

# Camas School District No. 117

## Proposition No. 7 Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology, Health and Safety Improvements

The Board of Directors of Camas School District No. 117 adopted Resolution No. 23-04, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make District-wide educational technology, health and safety improvements (including upgrading educational technology equipment and infrastructure, replacing or repairing artificial turf, boilers, roofs and other equipment):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.39	\$4,150,000
2026	\$0.39	\$4,270,000
2027	\$0.39	\$4,400,000
2028	\$0.39	\$4,530,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-04. Should this proposition be approved?

**To vote, use your official ballot.**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**  
This proposition authorizes Camas School District to replace an expiring capital levy. This replacement levy will be used to acquire, install and modernize educational technology equipment, infrastructure and systems and provide technology support, replace or repair artificial turf, boilers, roofs and other equipment. The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$4,150,000 in 2025, \$4,270,000 in 2026, \$4,400,000 in 2027 and \$4,530,000 in 2028. To produce these levy amounts, the estimated average tax levy rate is \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Clark County Assessor (564) 397-2391.

**STATEMENT FOR**  
Voting “Yes” ensures Camas schools, classrooms, and facilities stay safe, warm, and dry. This replacement levy is not a new tax; it maintains the same current assessed value rate. Its renewal enables smart infrastructure that provides facilities with security systems, wifi accessibility, and ADA compliance. The maintenance and replacement of facility components such as HVAC systems, sport field turf, and other small capital projects are also financed through this levy.

Voting “Yes” to the replacement levy provides funding for updating district technology aids for students and teachers, including computers, audio-visual devices, and digital curriculum software. These technologies equip students with essential skills for the modern workforce by applying digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving strategies in their learning process. This needed technological support will also allow for valuable parental engagement in their student’s learning and facilitate effective communication between teachers and families.

Camas is fortunate to have beautiful facilities for learning, athletics, and performing arts, which over time require standard maintenance, periodic repair, and component replacement. Specific projects include repairing the roof at Camas High School and replacing the field turf at both Cardon Sports complex and Doc Harris Stadium, needed investments to keep our student-athletes safe on the field.

Investing in maintenance and renewal of these facilities and educational technologies is not only fiscally responsible for our community of learners but provides a critical foundation for an educational environment in which our students can thrive! Please join Camas Citizens for Quality Schools in voting “Yes”.

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST**  
Camas Schools are inclusive for all Camas students of all educational needs. As a community of learners, we appreciate that our schools can facilitate curriculum options for all learning requirements. While we support school choice for parents and students, we also recognize our responsibility to educate every child in a way that prepares them for their best life. This capital levy funding provides effectively in meeting this objective. More info at: [www.voteyescamas.org](http://www.voteyescamas.org)

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**For the complete text of the resolutions, please visit:** [clark.wa.gov/elections/february-13-2024-special-election](http://clark.wa.gov/elections/february-13-2024-special-election)  
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**STATEMENT AGAINST**  
There should be no tax measures on the lowest voter turnout month, February. Taxpayers don’t even have their tax bills for the year yet. Tell the district to run their tax measures in November when voter turnout is high.

WA has about a dozen public charter schools open to all. Our public charter schools are not allowed to run any local tax measures and they don’t. They stay on a budget. They provide all the technology that students need and none that they don’t. They don’t nickel and dime taxpayers and tax them out of their homes. They don’t have Enrichment Levies, Tech Levies, Capital Levies, Bonds, Replacement Levies, Not-A-New-Tax Tax Levy Levies, etc.

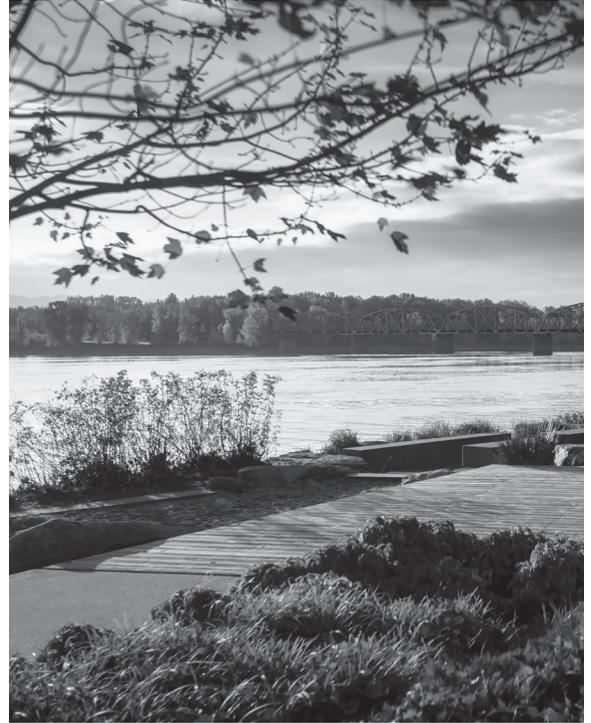
The point is that most traditional public schools in WA are spendthrifts. More money, same poor results. It doesn’t matter how much money they are given. They always seem to need/want more. What if we had school choice (vouchers) to give families a choice and taxpayers a break? Perhaps that is needed to introduce some competition for the monopoly to both improve and to become more efficient. And most importantly, many students learn better in environments other than what the assigned traditional public schools provide. [LevyNo.com](http://LevyNo.com)

**REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR**  
The district at the least needs to only run tax measures on the November election when there will be high voter turnout. These February elections are stealthy. Citizens are just learning about the election – let alone what is on it. There is no amount of money that will satisfy WA’s traditional public school districts. These levies are taxing people out of their homes.

