RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2022-010

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on August 2, 2022, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$9,053,791 in 2022 for collection in 2023, \$10,411,860 in 2023 for collection in 2024, and \$11,611,283 in 2024 for collection in 2025, said excess taxes to pay part of the cost of eligible educational programs and operations in support of the District.

WHEREAS, Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), for the past three years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, facility maintenance and operations, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levy expires this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible educational programs and operational activities for students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, continued local funding of eligible activities to support the District's educational programs and operations would greatly benefit the District's students at all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such eligible expenditures, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

A. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$9,053,791, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023;

- B. A tax of approximately \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$10,411,860, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024;
- C. A tax of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$11,611,283, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the District has received approval of its levy spending plan from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$9,053,791, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023;
- B. \$10,411,860, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024; and
- C. \$11,611,283, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Clark County Assessor's Office, the estimated levy rate for the 2022 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2023 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The

exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy rate and amount at the time of the levy.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, may incur indebtedness by the issuance of short-term obligations against the General Fund of the District as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on August 2, 2022.

The Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 9

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District adopted Resolution No. 2021-2022-010 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to continue meeting students' needs and providing school operations that are not state funded by levying the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District and subject to legal limits at the time of levy:

	Approximate			
Collection	Levy Rate/\$1,000		Levy	
Years	Assessed Value	Amount		
2023	\$1.50	\$	9,053,791	
2024	\$1.50	\$	10,411,860	
2025	\$1.50	\$	11,611,283	

Should this proposition be approved?

YES	
NO	

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Clark County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates District Superintendent Nathan McCann, telephone: (360) 619-1302, email: nathan.mccann@ridgefieldsd.org, as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Superintendent is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County,

Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of May, 2022.

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 122 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

resident and Director

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Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors