




TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM:  STEVE LIDGARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 2021/2022-001 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

TYPE: ACTION REQUIRED

Attached is Resolution 2021/2022-001, which directs the county auditors to place a Facilities and Technology Capital Levy measure on the February 8, 2022 ballot.

The current Facilities and Technology Capital Projects Levy, approved by the voters on February 13, 2018 will expire at the end of 2022. The technology portion of this levy will include funding for Chromebook replacements, staff computers and software licensing fees. The facilities portion of this levy will fund major safety and building improvements including a new roof at Cedarhome Elementary School, boiler replacements, safety fencing and portable upgrades.

A citizen's facility and technology committee worked with district staff to review district facility and technology needs. The committee made recommendations to prioritize projects to be funded by this levy.

Recommendation:

We recommend the board move to approve the Resolution 2021/2022-001 authorizing the submission of a ballot measure to the voters for the proposed 2023-2026 Replacement Facilities and Technology Capital Projects Levy.

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

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NO. 2021/2022-001

- A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 8, 2022, of a proposition to authorize the District to levy an additional tax to provide a total of \$10,346,277 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for technology improvements, other necessary equipment purchases and facility improvements, and related costs, such levies to be made for four years commencing in 2022 for collection in the calendar years from 2023 through 2026.

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP  
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington (the "District"), including technology facilities, are in need of modernization, improvements and expansion to meet the current and future educational and operational needs for its students; and

WHEREAS, the current technology levies expire following the 2022 collections; and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement such projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of these projects as found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District in excess of the annual tax the District is permitted by law to levy without a vote of the people, such levy to be made for four years commencing in 2022 for collection in the calendar years from 2023 through 2026 inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such excess tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth require the holding of a special election in the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the improvements hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements. The levy will fund major facility repairs, such as a new roof at Cedarhome Elementary School, boiler replacements at Elger Bay and Cedarhome Elementary Schools, dry sprinkler line replacement at Elger Bay and Utsalady Elementary Schools, updated intercoms at Stanwood Elementary and Stanwood Middle School, security fencing and health room updates at Twin City Elementary, and security fencing and portable maintenance at Port Susan Middle School. The District also shall modernize its educational and operational facilities through the acquisition, development, installation and implementation of technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, undertaking technology updates in all schools, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing as an integral part of the District's technology systems, facilities, or projects; and through the application and modernization of technology systems for operations and instruction, and related capital expenses to support the instructional programs and operations of the District, including, but not limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training and other costs

associated with the installation and application of these products or services; and shall make other capital expenditures, to the full extent permitted by law, as determined by the Board of Directors.

The District may repay any obligations hereafter incurred for the foregoing purposes.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of or maintenance of school facilities or the implementation, application and modernization of the District's technology systems, as permitted by law.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such improvements or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the improvements or to other capital purposes of the District, as the District in its discretion shall determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of or maintenance to school facilities or the implementation, application and modernization of the District's technology systems as described above or as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition

whether the District shall make the Capital Projects Fund levies for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on February 8, 2022. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Snohomish County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for tax levies for the Capital Projects Fund for four years, commencing in 2022, producing dollar amounts at estimated tax rates per thousand dollars of assessed value to produce such amounts, in excess of the maximum amount tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, all as follows:

- A. \$2,448,925, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023; and
- B. \$2,546,901, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024, and
- C. \$2,648,746, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and
- D. \$2,701,705, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Snohomish County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2022 levy is \$0.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2023 levy is \$0.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is \$0.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation; and the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$0.27 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4 Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is

hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Snohomish County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Snohomish County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2021/2022-001 concerning a capital projects and technology levy to replace an expiring levy. This proposition would authorize the District to modernize and repair District facilities; modernize and upgrade District technology and computer systems for instruction and operations; other capital project expenditures, and the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the district:

| Collection<br>Years | Approximate<br>Levy Rate/\$1,000<br>Assessed Value | Levy<br>Amount |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| 2023                | \$0.27   | \$2,448,925    |
| 2024                | \$0.27   | \$2,546,901    |
| 2025                | \$0.27   | \$2,648,746    |
| 2026                | \$0.27   | \$2,701,705    |

all as provided in District Resolution No. 2021/2022-001. Should this proposition be approved?

YES .....

NO .....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Snohomish County Auditor and a courtesy copy to the Island County Auditor.

Section 5. Notice of Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Executive Director, Business Services (Steve Lidgard), telephone: 360.629.1216; email: [slidgard@stanwood.wednet.edu](mailto:slidgard@stanwood.wednet.edu); and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia

Weed) telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Business Services is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 6. Voters' Pamphlet. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32, the Board of Directors hereby confirms the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 8, 2022 election, which shall be prepared and published by the Snohomish County and Island County Auditors, including, but not limited to, an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, and, if available, a Statement For and a Statement Against. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.



ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 7th day of September, 2021.

STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 401, SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND  
COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

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President and Director

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ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401, Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of No. 2021/2022-001 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of September, 2021.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of September, 2021.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
February 8, 2022

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES .....

NO .....

NOTICE  
STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401  
SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES, WASHINGTON  
February 8, 2022

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 8, 2022, a special election will be held by mail in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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YES .....

NO .....

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Snohomish County Auditor

Election Date: February 8, 2022

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401,  
Snohomish and Island Counties, Washington

Contact Name: Cynthia Weed

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 206.370.7801

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### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace the Stanwood-Camano School District's expiring levy and allow the District to levy \$2,448,925 in property taxes within the District for collection in 2023, \$2,546,901 in 2024, \$2,648,746 in 2025, and \$2,701,705 in 2026 to fund the acquisition, installation, implementation, and management of safety and security systems, technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, online applications, staffing and training related to the foregoing, and other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be collected over the 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation per year in years 2023 through 2026, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call your county assessor.