

Notice of District Measure Election

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District and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on September 1, 2010, that a measure election will be held in Riverdale School District No. 51J
 located in Multnomah and Clackamas County, Oregon on November 2, 2010.
Name of County or Counties Name of District Date of Election

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters:

Caption 10 words

Five-year Local Option Tax for General Operations

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Question 20 words

Shall the District levy \$1.07 per \$1,000 assessed value for each year of five years beginning 2011-2012 for operations? This measure renews current local option tax rate.

Summary 175 words

This measure authorizes Riverdale School District No. 51J, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon, to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.07 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years. The taxes would be used to help finance District operations. Without additional revenue, the district would have to reduce staff and services.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is: \$544,000 in 2011-2012; \$555,000 in 2012-2013; \$566,000 in 2013-2014; \$577,000 in 2014-2015; and \$589,000 in 2015-2016.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

[Redacted Signature]

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Signature of Authorized District Official not required to be notarized

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Dr. Brook MacNamara

Superintendent

Printed Name of Authorized District Official

Title

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">11-2-10</p>		MEASURE NUMBER <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">26-120</p>	
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Five-year Local Option Tax for General Operations</p>			
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Dr. Brook MacNamara</p>			
NAME OF JURISDICTION PERSON REPRESENTS <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Riverdale School District 51J</p>			
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

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[Riverdale School District 51J--Multiple Year Local Option Tax Explanatory Statement]

What is the Local Option measure?

- This measure renews the existing levy approved by voters in both 2000 and 2005 and does not raise tax rates.
- The 5-year property tax levy will provide continued education funding. ALL funds raised by the levy will flow directly to Riverdale schools to serve our community's children.

Why does the Riverdale School District need Local Option revenues?

- State funding levels are declining and are not sufficient to maintain Riverdale's academic program, which ranks among the best in the state.
- The Local Option partially offsets Riverdale's loss of state funding.
- Riverdale received just \$5,786 per student in state funding in 2009-2010, compared to \$6,110 in 2007-08.
- The state announced a \$577 million dollar shortfall in May 2010 resulting in a \$200,000 cut in funds for Riverdale School District. On August 26th an additional \$337.5 million shortfall was announced. Additional shortfalls are predicted to occur throughout this biennium. These shortfalls will result in further cuts to the Riverdale School District budget.
- Operating costs have continued to rise with the cost of living.

What will the renewal of this measure do?

- It renews the existing Local Option levy that was approved by Riverdale School District voters in 2000 and again in 2005.
- It retains the existing levy rate, which generates \$530,000 per year, or roughly 9% of the District's annual operating funds.

How will Local Option dollars be used?

- Local Option resources become part of Riverdale's operating school budget and are used to:
 - Retain classroom teachers
 - Maintain low student-to-staff ratio. (Maintain class size)
 - Support current programs
 - Purchase instructional supplies
 - Resources are NOT used to support construction or capital projects.

What would happen if the levy fails?

- Loss of roughly 9% of the District's annual operating funds.
- Deep programmatic cuts will be necessary in District educational programs. (\$530,000 loss equates to seven teachers.)

How will continuation of the levy affect my taxes?

- Passage of the levy will not change your current tax rate; this is continuation of an existing tax rate.

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- The exact amount varies from property to property, based on Ballot Measure 5 limitations. For a home assessed at \$750,000 and taxed at the maximum Local Option tax rate of \$1.07 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the total annual cost would be approximately \$803.

Submitted by:
Dr. Brook MacNamara
Superintendent
School Board, Riverdale School District 51J