

## February 10, 2026 Special Election

What's on your ballot?

Voters within the Easton, Kittitas, Ellensburg and Thorp School Districts are receiving a ballot for the February Special Election.

Your ballot will only contain the district that you are eligible to vote on.

To be eligible to vote, a voter must be a resident and registered voter within the district.

You can track the status of your ballot at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov)

Your status will update as your ballot is received and processed.

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at 509-962-7503 or [elections@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.kittitas.wa.us)

### Ballots:

If your ballot is lost or damaged or you did not receive a ballot, you can go online to get a replacement ballot: [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov)

You can also stop in the office for a replacement ballot, or call us to request one be mailed to you: (509) 962-7503

#### Secure Drop Box Locations open for this Special Election:

- Kittitas County Courthouse . . . . . 205 W 5th Ave, Ellensburg
- Kittitas County Auditor's Office . . . . Inside Courthouse Building
- CWU SURC . . . . . 1007 N Chestnut St, Ellensburg
- Thorp Fire Station . . . . . 10700 Thorp Hwy N, Thorp
- Easton Fire Station . . . . . 180 Cabin Creek Rd, Easton
- Kittitas City Hall Alley . . . . . 207 Main Street, Kittitas

Ballots need to be postmarked by 2/10/26, or deposited in a ballot drop box by 8pm 2/10/26. No postage is required.

## How & When to Register to Vote

### Anytime:

You can register online: [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov)

By mail or in-person at: 205 W. 5th Ave, Suite 105, Ellensburg, WA 98926

### For this election:

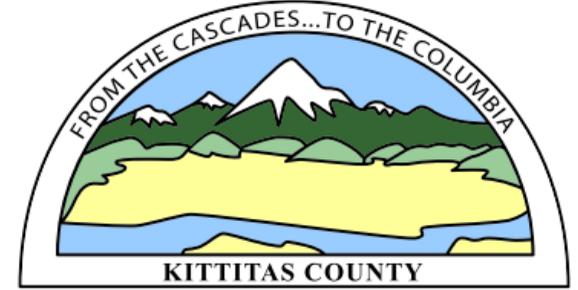
Online & Mail-in must be received by 2/2/26. If you need to update or register between 2/3/26 – 2/10/26, you must appear in person at the Auditor's Office.

### Who can Register?

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A United States citizen
- A Washington state resident that meets the requirements for voting mandated by state law
- At least 16 years old but not voting in a special or general election until 18 years old
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction or currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE.**  
Your signature on the declaration will be compared to the signature(s) in your voter registration file.



## Kittitas County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

### Special Election: February 10, 2026



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**Kittitas School District No. 403**  
**Proposition No. 1**  
**Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Kittitas School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 25/26.03, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$1.67	\$1,900,000
2028	\$1.61	\$1,900,000
2029	\$1.55	\$1,900,000
2030	\$1.49	\$1,900,000

all as provided in Resolution No.25/26.03. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy . . . Yes

Levy . . . No

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY**

Proposition No. 1 would allow Kittitas School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy expiring in 2026. The levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC), athletics, extracurricular activities, additional staff for small class sizes, unfunded substitute and employee leave costs, transportation underfunding, food services underfunding, field trips, student activities, textbook replacement, and vehicle and equipment maintenance. Further information at: [www.ksd403.org](http://www.ksd403.org).

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of up to \$1,900,000 each year from 2027 through and including 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.67 in 2027, \$1.61 in 2028, \$1.55 in 2029, and \$1.49 in 2030. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact the Kittitas County Assessor: 509-962-7501.

Explanatory Statement Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C.

**Kittitas School District No. 403**  
**Proposition No. 2**  
**Replacement Levy for Instruction Technology Improvements**

The Board of Directors of Kittitas School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 25/26.04, concerning a proposition to finance instructional technology improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure, replace and upgrade computes, devices, hardware and software, and provide related staff training and support:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$0.35	\$400,000
2028	\$0.34	\$400,000
2029	\$0.33	\$400,000
2030	\$0.31	\$400,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 25/26.04. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy . . . Yes

Levy . . . No

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 – REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS**

Proposition No. 2 would allow Kittitas School District to replace an existing capital levy expiring in 2026. The levy will be used to support the continued modernization of school facilities by making instructional technology improvements, including, but not limited to: acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment and infrastructure; replacing and upgrading computers, personal computing devices, hardware, software and telecommunication systems; providing related staff training and support to implement such technology improvements; and making other instructional technology improvements and upgrades throughout school facilities, all to improve student learning. Further information at: [www.ksd403.org](http://www.ksd403.org).

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of \$400,000 each year from 2027 through and including 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.35 in 2027, \$0.34 in 2028, \$0.33 in 2029, and \$0.31 in 2030. Exemptions from taxes may be available, contact the Kittitas County Assessor: 509-962-7501.

Explanatory Statement Prepared by: Foster Garvey P.C.

**Statements in Favor**

**Statement in Favor: Proposition No. 1**  
**Replacement EPO Levy**

We are writing in favor of and asking for support of the Replacement Educational, Programs, and Operation Levy. Washington State requires Schools to seek a levy at a minimum of \$1.50/Thousand assessed value, (RCW 28A.500.015) to receive maximum assistance from the state. Kittitas School Board, with consideration of its tax base, will receive some additional funding compared to the levy it is replacing, doing so without an increase in taxes due to current assessed valuation. The Board has worked the numbers backwards insuring the best possible benefits with the least cost to the community. If you look at the chart provided showing the estimated levy rates, you will see the Board kept it close to \$1.50/thousand insuring the most benefit for our school district at minimum cost. The levy funds help support crucial school programs and daily operations not fully covered by state funding. The levy bridges the gap for essential services like teacher/staff salaries, special education, student support (nurses/counselors), technology, arts, music, athletics, building maintenance, and keeping class sizes small. Please support Kittitas School District students and staff. Vote YES on this Replacement Educational, Programs, and Operation Levy for our youth.

Thank you

Written by  
 Kittitas School Levy Committee Members  
 Clinton Van de Venter and Bill Hanson

**Statement in Favor: Proposition No. 2**  
**Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements**

We are writing in support of and asking for your support on the Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements. The Instructional Technology Improvements Levy supports continued updating and completion of projects within Kittitas School District. This is a direct replacement levy continuing support of \$400,000 per year, not a new tax. As each year passes, we see and rely on more and more technology. Technology impacts everything we do as we strive to increase efficiencies, learn more, and lower cost. These funds support the continued replacement and upgrade of technology equipment, hardware, and software within our district. This levy is instrumental to maintain and improve our infrastructure, security, devices, subscription, licenses, and our youth’s future. We ask for your continued support and a YES vote to Replace/Renew the Instructional Technology Improvements Levy.

Thank you.

Written by  
 Kittitas School Levy Committee Members  
 Carly Stingley and Kameron Brist

**Against Statement:**  
 No person in the jurisdiction stepped forward to provide a statement against. To get involved in future committees, contact your local jurisdiction.