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Prevent Teacher Layoffs. Protect Class Sizes.

VOTE YES ON THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Years of cuts to education have hurt our local Beaverton schools.

Over the last five years, our schools have cut a total of \$142 million. At the same time, our Beaverton School District cut administration and tightened its belt. But continued state funding shortfalls have now eaten into the classroom, affecting our kids' education by:

- Eliminating 16 days of school and 640 teaching positions –increasing class sizes at every level;
- Reducing guidance counseling, maintenance, school library services, other student support services and educational programs like art, music, sports and more.

Now, the latest state budget proposal threatens even more damaging cuts to teachers and educational programs. Measure 34-204 will stop those cuts.

How the Local Option Helps Our Beaverton Schools

Prevent Teacher Layoffs: The Local Option will provide the funding for 150 teaching positions, which will touch every school and help protect educational programs.

Help Keep Class Sizes Under Control: Our class sizes have been increasing in Beaverton Schools because our student enrollment is growing while we're eliminating teaching positions. Several classes have more than 50 kids. The Local Option will address extreme class sizes – so students will get the individual attention they need to succeed.

How Does It Work?

The levy would fund 150 teaching positions. For our 51 schools, that's the equivalent of about three teachers per building.

The levy costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The typical homeowner would pay an additional \$24 per month.

Rigorous Oversight and Accountability

- 100% will go to fund classroom teaching positions preventing cuts and addressing class size.
- All funds from this levy will remain in our Beaverton Schools none will go to Salem.
- Annual reports will be made to the public to ensure they are used as intended.

For more information: yesforbeavertonschools.com

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Parent Volunteers Know Our Schools. They Know Our Schools Need Measure 34- 204.

As active volunteers, we're in our local schools nearly everyday, across Beaverton. We know firsthand how hard everyone is working to educate our children. But due to state funding cuts over the last five years, services to kids in Beaverton Schools have been drastically cut.

Our schools have lost hundreds of teaching positions, and reduced budgets for guidance counseling, libraries, technology, art, music and PE.

Most importantly, cuts have meant steep increases in class sizes: Our teachers are really stretched to do everything they can to provide kids with a challenging, rigorous curriculum, and provide individualized attention.

The state school budget proposal for this year means more cuts for Beaverton schools, unless we pass our own local option levy.

As parent volunteers, we urge you to vote yes on the local option levy for our Beaverton Schools, which will fund 150 teaching positions – the equivalent of three in each of our 51 schools – keeping our class sizes under control and addressing the most extreme class sizes so kids can receive individual attention when needed.

This local levy for schools goes directly into the classroom. Funds cannot go towards administration. And there is independent citizen oversight, so funds are used as the voters intend – for classroom teachers.

And after repeatedly failing to fix the problem, the state legislature cannot be counted on for adequate school funding, so we must take responsibility for protecting our local schools ourselves. Help us remain a community that prioritizes children and education!

Join us in voting YES on 34-204! Ves for Our Beaverton Schools.

Karyn Servin

Michelle McHugh

Lisa Alan

Oak Hills Elementary

Cedar Park Middle School

Bonny Slope Elementary

Sunset High Sch**o**ol

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My kids are grown. And I'm still voting YES for our schools.

I'm a 50-something resident of Beaverton looking towards retirement. My kids are grown and gone from home. I'm generally wary of new taxes at this point, since everything I save means I can retire earlier.

Yet, I'll be voting YES for Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy – and here's why:

- We all benefit when kids are in school and engaged. It keeps them out of trouble and means we will have better citizens and a better workforce. After all, when we are retired, we will be counting on today's students. For students to succeed they need enough individual attention which will be available to more kids if the local option passes. If we continue with more budget cuts, it will mean larger class sizes and less options for students both of which allow kids to fall through the cracks.
- Schools help retain all of our property values. As long as there's a good school in my neighborhood, we continue to attract new residents including young families with children. That contributes to my bottom line, and to yours, too.

At \$24/month for the typical homeowner, this is a sound investment for empty-nesters.

And, I appreciate the accountability: none of the money from the local option can be used for administration and regular reports to the public are required of how these dollars are spent.

