



BEAVERTON

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Local Option Levy Measure #34-204 Election: May 21, 2013

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Why

Due to repeated state funding shortfalls over the past five years, Beaverton Schools has cut \$142 million from the budgets, eliminating 16 school days, 640 teaching positions and increasing class sizes at every level. Beaverton has cut administration, guidance counselors, school librarians, textbooks and learning materials. Music, physical education and art have been reduced at every level.

The new state school funding proposal would result in more cuts: eliminating teaching positions and increasing class sizes further at every school.

What

The Beaverton School District Board is proposing a 5-year Local Option Levy that could provide additional operating funds to prevent teacher cuts, restore some

previously cut teaching positions and address some extreme class sizes. The Local Option Levy could raise approximately \$15 million a year.

If approved by voters, the local option would fund 150 teaching positions.

100% of levy proceeds would remain in Beaverton Schools to fund teaching positions. None would go to Salem.

When

The local option measure will appear on the May 21, 2013 ballot. This is a vote-by-mail election, and ballots will be mailed to all registered voters by the third week in April. To be eligible to vote, you must be registered by April 30, 2013. Completed ballots must reach the county elections office by

8 p.m. on May 21, 2013. Ballots postmarked May 21, 2013 will not count. Contact the Washington County Elections Office to register 503-846-5800 or online at www.co.washington.or.us/elections.

How Much

The local option levy rate would be \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year for five years. The actual property taxes collected would vary from property to property. For an estimate, please go to www.beaverton.k12.or.us and click on Local Option Levy.

Accountability

100% of funds go to teaching positions, none goes to administration. Annual reports to the public would be made to ensure levy funds are used as intended.

Area Ballot Drop Off Sites

Washington County Elections Office
3700 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton

Cedar Mill Library
12505 NW Cornell Rd., Portland

West Slope Library
3678 SW 78th Ave., Portland

Beaverton Library
12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton

Garden Home Library
7475 SW Oleson Rd., Portland