

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day starting April 3 and close promptly at 8 p.m. on April 23, 2024.

Olympia Area

Thurston County Courthouse
Thurston County Atrium

2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
3000 Pacific Ave SE

Southeast County

Lackamas Elementary
Nisqually Tribal Admin Bldg
Yelm School Administration

16240 Bald Hill Rd SE, Yelm
4820 She Nah Num Dr SE, Olympia
110 1st St NE

Voting Center and Accessibility Information

The Voting Center opens April 3 for the April 23 Special Election
You can:

- Register to vote until 8:00 p.m. Election Day April 23
- Receive a ballot (regular, replacement, or provisional)
- Vote using the ExpressVote™*
- Drop off your ballot

*The ExpressVote™ is a voting assistance device that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, or limited mobility to vote independently and with privacy.

If you are unable to visit the voting center you may download a ballot at VoteWA.gov or contact us to schedule an appointment for the ExpressVote™.

Registration Information

April 15 is the last day to register to vote or update your current registration by any means (other than in person). The information must be received by an election official by this day.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, April 23.

Please check your USPS mailbox pickup time to ensure your ballot will be postmarked on Election Day.



Mary Hall Auditor

Dear Voter,

Local elections are vital because they will directly impact your daily life. We are producing this pamphlet to assist you in being an informed voter.

Yelm Community Schools called for this election. They appointed the committee that wrote the “for” statement. If you have any questions about the measures, contact the school district or committee. We’ve provided their contact information. No person came forward to write the “against” statement.

If you have election questions or need a replacement ballot, my staff stands ready to help. Five drop boxes will be open beginning April 3. Remember, you can return your ballot as early as the day you receive it.

The outcome of this ballot measure will affect you for many years to come. Your vote is your voice.

Respectfully,

Mary Hall

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Thurston County Auditor

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Hours

April 3 - April 22, 2024 (Mon - Fri) | April 23 (Tues) - Election Day
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Voting Center
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3rd!**

Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet April 23, 2024 Special Election Yelm Community Schools Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy



This is your sticker!

**“I Voted” Sticker Designed by
Bryan Ketola**

Yelm Community Schools is the only jurisdiction in this local voters’ pamphlet, and you will only see one measure on your ballot.

Information about this measure can be found online at ThurstonWAVotes.gov

Questions regarding the measure should be directed to the jurisdiction.

Introduction to Local Measure

For each measure in the Local Voters’ Pamphlet, the legislative authority of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot is required to formally appoint committees to prepare statements advocating the approval and rejection of the measure. If the jurisdiction is unable to make such appointments, the Thurston County Auditor advertises for appointments. The Elections Division encourages you to review all statements and seek additional information from the jurisdictions, the appointed citizens’ committees and local media.

Yelm Community Schools
Proposition No. 1
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools adopted Resolution No. 06-23-24, authorizing a replacement levy to continue support for educational programs. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including special education, nurses, counselors, safety staff, graduation readiness, technology, athletics, and extracurricular activities):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Maximum Levy Amount
2025	\$2.25	\$13,950,000
2026	\$2.25	\$14,525,000
2027	\$2.25	\$15,100,000
2028	\$2.25	\$15,700,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 06-23-24.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Yelm Community Schools to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State, including special education, nurses, counselors, school resource officers and safety staff, graduation readiness, technology, athletics, extracurricular activities, and curriculum materials and training.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$13,950,000 in 2025, \$14,525,000 in 2026, \$15,100,000 in 2027, and \$15,700,000 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

Jurisdiction Contact:

Jennifer Carrougher
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For Committee Contact

Citizens for Support of Yelm Schools
citizens4yelmschools@gmail.com
yes4yelm.com

Ashley Brooks

Amanda Munoz

Gina Cooprider

Against Committee Contact

No committee could be found.

Statement For:

The Current Situation

Yelm Community Schools currently serves over 5,800 students with projected growth of 500 more by 2025. Our school district is unique in that it spans two counties. With increased enrollment, beginning in Pre-K through 12th grade, we must ensure the continuation of crucial resources, programs, and services.

Not Fully Funded by the State

The levy bridges the gap for educational materials, mental/physical health and safety, special education, athletic activities, arts, technology, and daily operations. It accounts for 13% of the district’s funding and supports essential staff such as teachers, paraeducators, counselors, custodians, and technology personnel. Campus safety provided by SROs and security are programs that are indispensable to ensure student growth, both socially and emotionally.

The Ask

Vote Yes to secure this funding in the April Special Election. Your vote is vital to meet the immediate needs of students but also lay the foundation for their future success, empowering them to become well-rounded individuals equipped with skills, knowledge, and a sense of community responsibility.

Taxpayer Considerations

This replacement levy is not a new tax. The individual tax rate depends on assessed home value. It will not exceed the amount of \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Supporting education through levy funds is an investment in the future of our community. As voters, we have a responsibility to invest in the well-being and development of our students. 100% of levy funds stay in our district and directly support our students.

Statement Against:

No committee could be found.

Statement Disclaimer:

Statements For and Against are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Elections Division.