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VOTE YES TO PROTECT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES

Measure 34-284 will allow Beaverton schools to preserve three hundred teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, **all without raising tax rates.**

SAME LOW TAX RATE

Renewing the levy allows the Beaverton School District to preserve three hundred teaching positions and maintain class sizes without raising tax rates. The renewal provides funding for school operations through 2023, and an average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay about \$25 a month. That's a small price to pay to preserve teaching positions and class sizes.

PREVENTS PAINFUL CUTS

Without the levy renewal, the Beaverton School District will be forced to cut its budget by thirty million dollars, risking more than three hundred teaching positions, and increasing class sizes. Beaverton Schools need the levy renewal to prevent painful cuts.

100% OF DOLLARS STAY IN THE CLASSROOM

The Beaverton School District has a strong record of saving taxpayers' money, spending less on administrative costs than any district in the state. 100% of levy renewal funds will be spent in Beaverton classrooms – none will go to Salem.

Please join the Yes for Beaverton Schools Steering Committee in voting YES on 34-284 on May 15

Senator Mark Hass, Co-Chair

Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, Co-Chair

Becky Tymchuk, Co-Chair

Tori Pontrelli, Steering Committee Member

Sara Schmitt, Steering Committee Member

Nancy PeBenito, Steering Committee Member

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL TEACHERS

The Beaverton Local Option Levy Renewal will preserve the fundamentals of a good education: quality teachers and lower class sizes so kids get the attention they deserve.

-----Smaller Class Sizes-----

"I have experienced the direct benefits on class size that the levy has provided. At Terra Linda, the levy currently funds 5 teachers. This is essentially one in each grade level. In my four years, I have never had a first grade class over 23 students. I have ended the year twice with only 18 students. When I talk to teachers from other districts, they are amazed at how small my classes have been. This has allowed me to get to know my students more personally, and better meet their needs as learners."

– Bethany Schroeder, 1st Grade Teacher at Terra Linda Elementary

-----Individual Attention-----

"With large class sizes, it is not possible for me, to adequately meet all the different needs of my students.

Kids come to my class with a vast range of abilities and background knowledge. Only by making relationships with individual students can I help each student meet their full potential. Having fewer students in each of my classes allows me to have more one-on-one time with students, determine individual needs, build relationships, and assess student performance."

– Geoff Hunnicutt, Math teacher, Arts and Communications Magnet Academy

-----Giving Students the Very Best Chance at a Strong Future-----

"A reasonable class size at the elementary level allows teachers to build relationships with students and attend to their social and emotional well-being. As a result, students feel more connected to their teachers, peers and classroom communities."

– Erin Getting, 2nd grade teacher at Bethany Elementary

Strong schools support students, our local community, and our economy.

PLEASE JOIN THE BEAVERTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND TEACHERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 34-284 FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS.

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BEAVERTON'S LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Renewing the Beaverton School Levy is vital to keeping our schools and community strong. As businesses in the local community, we know how schools serve as the foundation of a healthy economy.

Beaverton Schools prepare our students for college and the workforce, and contribute to a vibrant community. This results in higher wages, greater economic mobility, and a higher quality of life. But the benefits of a better education reach beyond personal gain. When our community invests in quality schools, there is a huge return, attracting more businesses and family-wage jobs.

Local economies flourish when there are more skilled and productive workers.

Renewing the levy is an important way to fund our local schools and prevent potential cuts in teachers and other staff. Protecting and investing in our schools is one of the most critical ways the community can support economic growth and give students the skills they need to be successful in college, career and life

As local businesses, we understand the importance of watching the bottom line. Beaverton Schools will be held accountable for our tax dollars; the local option levy continues to include independent citizen oversight to ensure that funds are used as voters intended.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-284!

Ava Roasteria, Co.
Beaverton Chamber of Commerce
Casa Lola LLC
Nike
Pacific Office Automation
Pat Reser
Play.Fit.Fun
Vernier Software & Technology
Westside Economic Alliance

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Your Volunteer School Board Supports Our Local Schools

We are the volunteer School Board members for Beaverton Schools. Our goal is to provide the best possible education to children in our community. We are the watchdogs of the school district budget and spending. We are regularly in the schools, with students, teachers, and parents.

It's important for you to know that the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy is financially responsible and accountable:

- Our district has strong financial management practices in place, and the Local Option Levy funds go directly into the classroom.
- The district receives regular audits to review their financial status. Audits are completed with very few recommended changes, all of which are implemented.
- Our schools have received a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 35 years from the Government Finance Officers Association.

We work hard to target all possible resources into the classroom and supporting students. We have achieved impressive cost savings, including:

- **PERS Savings**
Beaverton is one of the few school districts that does not pay the 6% employee PERS portion. Teachers pay it themselves.
- **Administration Savings**
Beaverton spends the lowest amount of any other school district in Oregon in central administration expenses per student – less than half of the state average.
- **Insurance Savings**
Beaverton School District has saved \$25 million in health insurance costs.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS!

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