

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



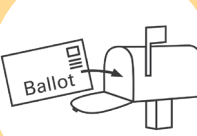
Chelan County Elections employees are trained in signature verification. They compare your signature on the return envelope to the signature we have on file for you.

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 p.m. sharp on February 11.

Ballot Drop Boxes

For this election, there are 3 drop boxes available starting January 24. They close promptly at 8:00 p.m. election night, February 11, 2025.

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
Wenatchee Public Library	310 Douglas St., Wenatchee
	24 hours Drive-up access



PROPOSITION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Wenatchee School District No. 246 adopted Resolution No. 08-24, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. 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	\$2.20	\$18,100,000
2027	\$2.20	\$19,000,000
2028	\$2.20	\$19,963,000
2029	\$2.20	\$20,960,500

Explanatory Statement

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Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Wenatchee School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2025. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, technology, school resource officers, music and arts, student science resources, special education, maintenance and operations, athletics and extracurricular activities and maintaining class sizes, and providing staffing beyond what the state funds. Further information is available at <https://www.wenatcheeschools.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$18,100,000 in 2026, \$19,000,000 in 2027, \$19,963,000 in 2028, and \$20,960,500 in 2029. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value. 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:

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Wenatchee students need your vote! Commit to their future *and* the future of our valley by voting YES on Proposition No. 1, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

Vote yes to ensure our kids can continue to enjoy award-winning athletic, theater, and music programs. Vote yes to keep our schools clean, well maintained, and secure. Vote yes to ensure our students have access to technology and enrichment programs like HiCAP and Advanced Placement that are critical to college preparedness. Our local levy fully funds these essential staff and programs.

This levy is not a new tax. It is simply an opportunity to renew our prior commitment to students and educators. Every four years, Wenatchee voters are asked to vote yes to continue this levy, protecting critical funding that fills the gap between limited State funds and the district's operational costs. The EP&O Levy covers the 12% gap, or \$15.7 million, between state funding and district needs.

Levy funding strengthens our schools. Strong schools produce strong citizens who contribute to a strong community. Strong schools attract new families, boosting the local economy. Strong schools create a higher quality of life for everyone.

More info www.wenatcheeschools.org/epolevy

Argument Against:

No statement submitted.

Rebuttal to Argument For:

No statement submitted.

Rebuttal to Argument Against:

No statement submitted.