

Whitman County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Special Election

Tuesday February 10, 2026

When returning your ballot, remember to:

- Postmark by Election Day or
- Deposit in an Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 pm on Election Day



Ballots are Mailed no later than Jan. 23.

If you haven't received your ballot by Feb. 2, contact the Elections Office

Register to vote or change your address until 8:00 pm on Election Day by coming into the Whitman County Elections Office. (See page 2 for more information)



Whitman County Elections Office - Contact Information

In Person: 304 N. Main Street, Colfax

Phone: (509) 397-5284

Fax: (509) 397-5281

Email: elections@whitmancounty.gov

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm*

*Open until 8:00 pm on February 10, Election Day

Web: www.whitmancounty.gov/169/election-information

Although your ballot came with a prepaid postage return envelope this election, you can save taxpayer dollars by dropping off your ballot in one of the Ballot Boxes which are open 18 days prior to Election Day.

Drop Box locations:

All Drop boxes will close at 8:00 pm on Election Day

- Whitman County Elections Office 304 N. Main St., Colfax, WA 99111
- In the alley behind Elections Office 304 N. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111
- Town of Garfield City Hall 405 W. California St, Garfield, WA 99130
- Adjacent to the Northwest Grain Growers Office 33 E. Front St. St. John, WA 99171

Voting Machines for the visually, hearing, or physically impaired are available at the Elections Office in Colfax (304 N. Main St.) 18 days prior to and on election day.

If you need a replacement ballot or have any questions, please contact the Whitman County Elections Department at (509) 397-5284, or email us at elections@whitmancounty.gov





Letter from the Election Department

Dear Whitman County Voter,

If you have election questions or need a replacement ballot, the Elections Office is ready to help at 509-397-5284 and elections@whitmancounty.gov. Our ballot boxes are open and are ready for you. We want your vote to count. One of the most common reasons that ballots are not counted is because they are received too late. They must be postmarked by Election Day, which is February 10, 2026. If you have waited until very close to that date to mail in your ballot, please ask your local Postmaster to hand stamp your return envelope with the date and location received. This will ensure that your ballot is postmarked on time, or use a drop box instead. All ballots sealed inside their return (and declaration signed) envelopes must be dropped into a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. or postmarked by Election day, February 10, 2026.

Sincerely,

Your Whitman County Elections Department



Participating Jurisdictions

The following jurisdictions have a resolution and/or a candidate position included in this pamphlet:

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| i. Washtucna School Dist. # 109 | iv. Colfax School Dist. # 300 |
| ii. LaCrosse School Dist. # 126 | v. Rosalia School Dist. # 320 |
| iii. Clarkston School Dist. # 250 | vi. St. John School Dist. # 322 |



Jurisdictions waived out of this pamphlet due to financial hardship

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| i. Tekoa School Dist. # 265 | iv. Endicott School Dist. # 308 |
| ii. Steptoe School Dist. # 304 | v. Garfield Park and Rec Dist. # 2 |
| iii. Colton School Dist. # 306 | vi. Tekoa Park and Rec Dist. # 6 |



To Register to Vote, You Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a Washington state resident;
- Be at least 16 years old;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order;
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony;
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

How to Register to Vote or Change Your Address in Time for the Election:



Go to MyVote.wa.gov on or before February 2.



Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by February 10. Registration forms are online, or can be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Elections Office.



Come into the Whitman County Elections Office, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Registration Deadlines for the Election:



Voter registration and address changes online or by mail **must be received by February 2.**

After February 2, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00pm on Election Day.

Military or Overseas Voters:

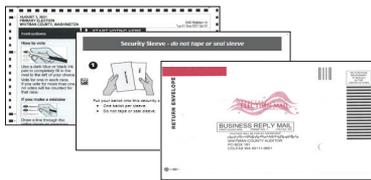


Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.



Voting Instructions

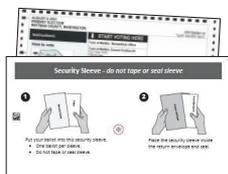
1 The ballot packet will be mailed to you and will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



2 To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.



3 Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.



4 Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.



5 Sign and date your return envelope. **Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.**



6 Return your ballot to the Whitman County Elections Office by ballot drop box or mail.



OR



Ballot must be in the drop box by 8:00pm, February 10.

Ballot must be postmarked by February 10.



Washtucna School District No. 109 Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Washtucna School District No. 109-43 adopted Resolution No. 2025-01, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. 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 operation expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy	
	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
	Rate/\$1,000	
2027	\$1.43	\$150,000
2028	\$1.43	\$150,000
2029	\$1.43	\$150,000
2030	\$1.43	\$150,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-01 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Washtucna School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. This replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, nurses, counselors, safety, graduation readiness, technology, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Further information is available at www.tucna.wednet.edu.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$150,000 in the years 2027 through 2030. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.43 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 the 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, contact your county assessor.

For Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



LaCrosse School District No. 126 Proposition No. 1

Replacement Capital Levy to Modernize, Renovate and Improve School Facilities

The Board of Directors of LaCrosse School District No. 126 adopted Resolution No. 25-26-03, 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 acquire technology equipment and infrastructure, repair building masonry, replace roofing/weather flashing, and replace gym lighting, flooring and enclose entrance to extend useful life of buildings:

**Estimated Levy
Rate/\$1,000**

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$1.50	\$383,762
2028	\$1.50	\$393,356
2029	\$1.50	\$403,190

all as provided in Resolution No. 25-26-03. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes LaCrosse School District to replace an expiring capital levy. This replacement levy will be used to modernize, renovate, improve and repair existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure; (2) repairing replacing, and/or installing roofing, masonry (including bricks, rebar and related materials and infrastructure) and flashing to extend useful life of buildings; (3) improving the gym, including replacing lighting, replacing flooring and remodeling and enclosing gym entrance. Further information is available at www.lacrossedsd.k12.wa.us. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact your county assessor for more information.

For Statement

"Great Community, Great Schools"

We see the signs as we drive into town, and it is true! The Lacrosse School is the heart of our community.

In recent years state funding for public schools, especially rural schools, has taken a serious hit. These changes have impacted the maintenance and upgrades to our school's physical plant. Work has been left undone in an effort to continue high quality programs and experiences for our youth.

A yes vote on this levy would provide dedicated local funds for essential repairs at both the high school and elementary buildings. It would allow for much needed repairs to the exterior masonry and to the roofs and weather flashings around the campus. Additionally, by supporting the levy the community would be providing a funding source to replace the outdated and unsafe conditions of the gym's flooring and lighting. The current gym was built in 1960

When the levy passes, the school also has plans to enclose the entrances of the buildings. This would provide for improved student safety, and could extend the life of the facilities

This levy is a replacement levy. That means that it will not raise property taxes, It will only replace the levy that will expire as this one begins.

By voting yes on the levy we are supporting our youth and our community,

Justin Siebert and Jeff Pietila

Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



Clarkston School District No. 250 Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Clarkston School District No. J250-185 adopted Resolution No. 25-09, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations. 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 pay expenses of the District's General Fund educational programs and operations not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy	
	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$2.50	\$5,427,961
2028	\$2.50	\$5,590,800
2029	\$2.50	\$5,758,524
2030	\$2.50	\$5,931,280

all as provided in Resolution No. 25-09. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy, Yes

Levy, No

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Clarkston School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, security, nurses, curriculum, athletics, technology, extracurricular activities, and teacher pay and training. Further information is available on the District's website at: www.csd12.org.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of up to \$5,427,961 in 2027, \$5,590,800 in 2028, \$5,758,524 in 2029 and \$5,931,280 in 2030. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be at or below \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rates and amounts to be collected may be reduced based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of levy and the limitations imposed by current State law. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact your county assessor.

For Statement

Not a New Tax

This renews the existing levy. The EP&O levy covers about 10% of the Clarkston School District's annual budget and helps bridge the gaps in state funding. It ensures that our 2,400 students have the resources they need to succeed and has continuously supported local schools for 38 years.

Better Learning for Every Student

EP&O funds help buy new curriculum and learning materials that aren't paid for by the state. For example, last year, EP&O funds were used to invest in a new English curriculum which helped Clarkston's students outperform state averages in that subject. Continued support will help update math and science lab materials, providing hands-on experiences for our students.

Safety and Student Activities

EP&O funds help keep our schools safe by supporting School Resource Officers, cybersecurity, and secure building entrances. Our school nurses are funded by the levy, too. Many programs, including Archery, Band, Air Force ROTC, DECA, Drama and Sports depend on EP&O funding. Over half of the CSD's students participate in these activities.

Local Support, State Match

Renewing this four-year EP&O levy is estimated to cost \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The State of Washington rewards school districts that pass EP&O levies by providing roughly an additional \$0.50 in funding per \$1.00 raised in an EP&O levy.

This EP&O levy is not a new tax. It's how our residents support and control the quality of our Clarkston Public Schools. Please vote "Approve."

Courtney Kramer *Clarkston Alliance for Reinvestment in Education and Schools (CARES)*
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Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



Colfax School District No. 300 Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Colfax School District No. 300 adopted Resolution No. 533, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy	
	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$2.06	\$1,600,000
2028	\$2.13	\$1,700,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 533. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Colfax School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2026. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, nurses, high school art and student support specialist, athletics, extracurricular activities, maintenance and operations, and transportation. Further information is available at www.csd300.org. The proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 11% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, contact Whitman County Assessor at 509-397-6220.

For Statement

We urge you to vote Yes on the proposed levy to invest in our community's future. This levy provides essential funding for our district curriculum, higher math and science staff, nursing staff, non-athletic extracurricular activities, and other non-state funded areas. All these areas ensure that our children have access to quality education. Your support of the school levy also keeps our schools well maintained. By supporting the levy, you are making a commitment to a stronger, safer, and more vibrant community for everyone. The increase in the amount of levy is to replace state funding lost due to the change in our property value and to cover inflationary costs specifically in state-mandated insurance premiums. Please join us in continuing to vote Yes for our future and community!

