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Date of Election

9/8/2022

Beaverton School District No. 48J

Washington, Multnomah

11/8/2022

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.

See attached.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

See attached.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached.

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.



Signature

09.08.2022

Date Signed

**Beaverton School District No. 48J
November 2022 local option levy**

CAPTION (10 word limit)

Renew Beaverton Schools Levy to Preserve Teachers, Protect Class Sizes

QUESTION (20 word limit)

Shall district preserve 286 teachers, protect class sizes, by renewing 5-year levy, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning in 2023? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY (175 word limit)

Beaverton School District's local option levy currently funds 286 teaching positions, allocated to every school in the district: 150 to Beaverton's elementary schools, 48 to middle schools, 68 to high schools and 20 to option schools. The district serves nearly 40,000 children in 54 schools.

Renewing the levy would allow Beaverton schools to maintain these teaching positions, protect class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school learning and career success, without raising taxes.

Voters in 2013 and 2018 approved local option levies that have raised \$271 million; 100% has remained in Beaverton schools to fund teaching positions and protect class sizes.

Renewing the levy for 5 years would continue the current tax rate, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The owner of a home with an average assessed value of about \$303,000 would continue to pay less than \$32 per month.

The levy is projected to raise \$205 million over five years:

2023-24: \$39 million

2024-25: \$40 million

2025-26: \$41 million

2026-27: \$42 million

2027-28: \$43 million

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (500 word limit)

Levy Renewal

Beaverton School District serves more than 39,000 students in 54 schools. In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. In 2018, voters renewed the levy to maintain teaching positions. These levies have raised \$271 million, and 100% has remained in Beaverton schools to fund teaching positions and protect class sizes.

This measure would renew the local option levy at the current tax rate for five years, to continue to pay for teachers in Beaverton schools.

Levy-funded teaching positions are allocated to every school in the district, ensuring that students across the district, regardless of their neighborhood or background, have access to effective teachers and support to thrive in school and after graduation.

The levy funds nearly 300 teachers across the district. In the current school year, the levy pays for:

- 150 teaching positions in Beaverton's 34 elementary schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 2 to 8 positions at each elementary school would potentially be eliminated.
- 48 teaching positions in Beaverton's 9 middle schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 4 to 6 positions at each middle school would potentially be eliminated.
- 68 teaching positions in Beaverton's 6 high schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 9 to 15 positions at each high school would potentially be eliminated.
- 20 teaching positions in Beaverton's 5 option schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 1 to 5 positions at each option school would potentially be eliminated.

Renewing the levy will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school learning and career success, all without raising the tax rate.

Prevent Budget Cuts

The current local option levy expires in June 2023. If the levy is not renewed, the Beaverton School District would have to reduce its budget by at least \$39 million dollars, the equivalent of eliminating nearly 300 teaching positions and increasing class sizes by an average of six students per class.

A local option levy is different from a capital bond measure, like the one passed by Beaverton voters in May 2022. By Oregon law, bond funds must be spent on capital construction projects and other infrastructure, like technology and transportation. Bond money cannot pay for teaching positions.

Cost of the Levy

The local option levy rate is \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value (not market value). A homeowner with an average assessed property value of \$303,021 would continue to pay less than \$32 a month for the levy.

Same Tax Rate

If the levy renewal is approved, the tax rate would remain the same. The average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay about \$32 a month to provide funding for teaching positions through 2028.

Accountability

100% of the levy funds goes to pay for teaching positions. None goes to administration. All funds stay in Beaverton schools. Ongoing reports to the public ensure that funds are used as intended.