

# Notice of Measure Election

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District

34-224

**Notice**

Date of Notice <b>July 14, 2014</b>	Name of District <b>Tigard-Tualatin School District</b>	Name of County or Counties <b>Washington and Clackamas</b>	Date of Election <b>Nov. 4, 2014</b>
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The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters.

**Ballot Title** Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

Five-year Local Option Levy Renewal for Teachers, Classroom Programs

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

Shall District retain teachers, classroom programs; renew levy of \$1 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in 2015?

This levy renews current local option taxes.

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

This measure is not a new or added tax. It would continue the Local Option Levy originally passed by voters in 2000 and renewed in 2004 and 2008. It would keep the existing levy rate for another five years beginning in 2015-16 when the current levy expires.

The Local Option Levy Renewal would:

- Continue funding for approximately 55 classroom teachers and the classroom programs provided by the expiring levy;
- Protect class sizes supported by the current levy;
- Help local schools by supplementing insufficient state funding.

The rate, which would not exceed \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, is estimated to raise \$4,600,000 in 2015-16, \$4,738,000 in 2016-17, \$4,880,000 in 2017-18, \$5,026,000 in 2018-19 and \$5,177,000 in 2019-20 for a total of \$24,421,000 over five years.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the district governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet	Local ordinance requiring submission	Explanatory statement required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

→ 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 the above ballot title is true and complete.

Name <b>Dana Terhune</b>	Title <b>Chair</b>	Work Phone <b>503-803-0767</b>
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Date Signed

### Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

**Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form.** This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

#### Filing Information

Election:  Primary 20\_\_\_\_  General 20 14  Special \_\_\_\_\_ Measure # 34 - 224

#### Ballot Title Caption

Five-year Local Option Levy Renewal for Teachers, Classroom Programs

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Dana Terhune

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J

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#### SIGNATURE



Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

8/12/2014  
Date

#### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

#### For Office Use only:

County: WASHINGTON

Signed?  Yes  No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes  No

Intake Staff Initials:

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy?  Yes  No

Review Staff Initials:

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## Explanatory Statement

The following questions and answers have been provided to summarize this measure:

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### **What is the Local Option Levy Renewal?**

The Local Option Levy Renewal would continue the current Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000 and renewed in 2004 and 2008. It would keep the existing Local Option levy rate for another five years beginning in 2015-16.

It is not a new or additional tax.

#### **• How would the funds be used?**

Renewing the Local Option Levy would:

- Continue funding for approximately 55 teachers who work in classrooms in every district school;
- Help maintain current classroom programs;
- Help prevent increases to class size.

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

The Local Option funds a level of program offerings, staffing and class sizes not possible without it.

Without Local Option dollars, the district's budget for staffing and educational programs would be reduced by approximately \$4,600,000 in 2015-16. This could increase class size and reduce funding for classroom programs.

#### **• 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 that the total rate paid for school operations stays within the Measure #5 limits.

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- **How much would this cost?**

This measure would continue the existing levy rate (which cannot exceed \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value) 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 \$200,000 and taxed at the maximum levy rate (\$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value), the cost would continue to be \$200 per year or about \$16.67 per month.

Property owners can find their Local Option cost by looking at the LOL line under the "Schools" portion of their property tax statement.

- **Are there accountability measures in place?**

Yes. Each year, an outside accounting firm audits all Tigard-Tualatin School finances and expenditures. All audit reports are public. Every dollar provided by the Local Option Levy stays in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. None goes to Salem.

- **What about budget savings and efficiencies?**

The district has made a commitment to building a "Rainy Day Fund" and budget reserves. Those savings enabled Tigard-Tualatin to be one of the few school districts in Oregon that did not cut school days during the recent recession.

Over the last three years, the district has also created budget savings by reducing energy and transportation costs. Those savings--estimated to be about \$700,000 per year—have been re-directed to fund classroom teachers and programs.

Submitted by



Dana Terhune, Chair  
Tigard-Tualatin School Board