February 8, 2022 Special Election

Chelan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Register to vote

Online

You can register online at www.votewa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID. Make sure you register online by the January 31st deadline for the February 8th Special Election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from www.elections.chelancountywa.gov and mail it to our office by the January 31st deadline for the February 8th Special Election.

In person

You can register in person through February 8th, Election Day at the vote center listed below.

Replacement ballot

If you lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, a replacement ballot is available. To get a replacement ballot:

By email: elections@co.chelan.wa.us

Online: By VoteWA.gov phone: In 509-667-6808

350 Orondo Ave Level 3 Ste 306 person:

Wenatchee, WA 98801

Accessible voting

Chelan County Elections is committed to ensuring that all voters having the opportunity to vote a private and secure ballot.

Accessible Voting Units (AVU's) are available starting 18 days before an Election, until 8pm on Election Day.

An AVU is a voting assistance unite that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, illiteracy, or limited mobility to vote independently and privately"

5b 5JI dfygybłomci f VU`chcb Uacb]lcfžmci gy`yVkiWkc]WgVmlci Wk]b[UgWfyybž i g]b['U'gY`YVMik \YY`žcf'Vmi g]b['U'hcc`"'Mci 'VWb'i gY'\YUXd\cbYg'hc'`]ghYb'hc'h\Y'hYl h' UbX dfca dhgcb mci f VU`ch' 5JI fay Wb U`gc VY ZhhYX k]h\ g]d!UbX!di ZZhcc`g"5JI fay UfY k \YY`W.U]f UWWgg]V`Y UbX gWfYYbYX Zfca ch\Yfg hc maintain privacy.



Sign Your Ballot!

You must sign and date your return envelope in order for vour ballot to be counted!



Return your ballot by mail.

No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by February 8th.



Return your ballot at a drop box.

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. sharp on February 8th.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Here are the drop boxes open for the February 8th Special Election:

Chelan County Courthouse	350 Orondo Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801
Indoor Boxes: M - F 9am-5pm	Licensing Office - Level 2 or Elections Office - Level 3
Chelan City Hall	*135 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan, WA 98816
Wenatchee Public Library	*310 Douglas St, Wenatchee, WA 98801

^{*} Drive-up ballot drop boxes



M Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Public Disclosure Commission www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828



Lake Chelan School District No. 129

PROPOSITION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan School District No. 129 adopted Resolution No. 2021-05, 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, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Estimated	Levy
Rate/\$1,	000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.98	\$3,850,000
2024	\$0.98	\$3,950,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-05 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

[] Levy...Yes [] Levy...No

Argument For

Why the EP&O Levy is Important

My children have been involved in our amazing schools in Chelan ever since we moved here in 2016. Music, art, and after school programs have enriched their lives in countless ways. I can't imagine them not having opportunities to participate in these life-giving outlets that have helped shape, inspire, and provoke them to reach their full potential. My children are just three of the kids impacted by the programs the funding this levy provides. There are 1,247 more students and reasons to vote yes for this replacement levy. These kids, their families, as well as our entire community benefit from the many programs, staffing and support systems funded by the levy.

This is not a new tax, merely a continuation of the current EP&O levy which will expire in 2022. Please continue to support our kids and our community at large. *Vote Yes!!*

Submitted by: Kristen Degroseillier | (509) 947-8832 | kdesgroseillier@yahoo.com

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Lake Chelan School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at https://www.chelanschools.org/.

The proposed 2-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$3,850,000 in 2023 and \$3,950,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Chelan County Assessor at (509) 667-6365, Douglas County Assessor at (509) 745-8521, or Okanogan County Assessor at (509) 422-7190.

For questions about this measure, contact: Barry P. DePaoli | (509) 682-3515 | depaolib@chelanschools.org

Argument Against

It is simply *Too Much Money*.

This is *not* "merely a continuation of the current EP&O levy which will expire in 2022." The proposal *is a tax increase* by \$350,000 (10% from previous) in 2023 and \$450,000 (13%) in 2024. All when *the district has significantly fewer students than two years ago* when the last levy was approved (for \$3.5 million per year). The district should need *less money* to serve *fewer students*. This is coming after the Lake Chelan Fire District 7 said they were going to increase taxes by just over \$800,000 per year and instead increased your taxes by \$1,315,000 per year! You won't see your bill for that until after the vote for the school levy!

LCSD, like most districts in North Central Washington, has had declining enrollment for many years. The data presented at the July School Board meeting shows a decline in enrollment every year and a projected decline of 13% in student enrollment since the 2016-2017 school year, down form 1,433.39 Full Time Equivalent students in 2016/2017. Actual enrollment was 1215.77 FTE in September of 2021, an *actual* 15.1% decline since 2016/2017.

They want lots more money when they have far fewer kids to serve. Vote No!

Submitted by: Al Lorenz | (509) 630-6769 | alorenz@lakelinellc.com

Chelan County Elections is not authorized to edit statements, nor is it responsible for the contents therein.