



## **The 2022 Parkrose Teachers Levy Measure 26-229**

### **Why Is the District Proposing This?**

Teachers, educational assistants and staff are the backbone of our schools and we are faced with losing nearly 12% of our current staff due to budget cuts in the coming years.

The Parkrose School district currently estimates a \$3.2 million dollar budget shortfall for the 23/24 school year leaving the District unable to maintain current services and programs. A \$3.2 million dollar budget reduction is equivalent to eliminating 26 teaching positions or 18 school days.

### **How would the Levy help with this anticipated budget shortfall?**

- **Levy would raise \$2 Million and if passed would retain approximately 22 educational positions (60% teachers, 40% classroom instructional assistants)**

### **The Take Away: Six Things People Need to Know After You Talk With Them**

- 1) The Levy is on THIS November 2022 Ballot
- 2) The Parkrose School District is facing a budget deficit that would result in elimination of 12% of educational positions in the district.  
If passed, the Levy would:
  - 3) Retain approximately 22 educational positions
  - 4) Keep class sizes low at the K-2 level
  - 5) Specialists to provide career oriented electives at middle and high school level
  - 6) One educational assistant in every kindergarten in District



## The Narrative

### Intro

Our district works hard to use taxpayers dollars wisely. We also have one of the most diverse, high need student populations in the entire state which have been disproportionately impacted in recent years by the Covid pandemic.

Now, more than ever, we need our dedicated teachers and paraeducators to help our students achieve their life and learning dreams. Our goal is to focus on class sizes that provide for optimal learning support for all students.

### Lay out the Problem - District Facing Cuts

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### Solution - The 2022 Parkrose Teachers Levy



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### *Provide More Detail*

#### **The Levy, if passed, would focus staff specifically on:**

- Keeping class sizes low at the K-2 level
- Specialists to provide career oriented electives at middle and high school level
- One paraeducator in every kindergarten in District
- Meeting state mandates requiring that every elementary student have access to physical education

### *Tell them what it would cost*

The measure would raise approximately \$2 million at a rate estimated not to exceed \$1.00 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2023.

### *Close with the 6 Key Takeaways:*

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