Wes Claassen

Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



Rosalia School District No. 320 Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Rosalia School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 2025-14, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Estimated Levy

Rate/\$1,000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$2.50	\$555,000
2028	\$2.50	\$572,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-14 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Rosalia School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2026. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding essential educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, maintenance and operation, and transportation. Further information at: www.rosaliaschools.com. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact your county assessor.

For Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



Rosalia School District No. 320 Proposition No. 2

Replacement Capital Levy for Technology, Safety and Security Improvements

The Board of Directors of Rosalia School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 2025-15, concerning a proposition to finance technology, safety and security 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 technology, safety and security improvements at Rosalia Schools (including acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure, security cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other safety and security systems):

Estimated Levy

Rate/\$1,000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$0.41	\$90,000
2028	\$0.39	\$90,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2025-15. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Rosalia School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2026. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding technology, safety and security improvements at Rosalia Schools, including acquiring and installing technology equipment and infrastructure, security cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other safety and security systems. Further information at: www.rosaliaschools.com. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact your county assessor.

For Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement for the ballot measure.

Against Statement

After repeated recruitment attempts, no volunteers came forward to write a statement against the ballot measure.



St. John School District No. 322 Proposition No. 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of the St. John School District adopted Resolution No. 25-12 concerning this proposition to provide 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. to replace an expired levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations not funded by the state:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy	
	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$1.65	\$510,000
2028	\$1.65	\$525,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

For Statement

In Washington, the state is required to fund "basic education." However, basic education funding only covers what the state defines as essential for K-12, and it does not include many of the programs and resources our families and children value. Levies provide the funding that ensures students have access to a full and well-rounded educational experience.

Passing our levies supports updated curriculum materials, extracurricular programs, technology, and safe, well-maintained facilities. These resources are vital to student success and to the strength of our community.

St. John is a town with great pride, from our full Front Street to our community events. Whether or not you have a child in the district, the school touches your life. Without the programs, staff, and facilities supported by levy funding, we risk losing the heart of our community and the opportunities our children deserve.

Passing our levies is essential and should be an utmost priority for everyone who cares about the future of St. John.

Val Brewer
email: valerie@iemc.com

Explanatory Statement

Proposition #1 authorizes Saint John School District to collect a real property tax levy supporting school programs not otherwise fully funded by the State for collection in 2027 and 2028, replacing the District's expiring maintenance and operations tax levy.

This levy supports programs and initiatives such as athletics, extracurricular activities, smaller class sizes, and professional learning that are not fully state-funded.

The estimated tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed property value is \$1.65 each year for two years of collection. The maximum collection amounts under Proposition #1 for 2027 is \$510,000. The maximum collection amount for 2028 is \$525,000.

Against Statement

Is the State of Washington not fully funding public education? Is another levy truly needed for additional educational programs, teaching and school supplies, what can the students go without? What additional operations in our district are truly in need of supplemental funding? Do the sports programs need more money, are sports really educational? What programs benefit from this levy, are they necessary to student success and worth the money?

Micah Armstrong
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St. John School District No. 322 Proposition No. 2

Replacement Capital Levy

The Board of Directors of the St. John School District adopted Resolution No. 25-13 concerning this proposition to provide ongoing capital funding for schools. The proposition replaces an expiring capital levy and would provide funding to support capital facility improvements such as classroom technology, network systems, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, roofing and building maintenance.

Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$1.15	\$350,000
2028	\$1.10	\$350,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Explanatory Statement

Proposition No. 2 authorizes Saint John School District to collect a real property tax levy supporting capital facility improvements such as classroom technology, network systems, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, roofing and building maintenance. This levy would replace an expiring capital levy.

Under the replacement levy, the estimated tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed property value is \$1.15 for the first year of collection in 2027, and \$1.10 for the second year of collection in 2028. The maximum collection amount under for 2027 is \$350,000. The maximum collection amount for 2028 is \$350,000.

For Statement

Our school building is the heart of St. John. While the State of Washington provides funding for basic education, it does not cover the full cost of maintaining and upgrading our facilities. Local levies are the only way we can ensure our students learn in safe, healthy, and modern environments.

The proposed upgrades are not luxuries—they are necessities. Reliable heating and cooling systems protect student health and allow them to focus on learning rather than discomfort. Updated windows and infrastructure reduce energy costs, saving taxpayer dollars over time. Technology improvements provide students with the tools they need to succeed in today's world and prepare for tomorrow's workforce.

If this levy expires, our facilities will continue to age without the resources needed to keep them safe and functional. Deferred maintenance only increases costs in the future. By passing this levy, we invest in our children, our staff, and our community.

St. John takes pride in its school, and strong schools strengthen our town. This levy ensures that our building remains a place where students can thrive and our community can gather with pride. Supporting Proposition 2 is an investment in both education and the future of St. John.

Val Brewer
email: valerie@iemc.com

Against Statement

The public-school building should be upgraded by the State of Washington. Is there a purpose for another levy to upgrade the school building? Windows can be opened in the heat and jackets can be worn in the cold. Are the proposed upgrades necessary for the success of the students or unneeded luxuries. What other technologies are needed for student success, again are they luxuries or needed? What would happen if we let this levy expire?

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