



Your Support of Bellingham Public Schools Is Critical.

Vote yes to replace both expiring school levies:

Maintenance and Operations (M&O Levy) to fund daily school operations and for Capital Projects (Technology). These are not new levies.

To replace our expiring levies, a property owner with an assessed value of \$250,000 would pay approximately \$8 more per month than the current combined levy rate beginning in 2013.

Ballots must be postmarked or received at this city drop-box location by Feb. 14: Whatcom County Courthouse South Parking Lot, 201 Grand Ave.

Details at www.bellinghamlevy.org

Paid for by Citizens' Advisory Committee / Cheryl Macpherson, Treasurer



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Your yes vote to renew both levies in the Feb. 14, 2012 election is essential for the basic operation of Bellingham Public Schools. Our schools cannot rely on our federal and state government to adequately fund a high quality education for our local children. They are not new levies, but replace levies that expire in 2012. Local support pays for nearly 25 percent of education in Bellingham Public Schools as well as technology, which is not funded by the state.

Bellingham Public Schools will use both levies to fund the basics

of what the state and federal government do not provide. Local support includes funding for classroom instruction and staff, smaller class sizes, school bus transportation, safety and health, and technology for student learning. Levies also help cover expenses for full-time kindergarten; advanced placement courses; instruction and activities that benefit the whole child such as music, arts, library, physical education, health and athletics; special education; Highly Capable Learners' program; English Language Learners' program; and so much more.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION

MAIL IN BALLOT BY: **FEBRUARY 14, 2012**