

# Levy Facts



**Proposition 1**  
**Educational  
Program and  
Operations Levy**

**Proposition 2**  
**School Bus Levy**



**ELECTION ~**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

## Auburn School District

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# *Proposition 1 ~ Educational Program and Operations Levy*

*This replacement levy is required to maintain current instructional programs and services.*

Proposition 1 is an educational program and operations replacement levy which will continue the current education programs and services provided to local students. The levy will collect \$18,200,000 and \$19,100,000 in 2005 and 2006 respectively, replacing the expiring 2003 and 2004 levies. (Levies must be renewed every two years.)

The levy funds will be used to provide for portions of the education program not supported by the state's basic education allocations. Underfunded programs include: basic instructional programs; education of students with disabilities; gifted education; school maintenance and custodial services; and transportation operations. Programs that are not funded at all by the state and are totally dependent on levy dollars are all Auburn School District athletics such as fastpitch, track, and basketball and all activities such as debate, band, and orchestra. The approval of this levy will continue the current educational programs for students.

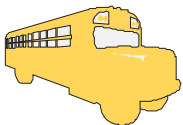
## *Proposition 2 ~ School Bus Levy*

Proposition 2 is a two-year school bus levy that would purchase school buses to replace aging buses and to transport students to the Auburn Mountainview High School. (The last school bus levy was in 1994.) The levy amount would be \$760,000 in 2005 and \$1,340,000 in 2006.

**A total of 24 buses are needed:**



- 14 full-size buses to transport students to the new high school. The high school has no “safe walking” area and will only be accessible by vehicles.



- 6 full-size buses to replace aging buses.
  - Oldest full size buses have over 300,000 miles.
  - Auburn School District buses travel over 6,000 miles a day.



- 4 smaller replacement buses with wheelchair stations for students with disabilities.

# One Cent (1¢) Increase in School Tax Rate

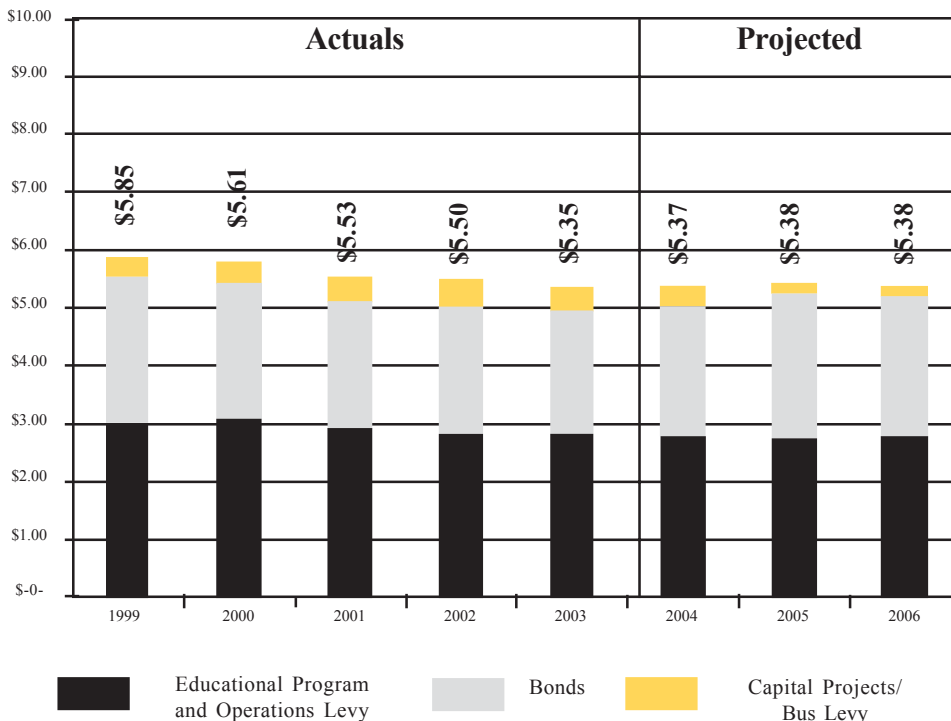
The Auburn School District Board of Directors is determined to meet the growing demands within the school district while keeping tax rates as stable as possible.

For 2005, the projected school tax rate is \$5.38 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The chart to the right shows how the passage of the educational programs and operations levy, the school bus levy, as well as the previously approved construction bonds, add up to the \$5.38 rate. This is a one cent increase from the projected tax rate of \$5.37 for 2004.

## Projected School Tax Rate for 2005

+	\$2.52	Previously Approved Construction Bonds
+	\$2.75	Educational Program and Operations Levy
+	\$0.11	School Bus Levy
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=	\$5.38	Projected Tax Rate for 2005 which is a one cent increase from \$5.37 for 2004

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES



## Total Taxes for Auburn School District

The educational program and operations levy and the school bus levy, as well as previously approved construction bonds, will increase Auburn School District's total tax rate by one cent. This total tax rate will increase from \$5.37 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2004 to \$5.38 in 2005 and 2006. (Refer to graph at the left.)

# *Proposition 1 ~ How Educational Program and Operations Levy Dollars Are Spent*



**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**\$0.58**

*-regular education, special education, and vocational education, 48.5 teachers, 80 support staff, textbooks, school supplies, classroom equipment, counselors, and nurses*



**OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**\$0.04**

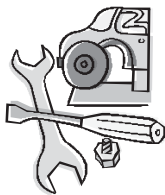
*-curriculum specialists, teacher training, textbook adoptions, learning resources including library books and videos, summer school, school police and security officers, English Language Learners, gifted, honors and advanced placement programs*



**ALL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:**

**\$0.16**

*-coaches and student activity advisors, athletic equipment, musical instruments, and transportation for activities and sports--All athletics and activities are supported by levy funds.*



**TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS COSTS:**

**\$0.16**

*-operation costs, bus drivers, bus mechanics, fuel, bus maintenance, and to and from school transportation*



**MAINTENANCE & CUSTODIAL SERVICES:**

**\$0.06**

*-grounds care, building maintenance, custodial services, utilities, and printing*

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**TOTAL=        \$1.00**

# Tuesday, February 3, Official Ballot

SAMPLE  
OFFICIAL BALLOTS

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408, KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

February 3, 2004

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES;" to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND  
OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #1036 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's General Fund educational program and operation expenses:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$2.75	\$18,200,000
2006	\$2.76	\$19,100,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**  
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BUS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #1037 concerning school buses. This proposition authorizes the District to purchase school buses and levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2005	\$0.11	\$ 760,000
2006	\$0.19	\$1,340,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

# Make Your Vote Count!

**Why Vote:** To continue the funding of existing educational programs and to purchase new school buses.

**When to Vote:** Tuesday, February 3, 2004. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**How to Vote:**

- 1) If you are a mail-in/absentee voter, fill out a ballot, sign it, and post it on or before election day. Absentee ballots may be hand carried to any polling place on election day.
- 2) If you are a poll voter, the location of your precinct polling place is shown on your voter registration card and also will be listed in a major newspaper the Friday before election day.

**Senior Citizen and Disabled Person's Reduction in Property Taxes:** If you are 61 years or older or are disabled, own your home, and have an income of \$30,000 or less per year, you may qualify for exemption from voter-approved levies (and bonds). For more information, call King County Senior/Disabled Person's Exemption Program at (206) 296-3920.

**Federal Income Tax Deduction:** Property taxes, such as school levies and bonds, are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contact your tax advisor for more information.

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