

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

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RESOLUTION NO. 13/20-21

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ADOPTED DECEMBER 2, 2020

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WHEREAS, Mount Vernon School District No. 320, Skagit County, Washington (the "District"), for the past two years has had in effect a technology levy in order to enable the District to pay for its technology facilities; and

WHEREAS, the educational facilities of Mount Vernon School District No. 320, Skagit County, Washington (the "District"), including safety and technology facilities are in need of modernization, improvements and expansion to meet the current and future educational needs for its students (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, funds available to the District will be insufficient to enable the District to implement such projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to support the cost of these projects as found necessary by the Board of Directors, it is deemed advisable that the District levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the District in excess of the annual tax the District is permitted by law to levy without a vote of the people, such levy to be made for three years commencing in 2021 for collection in the school years from 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053; and

WHEREAS, the question of whether or not such excess tax may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the conditions here and above set forth require the holding of a special election in the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320, SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON as follows:

Section 1. Finding. It is hereby found and declared that the welfare of the students and other residents of the District requires the District to carry out the improvements hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Authorization of Improvements.

The District shall modernize its educational facilities through the planning, design and construction of enhanced safety and security systems, including related safety and maintenance staffing, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors

Additionally, the District shall modernize its educational facilities through the acquisition and installation of technology systems, facilities and projects, including acquiring hardware, licensing software, and online applications, staffing and training related to the installation of the foregoing as an integral part of the District's technology systems, facilities, or projects; and the application and modernization of technology systems for operations and instruction including, but not limited to, the ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing staffing and training related to the

installation and integration of these products or services, and shall make other capital expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors.

The District may repay any obligations hereafter incurred for the foregoing purposes.

If available funds are sufficient, the District shall acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board of Directors finds necessary; provided that such funds may be used only to support the construction, modernization, replacement, and remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's technology facilities plan.

If the District shall determine that it has become impracticable to accomplish any of such improvements or portions thereof by reason of changed conditions or needs, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the District shall not be required to accomplish such improvement and may apply levy proceeds as set forth in this section. If any or all of the improvements have been completed, or their completion duly provided for, or their completion found to be impractical, the District may apply the levy proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the improvements or to other capital purposes of the District, as the District in its discretion shall determine. Notwithstanding any provision of this resolution to the contrary, levy proceeds may only be used to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's technology facilities plan.

Section 3. Authorization of Levies. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall make the Capital Projects Fund levies for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on February 9, 2021.

For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the needs described in Section 2 above, the Skagit County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Skagit County, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition providing for tax levies for the Capital Projects Fund for three years, commencing in 2021, producing dollar amounts at estimated tax rates per thousand dollars of assessed value to produce such amounts, in excess of the maximum amount tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, all as follows:

- A. \$5,173,000, said levy to be made in 2021 for collection in 2022;
- B. \$5,173,000, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023; and
- C. \$5,173,000, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Skagit County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2021 levy is \$0.95 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2022 levy is \$0.86 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and the estimated levy rate for the 2023 levy is \$0.79 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Approval of Form of Ballot. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to the Skagit County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Skagit County, substantially in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320  
SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 13/20-21 concerning a technology modernization levy. The proposition authorizes safety and security upgrades, acquisition, installation, implementation and management of technology systems, including related maintenance, staffing and training; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2022	\$0.95	\$ 5,173,000
2023	\$0.86	\$ 5,173,000
2024	\$0.79	\$ 5,173,000

all as provided in District Resolution No. 13/20-21. Should this proposition be approved?

YES .....

NO .....

The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Skagit County Auditor.

Section 5. Notices of 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 District’s Executive Director of Finance (Jennifer Larson), telephone: (360) 428-6110; email: jlarson@mvsd320.org; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP, (Cynthia Weed) telephone: 206.370.7801; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall

provide such notice. The Director of Finance and Operations is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 6.     Voters' Pamphlet. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 2021 election and requests that the Skagit County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320, Skagit  
County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 2nd day of December, 2020.

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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President and Director

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Mount Vernon School District No. 320, Skagit County, Washington (the "District"), and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 13/20-21 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of December, 2020.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of December, 2020.



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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

February 9, 2021

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES .....

NO .....

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

February 9, 2021

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2021, a special election will be held by mail in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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YES .....

NO .....

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Skagit County Auditor

Election Date: February 9, 2021

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Mount Vernon School District No. 320, Skagit County, Washington

Contact Name: Cynthia Weed

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 206.370.7801

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 2**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$5,173,000 in property taxes within Mount Vernon School District No. 320 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$5,173,000 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$5,173,000 for collection in 2024 to fund the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of safety and security systems, computer technology and technology systems, facilities and projects, including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications, staffing and training related to the installation of the foregoing, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors, and other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be collected over the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2022, \$0.86 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2023 and \$0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at 360-416-1780.