

Signature Verification Requirement and Cure

Sometimes signatures change. If that is the case, don't worry! We will send you a form to update your signature. If we have a phone number on file for you, we will also call you to remind you to return your form. Need a reminder of what signature we have for you? Take a look at your Driver's License. Many people register to vote when they apply/renew their Driver's License, so that is the signature we would have on file for you.


YOUR Signature MATTERS

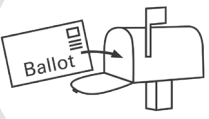
Chelan County Elections employees are trained in signature verification. They compare your signature on the return envelope to the signature we have on file for you.


Signature challenges occur when a voter does not sign the back of the ballot return envelope or when the signature on the return envelope does not match the signature(s) in their voter registration record. Any voter with a signature challenge can fix the issue and have their ballot counted by filling out and returning a form to Chelan County Elections before the day the election results are certified.

If you would like to update your signature for future elections, simply scan the QR Code to print a voter registration form. You can mail the form back to us at the address listed on the form.



 **Sign Your Ballot!**
You must sign your return envelope in order for your ballot to be counted!

 Return your ballot by mail.
No Stamp Needed!
We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by February 11.

 Return your ballot at a drop box.
Ballot drop boxes are open until 8:00 p.m. sharp on February 11.

Ballot Drop Boxes

For this election, there are 4 drop boxes available starting January 24. They close promptly at 8:00 p.m. election night, February 11, 2025.

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| Chelan County Courthouse | 350 Orondo Ave., Wenatchee |
| Indoor Boxes: M - F 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. | Licensing Office - Level 2 or |
| February 11, election day 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. | Elections Office - Level 3 |
| Leavenworth City Hall | 700 Hwy 2, Leavenworth |
| | 24 hours Drive-thru access |
| Wenatchee Public Library | 310 Douglas St., Wenatchee |
| | 24 hours Drive-up access |



Cascade School District No. 228 | Proposition No. 1

For questions about this measure, contact: Tracey Edou | (509) 548-5885 | tedou@cascadesd.org

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Cascade School District No. 228 adopted Resolution No. 24/25-2, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District’s General Fund educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2026 | \$0.76 | \$4,144,404 |
| 2027 | \$0.73 | \$4,294,796 |
| 2028 | \$0.70 | \$4,445,674 |
| 2029 | \$0.67 | \$4,601,221 |

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Cascade School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, instructional positions (such as music, Special Education, and paraeducators), athletics and extra-curricular activities, maintenance and operations (grounds, utilities, and insurance), student support services and health (school nursing, counseling, and nutrition), and instructional resources and training.

With the passage of both Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, the District anticipates a total combined rate for both levies (operating and capital) of less than \$1.14 for all four years of the levies, which was the combined rate approved by voters in 2021. For additional information, visit the District’s website: <https://www.cascadesd.org/page/2025-levies>.

The exact levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Chelan County Assessor at 509-667-6365.

Argument For:

Submitted by: Dwight Remick | (509) 590-8245 | dpremack@hotmail.com

Dear Community,

We kindly ask for your support for the Cascade School District Replacement Levies. These are not new taxes but a continuation of funding essential to student success. A "Yes" vote will provide critical support for the next four years (2026-2029).

The Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy bridges a 20% budget gap not covered by the state, ensuring students have access to teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, special education, textbooks, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food services, and safe, well-maintained buildings.

Equally vital, the Replacement Capital Levy funds safety, security, technology, and infrastructure improvements, including ongoing modernization of Icicle River Middle School and upgrades to support and athletic facilities. Keeping up with technology is essential for student success, especially after the pandemic.

This is not a rate increase; the combined levy rates remain \$1.14 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, as approved four years ago.

By voting "Yes" and returning your ballot by February 11, 2025, you help sustain the exceptional opportunities that make Cascade School District thrive. Your support is an investment in our children and our community’s future.

Thank you for standing with us.

Rebuttal to Argument For:

No statement submitted.

Argument Against:

No statement submitted.

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No statement submitted.

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Cascade School District No. 228 | Proposition No. 2

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PROPOSITION NO. 2

REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR SAFETY, SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Directors of Cascade School District No. 228 adopted Resolution No. 24/25-3, concerning a proposition to finance safety, security, technology and facility improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to continue funding the acquisition, installation, replacement and modernization of life safety and security systems, educational technology equipment, software and infrastructure, and school facilities:

| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2026 | \$0.38 | \$2,036,691 |
| 2027 | \$0.41 | \$2,380,438 |
| 2028 | \$0.44 | \$2,762,971 |
| 2029 | \$0.47 | \$3,183,946 |

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C.

Passage of Proposition 2 would allow Cascade School District to replace an existing capital levy that expires at the end of 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for (1) life safety and security, (2) educational technology equipment, software, infrastructure, and systems, and (3) school facilities, including multiple needed repairs at Icicle River Middle School as well as improvements to the Peshastin-Dryden Sports Complex that were not funded by the bond.

With the passage of both Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, the District anticipates a total combined rate for both levies (operating and capital) of less than \$1.14 for all four years of the levies, which was the combined rate approved by voters in 2021. For additional information, visit the District’s website: <https://www.cascadesd.org/page/2025-levies>.

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