 5-year Local Option Levy Renewal on the May 15, 2018 ballot. If approved, the Local Option Levy Renewal would allow Beaverton schools to preserve 300 teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success. The levy renewal costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The levy could raise approximately \$31 - \$35 million a year. Over a five-year period, it could generate about \$165 million for the Beaverton School District.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfall. That levy has raised \$128 million, and 100% has remained in the Beaverton School District to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes. In the 2017-2018 school year, 158 of these positions were allocated to Beaverton's elementary schools, 53 to middle schools, 70 to high schools, and 18 to options schools.

What is a Local Option Levy?

In 1999, the Oregon Legislature signed into law the local option, a funding mechanism that allows voters to make some local funding decisions for their schools. The Local Option Levy accesses taxes between Oregon's two property tax limitation laws--Measure 5, which limits tax rates based on a property's Real Market Value, and Measure 50, which limits tax rates based on assessed value.

RECOMMENDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beaverton School Board will place a 5-year Local Option Levy Renewal on the May 15, 2018 ballot. The Board further resolves to levy \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2018.

District Goal: WE empower all students to achieve post-high success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, an election will be held within the boundaries of the Beaverton School District, in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon. The election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465. The following question will be submitted to the qualified voters thereof:

CAPTION

LEVY RENEWAL TO PROTECT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES

QUESTION

Shall District preserve 300 teaching positions, protect class sizes, renew 5-year levy, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2018? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY

The Beaverton School District serves 40,000 children in 53 schools.

In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. That levy has raised \$128 million, and 100% has remained in Beaverton Schools to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes. In the 2017-2018 school year, 158 of these positions were allocated to Beaverton's elementary schools, 53 to middle schools, 70 to high schools, and 18 to options schools.

The 2018 levy renewal will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these 300 teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising taxes.

The levy renewal costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Homes with the median assessed value of \$238,000 would continue to pay less than \$25 a month.

The local option levy is projected to raise \$165 million over five years:

2018-19: \$31 million

2019-20: \$32 million

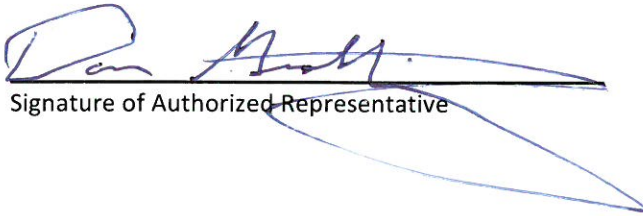
2020-21: \$33 million

2021-22: \$34 million

2022-23: \$35 million

Notice is hereby given that a Ballot Title for a measure referred by the Beaverton School District has been filed with the Elections Office of the Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon. The Ballot Title caption is LEVY RENEWAL TO PROTECT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES.

Submitted by:


Signature of Authorized Representative

1/24/2018
Date

Beaverton School District 5-Year Local Option Levy Renewal

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Levy Renewal

Beaverton Schools serve 40,000 students in 53 schools. In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. That levy has raised more than \$128 million and 100% has remained in Beaverton Schools to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes.

In the 2017-2018 school year, the levy funded:

- **158 positions in Beaverton's 34 elementary schools.** This is an additional 2 to 7 positions at each of Beaverton's elementary schools, with an average of 5 positions per school.
- **53 positions in Beaverton's 8 middle schools.** This is an additional 4.5 to 11 positions at each of Beaverton's middle schools, with an average of 7 positions per school.
- **70 positions in Beaverton's 6 high schools.** This is an additional 5 to 18 positions at each of Beaverton's high schools, with an average of 12 positions per school.
- **18 positions in Beaverton's 5 options schools.** This is an additional 1 to 6 positions at each of Beaverton's options schools, with an average of 4 positions per school.

The 2018 levy renewal will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising taxes.

Prevent Budget Cuts

Without the levy renewal, the Beaverton School District would have to reduce its budget by at least \$30 million dollars and eliminate approximately 300 teaching positions, increasing class sizes by an average of six students per class.

Same Tax Rate

Because it is a levy renewal, the average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay less than \$25 a month to provide reliable, stable funding for school operations through 2023.

Cost of the Levy

The Local Option Levy rate is \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The levy would raise approximately \$31 million a year in the first year. The median home in Beaverton is assessed at \$238,000 (1/2 are more and 1/2 are less). The median home would continue to pay less than \$25 a month.

Saving Taxpayers Money

The Beaverton School District has a strong record of saving taxpayers' money, spending less on administrative costs than any district in the state. Beaverton is one of the few Oregon school districts that do not pay the 6% employee portion of PERS and the Beaverton School Board adopted a Legislative Agenda that included advocacy to reform the PERS system. Additionally, Beaverton Schools partners with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Beaverton Police Department to fund School Resource Officers, and has an agreement with Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for community use of fields and gyms.

Accountability

100% of money goes to fund teaching positions. None goes to administration. All funds stay in the Beaverton Schools. None goes to Salem. Ongoing reports to the public ensure the funds are used as intended.

This information furnished by:
Maureen Wheeler, Public Communications Officer
Beaverton School District

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON CALLING A MEASURE ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY.

WHEREAS, in May 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore Beaverton teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls.

WHEREAS, the levy has raised \$128 million over the last five years to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes; and

WHEREAS, in the 2017-2018 school year, 158 of these positions were allocated to Beaverton's elementary schools, 53 to middle schools, 70 to high schools and 18 to options schools; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 levy renewal will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these 300 teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, the levy renewal costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Homes with the median assessed value of \$238,000 would continue to pay less than \$25 a month; and

WHEREAS, the local option levy renewal could generate an estimated \$31 - \$35 million per year *(the amount raised may be different than estimated and will depend on changes to assessed and real market value of each property within the school district)* to prevent further reductions to teaching positions and classrooms, and give the Beaverton community an opportunity to do its part to fill the gap, and put the Beaverton Schools in a more stable funding position; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the funds from the local option levy would stay in the Beaverton School District and be used for teaching positions; and

WHEREAS, annual reports to the public will ensure levy funds are spent as the voters intended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Beaverton School District in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon, a common school district of the State of Oregon (the "District") finds the District has determined that a need exists for the District to finance certain District operations and to pay all costs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Revised Statutes Sections 280.040 to 280.150, as amended, subject to voter approval, authorizes the District to impose a five-year local option levy to provide funds to finance certain District operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED a measure election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of a five-year local option levy renewal, beginning 2018 in the amount of \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value.

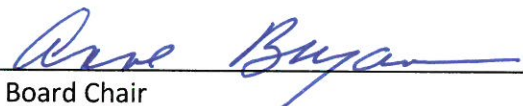
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the measure election hereby called shall be held in the District on May 15, 2018, as authorized by the County Clerks of Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon, and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465 and 254.470; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board authorizes the Superintendent or his designee as an authorized representative (the "Authorized Representative") to file a notice of levy election not later than Feb. 23 for the ballot title and the remaining election documents by March 15, 2013 substantially in the form attached hereto and to act on behalf of the District and take such further action, including changes to the ballot title as are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes herein in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.

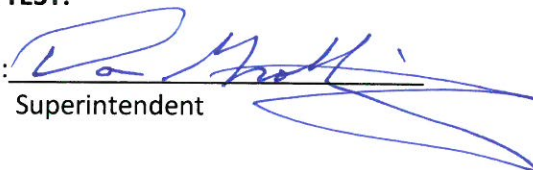
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as described in the attached Notice, the total amount of money to be raised by this Measure is estimated to be \$165 million over the next five-year period.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors this 22th day of January 2018.

**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON**

By: 
Board Chair

ATTEST:

By: 
Superintendent