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# Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice			
<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Name of County or Counties</b>	<b>Date of Election</b>
August 22, 2024	Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J	Washington	November 5, 2024

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.  
  
Levy Renewal to Retain TTSD Teachers and Preserve Classroom Programs

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.  
  
Shall District retain teachers/programs by renewing current levy taxes (\$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value) for five years, beginning 2025?

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.  
  
This measure is not a new or added tax.  
  
It simply continues the current local option levy, which voters passed in 2000 and then renewed in 2004, 2008, 2014, and 2018. Renewing the levy again would keep the existing levy rate for another five years, beginning in 2025-26 when the current levy expires.  
  
Renewal of the local option levy would continue funding for a level of program offerings, staffing, and class sizes that wouldn't be possible without it. The levy renewal would:

- continue funding for approximately 100 teachers and the classroom programs they provide
- support class sizes funded by the current levy
- help local schools by supplementing insufficient state funding

The local option levy rate would not exceed \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy is estimated to raise \$12,600,000 in 2025-26, \$13,000,000 in 2026-27, \$13,400,000 in 2027-28, \$13,800,000 in 2028-29, and \$14,200,000 in 2029-30, for a total of \$67,000,000 over five years.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.  
  
If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:  
→ any measure referred by the district elections authority; or  
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

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*By signing this document:*  
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and  
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

8/12/24

Date Signed

## **Explanatory statement**

These questions and answers summarize this measure.

### **1. What is the local option levy renewal?**

Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) administers a local option levy to supplement dollars allocated through the state school fund. The current levy pays for 100 teaching positions and supports educational programs and class sizes.

Voters approved the local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004, 2008, 2014, and 2018. Renewing again would keep the existing levy rate for another five years, beginning in 2025–26.

It is not a new or additional tax.

### **2. How would the funds be used?**

Every local option levy dollar stays in the District. None goes to Salem.

Renewing the local option levy would:

- fund approximately 100 current teachers who work in every school in the District;
- preserve classroom programs that support a well-rounded education for every TTSD student;
- support class sizes;
- supplement state funding to maintain school services and operations.

### **3. What would happen if this levy is not renewed?**

The levy funds a level of programs, staffing, and class sizes that wouldn't be possible without it.

If the renewal were to fail to pass, TTSD would no longer receive levy funds. That would reduce the budget by approximately \$12,600,000 in 2025–26, which could increase class sizes and reduce funding for staff and classroom programs.

### **4. Is this measure within the limits established by Ballot Measure 5?**

Yes. The local option levy rate is calculated individually for each piece of property, so the rate stays within Measure 5 limits.

### **5. How much would this cost?**

If the renewal measure passes, it will continue the existing levy rate for another five years. It is not a new or additional tax.

The exact amount varies from property to property. For a home assessed at \$300,000 and taxed at the maximum levy rate (\$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value), the cost would continue to be \$300 per year, or about \$25 per month.

#### **6. What accountability measures are in place?**

Each year, an outside accounting firm audits TTSD finances and expenditures. All audit reports are public.

The school district's budget is reviewed and approved by an 11-member committee that includes the five elected school board members and six appointed community members.

Another three community members serve with two school board members on the District's Financial Oversight Committee, which meets with auditors to review TTSD's audit plan and results, and with the District's investment advisors to review the policy and strategy for investments.

#### **7. What about budget savings and efficiencies?**

Evidence of the District's commitment to fiscally responsible stewardship includes:

- successful financial audits every year
- monthly financial reports to the Board
- transparency in reporting
- ongoing commitment to sustaining budget reserves and a "rainy-day fund"

In the 2023–24 school year, TTSD redirected savings to preserve teaching positions wherever possible. Long-term dedication to savings enabled TTSD to avoid cutting school days and mitigate reductions to programs. The District kept all its programs — none were eliminated.