



# Kittitas County Elections

## Ballot measure submission cover sheet

This form must accompany each resolution or ordinance and be submitted to:

Kittitas County Elections  
205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105; Ellensburg WA 98926  
509.962.7503  
[elections@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.kittitas.wa.us)

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### district information

Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington

name of district

Brenda McKee; Business/HR Director

district contact person and title

509.964.7101

phone

[mckeeb@thorpschools.org](mailto:mckeeb@thorpschools.org)

email

### election information

February 14, 2023

election date

Proposition No. 1 - Replacement Capital Levy to Improve School Facilities

type of measure (levy, bond, advisory vote, etc)

Simple Majority, see Wash. Const. art. VII, § 2(a) and RCW § 84.52.053.

pass / fail requirements (simple majority, super majority, 60%, etc), along with the applicable statutory references

### contact information for public

This contact person from the district should be able to respond to questions from voters about the ballot measure. This contact information will be provided upon request.

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### Voter Pamphlet Contact Info

Pro Committee:

Jessica Hutchinson

Name

509-899-1759

Contact

Against Committee

name

Contact

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THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY TO IMPROVE  
SCHOOL FACILITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 14, 2023, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2023 for collection in 2024 of \$352,000, in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$352,000, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$352,000, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$352,000 for the District's Capital Projects Fund to support the construction, modernization and remodeling of school facilities; designating the Secretary to the Board and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Kittitas County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

*This document prepared by:*

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Spokane, Washington 99201  
(509) 777-1602*

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KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400, KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2023 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 18-01, adopted by the Board on November 27, 2018, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 12, 2019.

(b) Educationally outdated school facilities, deteriorating infrastructure and security and safety concerns require the District to levy excess property taxes to continue to support the construction, modernization and remodeling of school facilities, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively the "Projects").

(c) With the expiration of the District's current four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's Capital Projects Fund will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$352,000 be made in 2023 for collection in 2024, \$352,000 be made in 2024 for collection in 2025, \$352,000 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, and \$352,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 for the District's Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to pay those costs.

(d) The proposed four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy authorized in this resolution will replace the District's expiring four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy.

(e) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

(f) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property taxes authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Improve, expand and repair existing school facilities and grounds; make health, safety and security improvements; improve access for community facility use; acquire land for new and expanded school facilities; and make other health, safety, security, energy efficiency and athletic improvements to school facilities, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The term "land" as used herein includes all real property and improvements and other structures thereon and all interests therein.

(b) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Kittitas County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 14, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement Capital Projects Fund excess property tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2023 for collection in 2024 of \$352,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$352,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$352,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$352,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value,

all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the tax levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes provided in this resolution to pay costs of the Projects, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Taxes. If the excess property taxes authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such taxes to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board determines that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the District will not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the excess property taxes authorized herein or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property taxes authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the excess property taxes, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District may use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess property taxes authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities.

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Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY TO IMPROVE SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 22-02, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to: improve, expand and repair existing school facilities and grounds; make health, safety and security improvements; improve access for community facility use; acquire land; and levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$1.07	\$352,000
2025	\$1.07	\$352,000
2026	\$1.07	\$352,000
2027	\$1.07	\$352,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 22-02. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES ☐

LEVY . . . NO ☐

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the “Secretary”) or the Secretary’s designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 16, 2022; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Secretary (Andrew M. Perkins), telephone: 509.964.2107; email: [perkinsa@thorpschools.org](mailto:perkinsa@thorpschools.org); and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Jim McNeill), telephone: 509.777.1602; email: [jim.mcneill@foster.com](mailto:jim.mcneill@foster.com) as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board (the “Chair”), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District

resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Business Manager, the Chair, and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 10.    Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

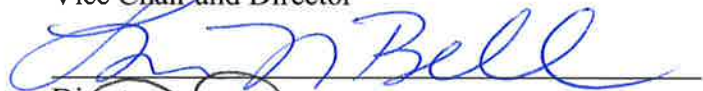
Section 11.    Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

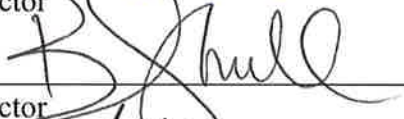
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022.


THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


  
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Chair and Director

  
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Vice Chair and Director

  
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Director

ATTEST:   
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ANDREW M. PERKINS  
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, ANDREW M. PERKINS, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 22-02 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at the regular meeting place on November 22, 2022 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022.

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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ANDREW M. PERKINS  
Secretary to the Board of Directors