Of course, not all of the reasons for voting yes have to do with self-interest. We owe today's children the same good education that our parents and grandparents — as well as many community residents — provided for us.

VOTE YES for Beaverton Schools. It's the smart – and right – thing to do.

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A message from our local classroom teachers

The Beaverton Local Option Levy Will Protect the Fundamentals of a Good **Education:**

Protecting from increases in class sizes so kids get the attention they deserve.

As teachers, we spend every day in the classroom with one goal – to give young people the education needed to become successful adults and productive citizens. There are many elements in a good education, but one of them is absolutely indispensable: reasonable class sizes so more students have the opportunity to succeed.

And that is why the local option levy is so important.

Class Sizes and Individual Attention

A quality education requires that teachers spend individual time with the students in the classroom. That's especially true when a child needs extra help because he or she is struggling. Or when they want to forge ahead towards further challenge.

It's a lot harder now due to the cuts at our schools over the last several years. Fewer teachers mean more kids in every class, and since enrollment is also growing, we have very crowded classrooms. The local option will prevent more cuts to teaching positions and reduce some of our largest class sizes.

Giving Students the Very Best Chance at a Strong Future

Students only get one chance at a strong primary and secondary education, and we take that very seriously. Without adequate funding, teaching positions are eliminated and then courses are cancelled or eliminated. The Beaverton Local Option Levy prevents cuts to teaching positions so basic and advanced courses can remain accessible to our students across the district.

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

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Karen Stratton Sexton Mtn Elementary Lori Andrews

John Deihl

Raleigh Park Elementary

Chehalem Elementary

Valorie Spearman Raleigh Park Elementary Lisa C Senter

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SENIOR CITIZENS URGE A YES VOTE FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

We care about our local Beaverton Schools. They educate the young people we will count on in the future.

They keep our community strong in many ways:

- Schools help guide children to be successful adults;
- Schools keep kids engaged and out of trouble;
- Schools help retain our property values because when it's time to retire or downsize, another family will be interested in buying our house.

But our Beaverton Schools need our help.

Due to state budget cuts, our schools have had to cut their budget by over \$140 million over the past five three years:

- 16 days of schools have been cut, including 5 this year;
- 640 teaching positions and student support jobs have been cut, increasing class size at every level;
- School supply budgets and maintenance has been reduced;
- Administration has been cut;
- Cuts have been made to art, music, PE, guidance counseling, school libraries, media centers, and more.

With the current state budget funding proposal, our schools will still have to cut more teachers, unless we all help out..

We urge you to help us prevent more cuts by voting YES on the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy.

The Local Option Levy for Beaverton Schools is accountable:

- All funds stay in Beaverton; none goes to the state
- No funds go to additional administration
- All funds go to prevent cuts to teaching positions and to address huge class sizes
- An independent citizen oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as promised

We live on a budget like most people. But for \$24 a month for the typical homeowner, we can't afford not to help out the schools.

Kids today need the best education we can provide.

We're voting YES and we hope you will too!

John C. Jones Sandra Hillebrandt Anita C. Jones Susan Boyd

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LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES URGE SUPPORT FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Beaverton School Levy is vital to keeping our schools and community strong.

And, it's accountable.

As small businesspersons in Beaverton, we believe our schools are the foundation of a healthy economy. They prepare our students for college and the workforce and contribute to a vibrant community.

When we invest in quality schools, our children have a better chance at success and our community attracts more businesses and good-paying jobs.

Yet our schools have suffered so many cuts that they're at risk of not being able to meet our children's basic needs.

We need to pass the Beaverton local option levy to help our schools and economy get back on track.

Long-term cuts are hurting our schools: Over the last five years, state budget shortfalls meant substantial reductions in the Beaverton District budget. In response, the district cut back on everything it could to avoid cuts to the classroom. But the loss of over \$140 million was too much.

Cuts to hundreds of teaching positions have caused class sizes to increase greatly. Schools days have been cut from the calendar. And nearly every student support and educational program has been reduced, including guidance counseling, library and media services, art, music, PE, school building maintenance and more.

