



2010 Seattle Public Schools Levies at a Glance February 9, 2010

Seattle residents have the opportunity to vote on two school levies by mailing in ballots by February 9, 2010. Both measures will renew existing levies. At Seattle Public Schools, we are committed to providing an excellent education for every student and to ensuring that every school is an excellent school. The Capital Levy, Prop. 1, is part of the district's long-range plan to upgrade and renovate aging school facilities on a planned and predictable timetable. The Operations Levy, Prop. 2, represents nearly one quarter of the district's day-to-day budget.

PROPOSITION 1

Capital Levy: Buildings, Technology and Academics III (BTA III)

- \$270 million over six years
- Renews expiring Buildings, Technology and Academics II (BTA II) levy approved by voters in 2004
- Buildings component addresses basic health and safety improvements such as roof replacement, seismic upgrades, water and air quality, and deferred maintenance, and includes projects that increase energy efficiency at school buildings. (\$140.5 million)
- Technology component includes projects at every school to support student learning and improve business efficiency. (\$34.9 million)
- Academics components support improvements in the way student services are delivered to help ensure that all students can meet or exceed grade-level expectations and graduate from high school prepared for college, careers and life. (\$94.6 million)
- The proposed projects, budget and schedule were approved by the Seattle School Board after 18 months of cross-departmental planning and community involvement. A full list of projects can be found on www.seattleschools.org.

PROPOSITION 2

Operations Levy

- \$442.7 million over three years
- Represents nearly one-quarter of Seattle Public Schools' annual general fund budget.
- Supports basic educational programs not fully funded by the state.
- Renews expiring operations levy approved by voters in 2007.
- Helps pay for teachers, instructional assistants, full-day kindergarten, a sixth period at high schools, student activities such as athletics, drama and music; bilingual and special education services; textbooks and classroom supplies; and transportation and security services.

For additional information, please visit <http://bta.seattleschools.org> and www.seattleschools.org, where you can download a Levy Information Brochure and watch a brief video about the levies. In addition, our "Report to the Community" outlines how taxpayer dollars approved for past levies have been used to maintain and improve our schools.