

Riverdale School District

Measure 26-169

Ballot Title
Five-Year Local Option Tax for District Operations
Question: Shall the District levy \$1.37 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years beginning 2016-2017 for operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.
Summary: This measure authorizes Riverdale School District No. 51J, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon, to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.37 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years. The taxes would be used to help finance District operations. Without the additional revenue, the District will have to reduce staff and services.
 An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is: \$690,000 in 2016-2017; \$696,000 in 2017-2018; \$703,000 in 2018-2019; \$710,000 in 2019-2020; \$718,000 in 2020-2021.
 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.

Explanatory Statement
What is the Local Option Measure?
 • This 5-year property tax levy will provide continued funding for education delivered by the Riverdale School District. 100% of the funds raised by the levy will flow directly to Riverdale Schools to serve the community's children.
Why does the Riverdale School District need Local Option revenues?
 • Measures 5 and 50, and the shift from local to State funding of school districts in the 1990's reduced the amount of money our school district receives for each student. The legislature made provision for school districts to seek additional funds from voters using the Local Option Tax Levy to recover some of the lost funding.
 • Although state dollars allocated for education in general were increased by the legislature for the coming biennium, actual dollars projected to flow into the classroom will remain stagnant due to previously mandated, yet underfunded full-day Kindergarten. The Local Option Tax Levy partially offsets for Riverdale this insufficiency in state funding.
 • Operational costs have continued to rise at a rate exceeding increases in revenue.
 • Both homeowners and school families benefit from the existence of a strong neighborhood school. The Local Option Tax Levy distributes the cost of the exceptional Riverdale education among all property owners in the school district.
What will passage of this measure do?
 • This measure continues the existing Local Option Tax Levy that has been supported and approved by voters in 2000, 2005 and 2010. It provides a predictable, stable source of funding to support Riverdale's Strategic Plan.
 • Allows our neighborhood to continue to fund programs such as Art and Music, which are no longer feasible with the current State School Funding formula.
 • It helps to maintain Riverdale's current level of core academic programs and services.

- How will the Local Option dollars be used?**
- Local Option resources become part of Riverdale's school operating budget and are used to:
 - Retain classroom teachers.
 - Maintain low student-to-staff ratio.
 - Support current programs.
 - Purchase instructional supplies.
 - Support operational needs such as security and maintenance.
- What would happen if the levy fails?**
- The Local Option Levy is an investment in our community's public schools. Without this support, the District would face:
 - Loss of approximately 7.5% of Riverdale's annual operating funds.
 - Potential cuts district-wide to back fill for loss of revenue.
- How will this levy affect my taxes?**
- The exact amount varies from property to property, based on Ballot Measure 5 limitations. For a home assessed at \$1,000,000 and taxed at the maximum Local Option tax rate of \$1.37, the increase over current rate would be about \$300 per year.
 - Property owners can find their current Local Option costs by looking at the Riverdale SD #51 Loc Opt line on their property tax statement. This renewal may moderately increase this amount.

Submitted by:
 Terry Brandon, Superintendent
 Riverdale School District No. 51J

No arguments in opposition to this measure were filed.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Riverdale School District's reputation for great teachers, challenging curriculum, committed families and unwavering community support continually attracts families to move into the Riverdale-Dunthorpe neighborhood or enroll their children from across the Portland metropolitan area.

Riverdale's excellence contributes to a substantial elevation in resale values for neighborhood homes. Students from other districts are attracted to and enrich our school community, supplementing operating revenues by bringing in additional State School Funds or tuition dollars.

To maintain high quality educational programs that attract families, Riverdale seeks to continue the Local Option as approved by Riverdale School District voters in 2000, 2005, and 2010, with a small increase in the levy rate. All Local Option monies go directly to the District.

A levy rate of \$1.37 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value will generate approximately \$100,000 a year above the current rate, which was set 10 years ago and remains unchanged in spite of inflation. In addition to maintaining programs, these funds will provide a buffer from the vagaries of education funding given the recent Oregon Supreme Court decision on PERS repayments and unfunded legislative mandates. Over the next five years, the levy will ensure an important piece of the operating budget, providing for approximately 7-8 classroom teachers.

