

# Request for Ballot Title Preparation or Publication of Notice

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No later than the 81<sup>st</sup> day before an election, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

<b>Filing Information</b>	
<b>Election Date</b> May 21, 2024	<b>Authorized Official</b> Dr. Sandy Husk, Interim Superintendent
<b>Contact Phone</b> (503) 916-3200	<b>Email Address</b> cpitman@pps.net
<b>Referral Information</b>	
<b>Title, Number or other Identifier</b> Portland Public School District 1J Levy Renewal	
<b>This Filing is For</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication of Notice Ballot title below.	
<b>Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply</b>	
<b>Caption</b> 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure. See attached.	
<b>Question</b> 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. See attached.	
<b>Summary</b> 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. See attached.	
<i>By signing this document:</i> → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.	

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**Portland Public School District 1J**  
**May 21, 2024 Primary Election**  
**BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:**

Levy Renewal to Maintain Teachers and Classroom Support Staff

**QUESTION:**

Shall district maintain teachers, classroom support staff; renew levy of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**SUMMARY:**

Portland Public Schools' local option levy was approved by voters in 2019 to provide funding for schools over five years. The renewed levy will provide an estimated \$101.5 million in the first year and is projected to fund approximately 660 teachers and classroom support staff annually over five years.

This renewed local option levy would fund teaching and other positions to:

- Support a well-rounded education, including career and technical programs and enrichments and electives, so students graduate with the skills they need to be career or college ready.
- Provide classroom supports, such as educational assistants and reading specialists for students struggling with academic or mental/behavioral health issues.
- Help maintain class sizes and prevent significant increases across the district.

Levy rate remains \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the 2019 levy.

Funds will be placed in a separate account; independent community oversight will review expenditures to verify funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent for administration. District is subject to annual independent financial and performance audits.

The levy will raise an estimated \$101.5 million in 2025-2026; \$103.0 million in 2026-2027; \$106.0 million in 2027-2028; \$109.3 million in 2028-2029; and \$112.5 million in 2029-30.