

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution supporting Bellevue School District No. 405 Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Resolution expresses support for Bellevue School District No. 405 (BSD) Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 on the February 10, 2026 special election ballot.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the January 6 meeting, Council directed staff to draft a Resolution taking a position on the BSD renewal propositions: Proposition No. 1 for educational programs and operations levy (EP&O) and Proposition No. 2 for technology & capital projects levy, to be considered at a future meeting.

According to BSD, these levies comprise roughly one-quarter of the school district's funding, with the remainder coming from state funding and federal sources. BSD's description of how the levies would be used is below.

Proposition No. 1 – Renewal of Expiring EP&O Levy:

- Continues funding for day-to-day operations
- Fills the gap between state funding and what the district needs to operate schools
- High quality teaching and learning, and additional classroom staff
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and facilities at middle schools and high schools, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning
- World languages in middle schools, including Heritage and dual language instruction
- Orchestra, band, music programs
- Athletics
- Art in elementary schools
- After school activities

The financial summary for the EP&O levy of \$0.75 / \$1,000 for four years of the levy receipts, if passed by voters, is as follows:

- 2027 \$88,300,000
- 2028 \$93,200,000
- 2029 \$97,900,000

- 2030 \$103,000,000

Proposition No. 2 – Renewal of Technology & Capital Projects Levy:

- Continues funding for technology, safety, security, capital improvements
- Access to updated technologies and software
- Integrated digital curriculum and collaborative STEM learning
- A computer or tablet for every student
- Technology support including cybersecurity
- Safety and preparedness training for students, staff, and families
- Safety audits, threat assessments, and cybersecurity
- Automated external defibrillators (AEDs), cameras, and visitor management systems
- Roofing, carpeting, and heating/cooling systems
- Repairs to and maintenance of school buildings If approved by voters, each of the two propositions would be funded by four-year levy renewals, which collect roughly an equivalent amount of funding, depending on a range of factors.

The financial summary for the technology & capital projects levy of \$0.54 / \$1,000 for four years of the levy receipts, if passed by voters, is as follows:

- 2027 \$64,000,000
- 2028 \$67,000,000
- 2029 \$70,000,000
- 2030 \$73,000,000

To meet the requirements of RCW 29B.45.010 (recodified from RCW 42.17A.555), representatives of the pro and con campaigns have been invited to make a ten-minute presentation. Presentations will be followed by additional time for public comment consisting of 15 minutes per side. Time will be allocated for up to five speakers, three minutes per speaker, on each side of the issue.

Chapter 29B.45 RCW (recodified from Chapter 42.17A RCW) generally prohibits the use of public resources in support or in opposition of a ballot proposition. However, RCW 29B.45.010 provides that local legislative bodies may take an official position on a ballot proposition if the following requirements are met:

- The action must be taken in an open public meeting;
- The intention to take action is listed on the meeting agenda and the agenda includes the title and number of the ballot proposition; and
- Prior to taking action, “members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.”

After the presentations and public comment are completed, Council may take an action on the attached resolution.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 29B.45.010 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns – Prohibition – Exceptions:

- (1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or by an elected board, council, or commission . . . to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution supporting Bellevue School District Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Official ballot title language contained in Bellevue School District Proposition No. 1
 - B. Official ballot title language contained in Bellevue School District Proposition No. 2
- Proposed Resolution No. 10579

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N/A