As the Superintendent noted, a home assessed at \$1,000,000 and taxed at the proposed rate would see an increase of up to \$300 per year. Exact amounts vary from property to property, based on Ballot Measure 5 limitations.

The proposed \$1.37 rate remains lower than bordering school districts and represents a continued investment in our community.

Please join us in support of Measure 26-169.

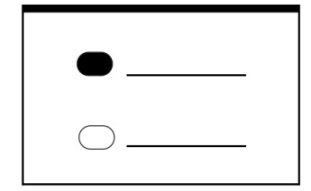
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Karen/Wei-Li Chong	Holly Coit
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(This information furnished by Leslie Goss, Yes on 26-169)

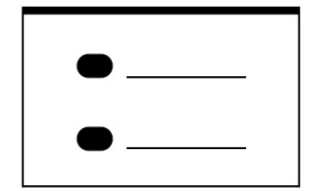
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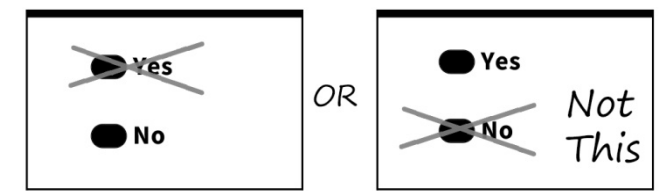
Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choice.



If you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote **will not count** for that measure.



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot. It is critical that **you make your choice obvious** because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly. Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



Contact Multnomah County Elections Division to request assistance if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

Contact: Multnomah County Elections Division
 phone: 503-988-3720
 website: www.mcelections.org
 email: elections@multco.us
 Oregon Relay Service: 1-800-735-2900

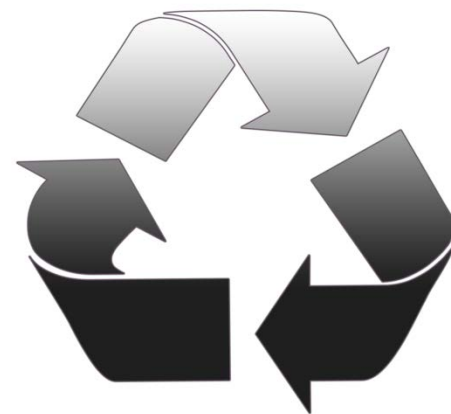
Special Election – November 3, 2015

Official Drop Sites for Riverdale School District Voters



- **24-hour Box at A-Boy Supply** - 7365 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland.
- **24-hour Box at Multnomah County Elections** - 1040 SE Morrison St, Portland.
Please note, because of nearby construction, traffic around the Elections building may be congested.
 - Drive up drop box located on SE 11th between Morrison and Belmont.
 - Walk/bike-up drop slot also located at the corner of SE 11th and Morrison on SE Morrison.

Voted ballots **MUST** be received at the Elections Office or an official drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015** to be counted.



**WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THIS VOTERS' PAMPHLET
PLEASE RECYCLE IT**

Multnomah County VOTERS' PAMPHLET Special Election Nov. 3, 2015

Dear Riverdale School District Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet is for the November 2015 Special Election. This is a Special Election with one ballot measure for voters in Riverdale School District. Here are a few things you should know.

- You might notice your enclosed ballot looks a little different. Multnomah County has a new voting system, with a new ballot design and digital counting system. This new technology will expedite ballot tabulation and improve elections transparency. If you'd like more information, please visit our website at www.mcelections.org.
- You can view your voting status by visiting My Vote at www.oregonvotes.gov. There you can check or update your voter registration record.
- If you want to track the status of your ballot, please visit <https://multco.us/elections/track-your-ballot> and sign up to track your ballot.
- One first class stamp is all you need to mail the ballot back in Multnomah County.
- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or official drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015** to be counted.
- Additional election information is available on our website: www.mcelections.org. Starting at 8:00 PM on election night, preliminary election results will be posted on our website and updated throughout the evening.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Scott'.

Tim Scott
Multnomah County Director of Elections

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