



We have only days to get out the vote for our schools and kids. Here's how you can help!

Please share this brief persuasive VOTE YES message and/or our YouTube video asap. Why?

Failure to renew our school levies would be devastating to Seattle's students and schools. Teachers and instructional aides would be laid-off, class size would increase and critical programs would be cut. Renewal will also maintain critical capital investments to ensure safe, healthy and technologically updated learning environments for every child in every school as well as accommodate our public schools' surging enrollment with renovated, new and expanded buildings.

Please send this GOTV reminder to your PTA parent email list. How about your neighborhood parent/mom's or community group's list serve or Google or Yahoo group sites? Your Facebook page? Your personal and business email lists?

Vote YES! for Seattle's Kids and Schools and Mail Your Ballot Today

Among the items on your to-do list today, put **voting YES!** for Seattle's kids and schools at the top.

Our **public schools and students rely on our Yes votes for levy renewals that provide for 26% of basic day-to-day operations** that fund teachers, instructional assistants, music, athletics and arts activities, special education and bilingual services, the critical 6th period in high school, classroom supplies and more.

Seattle's Yes! votes will maintain essential capital investments to ensure safe, healthy and technologically updated learning environments for every child in every school as well as accommodate our **public schools' surging enrollment** with renovated, new and expanded buildings.

At a time when many of the nation's big city school districts are shrinking, Seattle's public school student enrollment is rapidly growing. 1,400 additional students enrolled this year alone, with 7,000 more expected in the next ten years in our already overcrowded schools.

Your YES votes renew existing levies, they are not new taxes. Our vibrant public schools help to make Seattle a great place to live and raise a family!

Join the **Seattle Times, The Stranger, PubliCola, Seattle Council PTSA, PTAs city-wide**, the League of Women Voters, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal League of King County and many others as supporters of both our school levies.

Vote YES and mail your ballot today. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, February 12.

For more info or to get involved: www.schoolsfirstseattle.org Or contact Kerry Cooley-Stroum @ kcs@seanet.com

➤ **Check out** this terrific video made by Seattle Public School parents and students to help get out the vote for our kids and schools!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LdrF67Pb7c>

Just the facts update content: You can post all or part of this on your school website, place in your school bulletin, and/or place in kid backpacks.

On Your Voter Ballot: Levy Renewals for Seattle's Public Schools

Tuesday, February 12, Election Day Ballot Deadline

Our (*Your School Name*) PTA has endorsed renewal of our Seattle Public Schools' Operations and Capital Levies.

Joining us as endorsers of both levies are the *Seattle Times*, *The Stranger*, *PubliCola*, Seattle Council PTSA, PTAs city-wide, our teachers' union, SEA, our principals' union, PASS, the League of Women Voters, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal League of King County and many city, county and state elected officials as well as many of Seattle's community leaders and community organizations.

The **Operations Levy, Proposition 1**, provides for more than a quarter of our schools' basic day-to-day funding for teachers, instructional aides, supplies, and a variety of programs including arts, music athletics and the critical sixth period in high school.

The **Capital Levy (BEX IV), Proposition 2** will continue essential capital investments to ensure safe, healthy and technologically updated schools for every child in every school as well as accommodate for our city's surging public school student enrollment with renovated, new and expanded buildings.

It's important to note that **neither of these levies is a new tax**. They are renewals of expiring levies and the total additional cost from both levies is less than \$13 per month for the owner of an average \$400,000 home in Seattle.

Voters can mail their ballots any day leading up to and including the Tuesday, February 12 Election Day as long as the ballot is postmarked by February 12.