

San Juan Island School District No. 149

Proposition No. 1 - Capital Levy For School Facilities & Technology

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2023-014, concerning a proposition to fund improvements to school facilities and technology systems. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon taxable property within the District in support of its Capital Projects fund:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Total Amount
2025	0.335548	\$1,860,837.50
2026	0.335548	\$1,860,837.50
2027	0.335548	\$1,860,837.50
2028	0.335548	\$1,860,837.50

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Written by San Juan Island School District
No. 149

San Juan Island School District seeks voter approval of a capital levy renewal of the District's existing capital levy which expires in December of 2024. This represents a decrease of \$5.63 (five dollars and sixty-three cents) per \$100,000 of assessed property value from the rate approved for the expiring levy. This levy would fund projects to improve the District's facilities and technology systems. Facilities projects include necessary maintenance and safety repairs, renovations, and systems and equipment upgrades for the District's school buildings and grounds. Technology projects include the purchase of new computers and updating technology systems for students, teachers, and staff in order to remain current with technological advances, as well as costs related to software licenses, training, and network systems.

If the levy is approved, taxable property within the District would continue to be taxed to pay for improvements over the next four years. The estimated rate of this levy is \$.335548 per year for each thousand dollars of assessed property value. This represents a decrease of \$5.63 (five dollars and sixty-three cents) per \$100,000 of assessed property value from the rate approved for the expiring levy. The levy would generate funding in the amount of \$1,860,837.50 each year of the levy.

A "yes" vote approves the imposition of the levy. A "no" vote opposes the imposition of the levy. To pass, this measure must be approved by a simple majority of voters.

Argument For

San Juan Island School District is asking voters to renew the existing capital projects and technology levy for the next four years. This levy provides essential funding to stay current with educational technology and for safety improvements, major repairs and maintenance.

The school district regularly applies for competitive grant funding but is still reliant on local levy support to maintain facilities and fund technology systems.

This levy reauthorizes an expiring levy. The total levy dollar amount is a fixed amount. As new construction is added, more property owners contribute to the levy and each owner pays less. For example, in 2020, voters approved \$0.39 per \$1,000 of property value, but with new construction, only paid \$0.28 per \$1,000 averaged over four years. The renewal request is for \$0.34 per \$1,000 of property value. This is \$0.05 per \$1,000 less than what voters previously approved. This levy request is an increase of less than \$4 per month for an \$800,000 home.

The district has been very intentional in the levy process. The committee included community representatives, parents, school board directors and staff. A capital and technology implementation plan guides this process ensuring students and teachers have a safe, healthy environment and tools necessary for teaching and learning.

The whole community benefits as district facilities are used by many groups for recreation, meetings, and events, on evenings and weekends, year-round.

This levy preserves, protects, and improves these community owned assets for future generations.

Vote yes for our schools!

Written by

Adam Eltinge
Bob Wilson
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Argument Against

No information submitted.

Return Your Ballot

Ballot drop box

Return your ballot to a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day, February 13:

San Juan County Elections Office
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
M–Th 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Election Day 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

San Juan County Courthouse
Second St. Entrance, 350 Court St., Friday Harbor

In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, M–Th, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, February 13:

San Juan County Elections
55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
(across from the Courthouse)

By mail

No stamp is needed! Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before February 13, in order to count.

Replacement Ballots

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible:
Phone: 360-378-3357
Email: elections@sanjuancountywa.gov
OR
2. Print a replacement ballot:
 - Sign in to votewa.gov with your name/birthdate
 - Click *MyBallot* -> *Online Ballot* in the left column
 - Follow instructions to vote and return your ballot

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San Juan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet February 13, 2024 Special



Local Jurisdiction Participating in this Election
San Juan Island School District No. 149

Register to Vote

Online

Log in to votewa.gov to register to vote or update your address. You must have a Washington State driver's license, permit, or ID card. Online registrations must be submitted no later than February 5 in order to process the registration for the Special Election.

In person

The Elections office is open for registration 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, M–Th, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, February 13. In person registrations must be initiated no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day, February 13.

By mail

Print a voter registration form from sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx
Fill out the form and mail it to:

San Juan County Auditor
Elections Division
PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

San Juan County Elections must receive the mailed form by February 5 in order to process the registration for the Special Election.

Accessible Voting

San Juan County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an accessible voting unit.

The accessible voting equipment will be available Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, beginning Thursday, January 25, through February 13, and from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, February 13.