

# Concrete School District No. 11 - Proposition No. 1

## Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

### Language on the Ballot

The Board of Directors of Concrete School District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1341 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would replace the expiring levy by authorizing the following excess taxes upon all taxable property in the District as an enrichment levy for the District's General Fund to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State.

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2022	\$2.50	\$1,500,000
2023	\$2.50	\$1,500,000
2024	\$2.50	\$1,500,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes/Levy No

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the levy of: \$1,500,000 in property taxes within Concrete School District No. 11 for collection in 2022, \$1,500,000 in 2023, and \$1,500,000 in 2024 to replace an expiring levy. This levy, in accordance with Resolution No.1341, would be used to pay certain costs associated with educational programs and operations support. Based on projected information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value may be \$2.50 (2022 collection), \$2.50 (2023 collection), and \$2.50 (2024 collection). The exact levy rate shall be determined at the time of the levy.

### Statement For

Two years ago the community came together and passed a continuation of the levy for the Concrete School District (CSD) that was required to fill the funding gaps created by the State Legislature. The previous levy provided the essential funding to repair the heating, cooling, and ventilation system for the Concrete Elementary School, as well as many of the incidentals required to operate a school district. That financial shortfall has not only continued, but has worsened with the onset of the pandemic and the avalanche of new unfunded requirements necessary to keep the students and staff safe and students learning.

This levy request, although it has the new name of "enrichment levy," is really a continuation of the previously approved levy for exactly the same amount. The State uses the term "enrichment," but that is a misnomer. The State's magic funding formula requires numerous personnel positions to be filled and duties performed, although it provides only a portion of the funding.

No one will say the remote learning model the district has been forced to implement is the preferred method of teaching students either academics or social skills, although the CSD is utilizing all the tools available in its attempt.

### Statement For prepared by:

Committee Spokesperson - John Boggs Members: Claus Joens & Mike Brondi

### Statement Against

No information submitted.

*Statements for, statements against, and rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.*

# Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Special Election - February 9, 2021

## Voting Instructions

### Vote:

- Mark your ballot
- Put your ballot in the security sleeve
- Place the security sleeve inside the return envelope and seal

### Sign:

- Sign & date the voter declaration

### Return:

- Return your ballot to the Auditor's Office, Election Division

## Voting Center

Whatcom County Auditor's Office - Election Division

- 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham, WA
- Phone: 360-778-5102
- Email: [elections@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.whatcom.wa.us)
- Hours:  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm starting January 22  
*Election Day, February 9, open until 8:00 pm*

Services Available:

- Accessible voting using visual and audio technology
- Replacement ballots
- Voter registration & address updates

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

## Returning Your Ballot



### By Drop Box:

No postage needed.

Drop box opens January 22; closes at 8:00 pm on February 9. Location available in Whatcom County will be at the Whatcom County Courthouse: in the south parking lot, or inside at Suite 103. Visit [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov) for available locations in Skagit County.



### By Mail:

No stamp needed.

Ballots must be postmarked by February 9. USPS recommends mailing by February 2.