

# Strong = Strong Schools = Communities



## DEAR ANACORTES COMMUNITY MEMBER,



On February 8, 2022, the district will place two ballot measures before voters to maintain support for local schools.

Both measures are replacement levies, taking the place of expiring levies approved by voters in 2018. The combined, estimated rate of \$1.28 per \$1,000 valuation is 32 cents lower than previously approved rates in 2018.

The two measures, a replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EPO), and a replacement Technology and Capital Levy will help maintain school services that are not provided by the state.

The local EP&O levy funding allows our schools to continue providing quality education services, such as smaller class sizes, Career & Technical

Education, Advanced Placement courses, mental health support, athletics, activities, and more. The estimated rate for the EP&O levy is \$0.93 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The Replacement Technology and Capital levy will provide necessary funding to maintain students' access to technology, such as laptops, online curricula, and technology specialists to support teaching and learning. Capital improvements will include needed updates to our buildings to improve energy efficiency, increase safety, and maintain building longevity. The estimated rate for the Replacement Technology and Capital levy is \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Our district was able to respond to the pandemic thanks to this community's support of technology levies in the past. This funding maintains the necessary tools that students need to

be successful 21st century learners. We also take great pride in our buildings and grounds, and need to be able to maintain them for decades to come.

This brochure outlines the two levies, our district's high quality standards, and our vision for the future. We appreciate your careful consideration of these two ballot measures.

Please reach out if you have any questions: (360) 503-1211 or [jirish@asd103.org](mailto:jirish@asd103.org)

Sincerely,



**Dr. Justin Irish**  
Superintendent  
Anacortes School District



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## PROPOSITION 1

# REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY



### THIS FUNDING CONTINUES TO SUPPORT:

- Smaller class sizes
- Advanced Placement and Career & Technical Education courses
- School counselors, mental health counselors, and nurses
- Transportation-related costs
- Sports, clubs, and activities
- Maintenance, custodial, and food services



#### Pat & Kelsey Swapp

AMS and Island View teachers,  
coaches, parents

“As parents, coaches, and teachers in the district, we appreciate the level of student engagement that comes from having high quality teaching and learning, and access extracurricular activities, such as athletics, choir, band, robotics, and more. These levies help provide the needed funding for the district to continue offering these necessary programs.”

### BALLOT LANGUAGE

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Anacortes School District adopted Resolution No. 945 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District to support the District's educational programs and operations not funded or fully funded by the state:

#### Collection Years Approximate Levy Rate/ \$1,000 Assessed Value Levy Amount

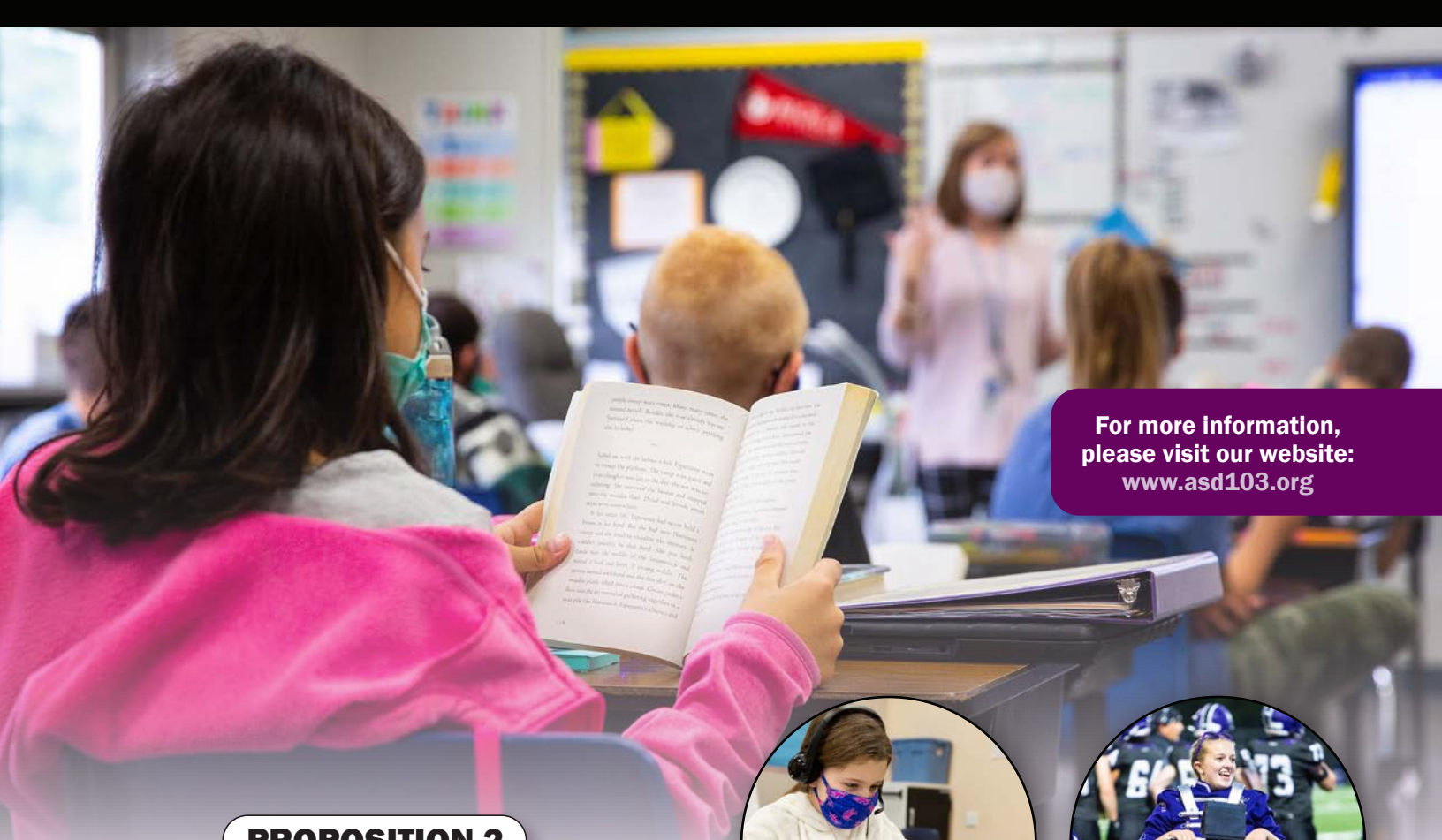
2023	\$0.93	\$7,407,024
2024	\$0.93	\$7,629,235
2025	\$0.93	\$7,858,112
2026	\$0.93	\$8,093,855

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Yes ☐ No







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please visit our website:  
[www.asd103.org](http://www.asd103.org)

## PROPOSITION 2

# REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL LEVY

### THIS FUNDING CONTINUES TO SUPPORT:

- Student and staff laptops
- Technology training
- Energy retrofits
- Updated HVAC systems
- Clock and intercom system upgrades
- Roof and carpet replacements



**Patrick Harrington**  
AMS Principal

"These levies help support our rigorous learning environment, and continue to provide a wide range of course offerings and small class sizes. As principal, I know that these supports are the key to our students' success."



### BALLOT LANGUAGE

#### REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Directors of Anacortes School District adopted Resolution No. 946 concerning a capital projects and technology levy. This proposition would fund the acquisition, installation, and management of computer technology systems, including enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, purchasing online learning resources, staff technology training, capital equipment purchases and improvements to modernize facilities and safety systems, 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

2023	\$0.35	\$2,782,503
2024	\$0.35	\$2,865,978
2025	\$0.35	\$2,951,958
2026	\$0.35	\$3,040,517

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Yes ☐ No



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE NUMBERS ...

**90.2**

**percent** of  
2021 on-time  
graduation rate

## Top 3 percent

Anacortes High School  
ranked one of best high  
schools in the state by  
US News and World  
Report



Anacortes was the first  
K-12 district to return  
more students to  
in-person learning in  
Skagit County

**14**

Number of Advanced  
Placement courses offered

**23**

Number of Career &  
Technical Education  
courses offered at AHS

**8**

Number of times the Anacortes School  
Board has received the statewide Board  
of Distinction recognition



**Matt Cutter**

*School Board Director*

"As a board, we take fiscal responsibility and student achievement very seriously. These levies provide the necessary funding to continue our commitment to our community that we will enable our students to rise to their fullest potential, embrace the future, and make a difference, all while maintaining a strict focus on fiscal responsibility."