

# Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
8/29/23	West Linn-Wilsonville School District	Clackamas County	11/07/23

**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.  
  
Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Tax for General Operations.

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.  
  
Shall District renew current \$1.50 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2025-26? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.  
  
This local option school levy was originally approved in 2000; most recently renewed in 2019.  
  
If approved, the measure would provide funds to maintain current West Linn-Wilsonville School District programs and staffing levels for five years. If this measure isn't approved, the District would need to reduce its budget by approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26 at current funding.  
Local Option Renewal would:  
  
-Preserve more than 90 classroom teachers, counselors, support staff.  
-Maintain class size; protect class sizes supported by current levy.  
-Help local schools by supplementing state funding.  
  
Spending would be subject to audit.  
  
Proposed rate estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26, \$14,128,884 in 2026-27, \$14,552,751 in 2027-28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029-30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.  
  
\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is maximum rate any property would be assessed. As with current local option levy, rate for many properties expected to be less. Average rate expected at \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In no case would total education levy exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value.

**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.

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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**

8/29/2023

Signature

Date Signed

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This levy is a renewal of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District five-year Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2014, and again in 2019.

This measure would continue to fund approximately 90 teaching positions that are dependent upon local option revenue. The District would use the revenues from this measure to continue employing approximately the same number of teachers, counselors, support staff, and maintain smaller class sizes.

This levy would be used to fill the shortfall between the expected spending amount needed to maintain current teaching staff and the State school funding level. The District is seeking renewal of the current local option levy to continue to provide the same high quality level of education.

This measure would renew the levy at the same rate; current tax rates will not increase as a result. If approved, the local option rate would remain unchanged from current levels and would not exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.

The District has one of the highest graduation rates in the State of Oregon. In the past five years, District schools have received the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Niche "Best Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and staffing for Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy. West Linn-Wilsonville students and teams have excelled in several Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) areas, including numerous state championships in various athletics and co-curricular activities.

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 exceed the existing rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 that has been in place since the local option tax started in 2000.

This local option levy is estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025–26, \$14,128,884 in 2026–27, \$14,552,751 in 2027–28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029–30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.