

Pro statements

Seattle School District No. 1 Proposition No. 2

Please vote to **RENEW** this important Seattle Public Schools Capital Levy. Our District is growing! In the next ten years, another 7,000 Seattle children will join our current 49,800 students. To be successful and compete in the 21st Century economy they must have safe, healthy learning spaces in modern facilities.

The Capital Levy **replaces an expiring capital levy** and is dedicated to building safe and healthy learning places for our children. Many of our school buildings are over 50 years old and are in need of renovation or replacement. Other schools are overcrowded with additional enrollment expected. The levy funds safety projects including earthquake upgrades at 37 schools, new roofs and updated safety and mechanical systems. The levy also builds, replaces, renovates or expands 13 schools, including opening new buildings to accommodate the increasing number of families sending their children to Seattle Public Schools. In addition, the levy reduces maintenance backlogs citywide and provides wireless access in all schools.

"The Capital Levy will help our schools and students, and creates many family-wage jobs." Norm Rice (former Mayor).

This levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring capital levy. Please vote to renew our commitment to Seattle's children.

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Levies should fix schools, not harm them. This \$695 million Capital levy will harm schools.

1. **Don't kill off neighborhood schools with "Walmart-size" elementary schools.** Six new giant 650-student schools: Arbor Heights, Genesee Hill, Olympic Hills, Thornton Creek, Wilson Pacific, Wing Luke.
2. **Don't put TWO schools at Thornton Creek** (zaps playfield).
3. **Don't move Schmitz Park** to Genesee Hill; honor Schmitz family land gift.
4. **Don't evict Native American programs from Wilson Pacific; don't demolish building-high Native American-themed murals.**
5. **Don't evict Pinehurst alternative program.**
6. **Don't toss 80 usable portables.**
7. **Caution:** District's consultant expects **enrollment out-migration** when houses start to sell again.

Poor School Board oversight:

1. Board voted to **abandon its authority** and allow Superintendent to **waive any Board Policy.** (5-2, Directors Carr, DeBell, Martin-Morris, McLaren, Smith-Blum voted yes) (02/15/2012)
2. Court ruled the action **illegal.** (**Google** "Charter Alternative Blocked – KUOW") (07/05/2012)
3. **Contracting scandal.** (**Google** "Red Flags - Stranger") (**Google** "Auditor Report 1005180")
4. **Board cut public input.** (4-3, Carr, DeBell, McLaren, Smith-Blum voted yes) (03/07/2012)
5. **Board brought back commercial advertising.** (7-0; terms expire 2013 or 2015: Carr '15, DeBell '13, Martin-Morris '15, McLaren '15, Patu '13, Peaslee '15, Smith-Blum '13) (06/20/2012)