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Notice of Measure Election

District

Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
	West Linn-Wilsonville School District No. 3JT	Clackamas and Washington Counties	November 4, 2014

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 Operating Tax Renewal

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure
Shall District renew its \$1.50 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2015-2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect
In November 2008, voters approved a local option tax of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to support West Linn-Wilsonville School District No. 3JT (the "District") operations. This measure would renew that levy at the same rate.
This measure would provide funds to the District to maintain current programs and staffing levels at schools. At current funding levels the District would need to reduce its budget by approximately \$3,450,000 in 2015-2016.
The proposed rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is estimated to raise \$3,450,000 in 2015-2016, \$3,967,500 in 2016-2017, \$4,562,625 in 2017-2018, \$5,475,150 in 2018-2019, and \$6,296,425 in 2019-2020 for an estimated total of \$23,751,700 over the five years.
\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is the maximum rate any property would be assessed under this measure. As is the case with the current tax, rates for many properties is expected to be less. The average rate is expected to be \$0.734 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In no case would the total education tax exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value.

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 <u>William Rhoades</u>	Title <u>Superintendent</u>	Work Phone <u>503-673-7000</u>
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	Date Signed <u>6/17/14</u>
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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 # 3-455

Ballot Title Caption

Five-Year Local Option Operating Tax Renewal

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

William B. Rhoades, Superintendent

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

West Linn-Wilsonville School District No. 3JT

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SIGNATURE

 _____ 8/22/14
Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

For Office Use only:

County: Clack

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

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Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

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Explanatory Statement for 2014 Clackamas County Voters' Pamphlet

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This levy is a renewal of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District No. 3JT five-year Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000, 2004, and again in 2008. The local option rate would remain unchanged from current levels at \$1.50 per thousand.

This levy would be used to fill the shortfall between the expected spending amount needed to maintain current teaching staff and programs and the State school funding support level. The District would use the revenues from this measure to maintain current services (e.g., to continue employing the same number of teachers and support staff to maintain or reduce existing class sizes) and where possible pay for other program enhancements. This measure would continue to support approximately 46 teaching positions that are dependent upon this current level of funding.

The District utilizes the local option levy, planning and reliance on cash reserves to supplement State funding in order to maintain the current programs, services, and teachers. The current local option levy has enabled the District to maintain smaller class sizes, and provide programs, and services to support student performance that it otherwise would not. The District has the highest graduation rate in the State for districts with more than 8000 students. In the past 5-years district schools have received the Advanced Placement Honor Roll Award, the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Washington Post "Challenge Index-Top 1900 Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and staffing for performing arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy.

Renewal of this Local Option levy would provide funds to maintain current programs and staffing levels. This measure would renew the local option levy at the same rate; current tax rates will not increase as a result of this measure. The District maintains less than one month of operations expenses as cash reserves and the annual State revenue for program operations is not adequate to fund all of the District's current programs and services.

The amount of local option tax that would be imposed on each property is difficult to predict. Actual amounts depend on Real Market Values compared to Assessed Values. However, each property's total local option tax would not increase the existing rate of \$1.50 per thousand that has been in place since the local option tax started in 2000.

This local option tax is estimated to raise \$3,450,000 in 2015-16, \$3,967,500 in 2016-17, \$4,562,625 in 2017-18, \$5,475,150 in 2018-19, and \$6,296,425 in 2019-20 for an estimated total of \$23,751,700 over the five years.