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Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at **VoteWA.gov**.

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The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 5 pm Monday, April 18, 2022.

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Evergreen School District No. 114

Proposition No. 6

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Evergreen School District No. 114 adopted Resolution No. 6604 concerning renewal of an expiring levy for educational programs and operations. This proposition provides funding for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State. If approved, Proposition 6 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, as provided in Resolution No. 6604.

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.70	\$42,900,000
2024	\$1.70	\$45,500,000
2025	\$1.70	\$47,800,000

Should this levy proposition be approved?

To vote, use your official ballot.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition authorizes the Evergreen School District to replace an expiring educational programs and operations levy. This is a replacement (not new) tax. The funds collected by this three year levy will continue to support educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State, including staff to reduce class sizes, safety programs, security staff, school nurses, counselors, performing arts, field trips, athletic and extracurricular activities, and local support to bridge funding gaps in Special Education, English Language Learners, Highly Capable and Transportation programs. This levy provides approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Information is available at <https://www.evergreenps.org>.

STATEMENT FOR

The past two years have been extremely difficult for children. The Covid-19 pandemic took away not only in-person classroom time, but kept them from participating in valuable extracurricular activities that help them become well rounded citizens and better people. Voting Yes for the Evergreen School District EP&O replacement levy shows commitment to the well-being of our students and allows them to not lose out again on these experiences.

The levy, which accounts for approximately 11% of the overall Evergreen School District budget, specifically targets areas the state does not provide full funding towards. These areas include art and music at all grade levels, middle and high school athletics and school security. It also helps pay for special education programs and social emotional support, which many of our students have needed over the past couple years.

As good stewards of your tax dollars, understanding this commitment is a partnership and listening to feedback, this replacement levy was lowered by 17.5% from the previous election. The proposed \$1.70 replacement levy rate is the exact same rate as what currently exists and, paired with the dropping school bond rate, will result in an overall lower school tax rate than what currently exists. This is a replacement levy and not a new tax.

Saying Yes to the levy means you believe in supporting our children, who will one day be our community leaders. We must provide them with the resources and opportunities that they will need to succeed.

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

This generation of students needs support as the pandemic has been challenging. They need the athletics, music and social emotional support this levy provides. This *isn't* a new tax. The levy rate is *reduced* and overall school tax rate *goes down*. There's no evidence of Critical Race Theory being taught in our district. Comprehensive Sexual Health Education is state mandated in grades 4 – 12. Evergreen Public Schools teaches in ways that match our community values.

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STATEMENT AGAINST

Current levy operating results... Costing average homeowner \$1,000/year. Per OSPI's website: Far less than half of ESD Students met standards: *English 39.2%, Science 45.5% and Math 20.5%** (80% Failure rate*). Renewed academic focus, not more money is warranted. Since last approved levy (2019) these percentages dropped 20% due to *less* class time spent on *academics*;

While *increasing* amount of *time/resources* spent on: '*Social Emotional Learning*', '*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*' (which causes children to question their gender: fostering Gender Confusion). '*Cultural Responsive Practices*' or *Trainings* per ESD, paves the way for Critical Race Theory which judges people by the color of their skin (Racism). And Sexually explicit FLASH/Planned Parenthood '*Comprehensive Sex Ed*' curriculum.

ESD created an '*Equity Policy*'...

Which rather than giving *all* students equal opportunities to succeed, attempts to create equal outcomes, lowering those succeeding to match others (keeping more students from meeting standards). All students are created (and should be treated) as equals and given the same chance to succeed. Sadly, some don't put in the time and effort necessary, so equal outcomes are not justice, but rather injustice for all.

Please Vote 'No' again...

Send school board a message *again* to '*Focus on Academics*' (sadly, *like most ESD Math students* they still don't get it*). Did ESD protect a former teacher/convicted child molester? (See ESD Students Instagram page: '*youfailedtoprotectus*'). Don't forget last years fired superintendent 305K salary still being paid to him for the rest of this year (*after all, it's only taxpayer money*).

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

Sadly, Voting 'No' is the only way *this* school board will listen. We've spoken at several board meetings about the *Failure* of students meeting standards: (Math 20.5%) *with No response*. Also, what happened to *11/2 years* of the current levy funding Art, Music, & Athletics while schools closed for Covid-19...? Same levy rate with property values up = inflation. Check Evergreen School taxes due *this* month. *Imagine...* \$0.00 (lower taxes... lower escrow... lower rent...).

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