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# Camas School District No. 117

## Proposition No. 6

### Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Camas School District No. 117 adopted Resolution No. 23-03, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State (including salaries and benefits, instructional materials, special education, extracurricular activities, substitute teachers, food service costs):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.82	\$19,130,000
2026	\$1.82	\$19,710,000
2027	\$1.82	\$20,300,000
2028	\$1.82	\$20,910,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-03. Should this proposition be approved?

**To vote, use your official ballot.**

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition authorizes Camas School District to replace an expiring educational programs and operations levy. This replacement levy will pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State, including salaries and benefits, instructional materials, special education, extracurricular activities, substitute teachers and food service costs. The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$19,130,000 in 2025, \$19,710,000 in 2026, \$20,300,000 in 2027 and \$20,910,000 in 2028. The estimated tax levy rate is \$1.82 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Clark County Assessor (564)397-2391.

#### STATEMENT FOR

Camas citizens want and deserve smart investment in student educational programming. Voting “Yes” bridges the gap between state and federal funding, which only finances a very generalized, basic K-12 standard, to one which provides an exceptional educational experience for Camas students. This levy investment is reasonable, valuable, and ultimately benefits our entire Camas community.

##### *Fiscally Responsible*

Voting “Yes” does not create a new tax. This is a replacement levy that collects the same estimated rate on assessed property value as the current levy, thus continuing the necessary funding to sustain important programs and operations over the next four years. Critical programs such as enhanced health/safety resources, substitute teachers, food service for students, and transportation are financed by these funds, allowing for a well-prepared and consistent learning environment for every student.

##### *Proven Value*

Educational Programs and Operations funded by this levy make a measurable difference in our students’ educational outcomes (\*see Camas School District OSPI Report Card) by enriching each student’s experience with smaller class sizes, special education services, advanced placement courses, and access to extracurricular activities such as sports, music, performing arts and science programs.

##### *Strengthening Schools, Community and Business*

The benefits of investing in our schools extend far beyond an educated society. Strong schools are a foundation to a strong community, which attracts further investment of local businesses, producing economic structure and vitality. This is a strategy that Camas is getting right. Please join Camas Citizens for Quality Schools in voting “Yes!”

#### REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST

Fiscal responsibility and student results have been Camas Schools’ record with Camas citizens’ levy investments. These EP&O funds will continue to provide these returns and accountability that our students and community deserve. Correction in opposition’s statement: Tax rate for this levy is \$1.82 per \$1,000 assessed value, not \$2.15 as calculated in the \$600,000 home value example. More information at [www.voteyecamas.org](http://www.voteyecamas.org).

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#### STATEMENT AGAINST

The district found pro committee members but no con committee members. The county had to find someone at the last minute by 12/15/23.

There should be no tax measures on the lowest voter turnout month, February. Taxpayers don’t even have their tax bills for the year yet. For a property with a 2023 AV of \$600,000, the owner would be responsible for \$1290 a year for the next 4 years for this one levy.

School districts have forgotten about the McCleary Decision. Taxpayers were told these local school levies would be eliminated as our State School property taxes were increased. But these local school levies were reintroduced and are again spiraling out of control pitting taxpayers in different parts of the state against each other. If anything, these Enrichment Levies are supposed to go towards student enrichment programs only – not staff salary enrichment. Districts should stop blaming sports and music programs for the district’s lack of budgeting discipline.

District unions and administrators, in closed meetings, “bargained” away future multiyear taxpayer money without input from taxpayers or legislators. Their compensations are scheduled to continue to increase at faster than inflation rates and now they want local taxpayers to pay the bill. These same districts complain that the “State” is not fully funding education by X%. In reality, these districts are just X% over budget. And these districts are supposed to be teaching students about mathematics and maybe economics and finance? More at: [LevyNo.com](http://LevyNo.com)

#### REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR

Claiming future guesstimated tax rates will be the same is hardly good news. The same rate multiplied by substantially increased assessed values equals substantially increased taxes – in dollars. Voters are voting on amounts – not guesstimated future tax rates. These local levies are taxing people out of their homes. There is no amount of money that will satisfy these traditional public school districts.

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- Sign in the signature box that has YOUR name printed on the envelope.
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- If you are unsure about the signature in your voter registration record, we encourage you to call the Elections Office at 564-397-2345. We can provide a description of the signature you used when you registered to vote.
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- Drop boxes are available if you don’t want your ballot or signature to go through the mail.
- Sign up to receive text messages regarding your ballot status. Text the word VOTE to 868392 (VoteWA).

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Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).

A Washington driver’s license or ID is required to register online. You may also complete a new voter registration form. Contact the Elections Office by mail, email, or phone for more information.

The deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates to existing registrations online, by phone or by mail is 5 pm Monday, February 5, 2024.

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### Clark County Elections Office

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