

Notice of Measure Election**District****SEL 803**rev 03/18 ORS 250.035,
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N34-285

Notice**Date of Notice****Name of District****Name of County or Counties****Date of Election**

Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J

Washington & Clackamas Nov. 6, 2018

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.

Local Option Levy Renewal to Retain Teachers, Classroom Programs

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

Shall District retain teachers, preserve classroom programs; renew five-year levy of \$1 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2020? This measures 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, 2008 and 2014. It would keep the existing levy rate for another five years beginning in 2020-21 when the current levy expires.

The Local Option Renewal would continue funding for a level of program offerings, staffing and class sizes not possible without it. It would:

- Continue funding for approximately 100 classroom teachers and the programs they provide;
- 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 \$9,400,000 in 2020-21, \$9,700,000 in 2021-22, \$10,000,000 in 2022-23, \$10,300,000 in 2023-24 and \$10,600,000 in 2024-25 for a total of \$50,000,000 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.**Name**

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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 Redacted

7-23-18

Date Signed

Explanatory Statement

The following information is provided to summarize this measure:

• What is the Local Option Renewal?

The Local Option Renewal would continue the current Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000 and renewed in 2004, 2008 and 2014. It would keep the existing Local Option levy rate for another five years beginning in 2020-21.

It is not a new or additional tax.

• How would the funds be used?

Renewing the Local Option would:

- Continue funding for approximately 100 teachers who work in classrooms throughout the district;
- Help maintain classroom programs those teachers provide;
- Protect class sizes supported by the current levy;
- Supplement state funding to maintain local school services.

• 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 programs would be reduced by approximately \$9,400,000 in 2020-21. This could increase class size and reduce funding for classroom programs.

• How is the Local Option different from a Bond Measure?

Bond measures fund school construction and renovations. Bond dollars cannot be used to pay for classroom teachers. The Local Option provides funding for classroom teachers.

• Is the Local Option within the limits established by Measure #5?

Yes.

The Local Option levy rate is calculated individually for each piece of property so the total rate paid for school operations stays within Measure #5 limits.

• 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 \$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. 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 district finances and expenditures. All audit reports are public. Every Local Option dollar stays in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. None goes to Salem. The district's budget is reviewed and approved by a 10-member committee that includes the five school board members and five community members. Another three community members serve with two school board members on the district's Financial Oversight Committee.

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

The district is committed to building both a "Rainy Day Fund" and budget reserves. Those savings enabled Tigard-Tualatin to be one of the few districts in Oregon that did not cut school days during the most recent recession. The district has also created ongoing budget savings by working with employees to reduce health insurance costs. Those savings made it possible to re-direct funding toward classroom teachers and programs.

Submitted by

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Tigard-Tualatin School Board Chair

498 words