The levy is our way to fund our local schools and prevent further cuts. We need it now. Protecting our schools is one of the most important ways we can continue our economic recovery and give kids the skills they need.

As businesspeople, we watch the bottom line. Beaverton Schools are accountable with our tax dollars and this measure includes independent citizen oversight to ensure that funds are used as voters intended.

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS.

Alisa Blum

Jason Wissmiller

Tom Flynn

Alisa Blum & Associates

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A MESSAGE FROM RETIRED POLICE CHIEF DAVID BISHOP Beaverton Local Option is vital for our community's schools. And, it means a safer community for everyone.

I care deeply about protecting the quality of our local schools. They determine the strength and vitality of our neighborhoods and community.

As a law enforcement officer, I have another reason for supporting our schools: I believe they are central to our community's safety. Strong schools are one of the best forms of public safety we have.

That's why I'm voting YES for the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy.

When kids are in school, they are engaged in learning as well as playing and working with others. They gain critical life skills guiding them to be productive, law-abiding citizens. Schools provide important structure and teach kids to be accountable for their actions and to assist others.

But that only works if kids are actually in school during the day.

Beaverton Schools have suffered drastic budget cuts from the state. They've had to cut their budget by over \$140 million over the last five years, costing hundreds of teachers and school support staff, eliminating education programs, reducing high school athletics, and much more.

They've also had to cut the number of days that kids are in school – 16 days over the last five years. And class sizes have increased at every level. That's a real concern to me.

We can, and should, do something about it by voting yes on the local option levy for Beaverton Schools. All the money raised by the measure goes to our local schools to prevent the loss of teaching positions and take on the biggest class sizes.

This helps to make sure kids don't fall through the cracks or get neglected.

And it will keep more kids in school and out of trouble.

Please join me in voting YES for Beaverton Schools.

David G. Bishop, Chief of Police, Beaverton Retired

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Students Say: Please Support Our Local Schools!

We are high school students from all over the Beaverton School District, graduates of local middle and elementary schools, siblings of younger students.

All of us need the Beaverton Local Option to pass this May. Please vote yes!

We work hard and our teachers are very dedicated to us, but our fervor can't make up for the recent losses. We've seen drastic cuts over the last few years - fewer teachers and counselors, limited elective offerings, fewer days, and overall fewer opportunities for students. The only thing that has grown is class sizes - some of us are in classes with 60 other students, each and every one of us hoping for quality feedback and attention when we need help.

We strive to obtain the best education for ourselves, but it is difficult because teachers and administrators can only do so much with their severely restricted resources. Now we look to our community for help.

The state budget looking forward means more cuts. Next year we would lose another 50 teaching positions.

That's where you come in. Passing the Beaverton Local Option Levy will prevent cuts to current teaching positions and drive down some of our largest class sizes.

We need the Local Option Levy. None of the money leaves our community, and all of it goes toward funding teaching positions. This will help more kids to succeed – fulfill graduation requirements, get into college, get a job, and be part of this community and economy.

We desperately need this measure.

Thank you for reading this. Please vote YES, and encourage your family, friends and neighbors too!

Schools are critical for all of us. Vote Yes for our Beaverton Schools.

Apoorva Somayazulu

Jackie Salzinger

Savannah Jenson

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Please Join us in Supporting 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 31 years from the Government Finance Officers Association.

We work hard to aim 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.

The Local Option Levy is also accountable to the public:

- All funds from the measure would stay in Beaverton Schools. None goes to the state.
- The measure would fund 150 teaching positions preventing further cuts and increases in class sizes;
- None of the funds goes to additional administration.

• <u>Annual reports will be issued to the public</u> to ensure funds are used as promised.

Please read more about it – in this voters pamphlet and at the website: www.YesforBeavertonSchools.com

Or call anyone of us and we can answer your questions or talk with you further.

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The View From the Principal's Office On the Beaverton Local Option Levy

We are retired school principals from the Beaverton Schools and we still live in this community.

We urge you to support the Beaverton Local Option Levy – it's the most important way we can all help our schools. And they really need it.

School principals direct our schools on behalf of our teachers and students. And, our local schools, students and teachers are doing great things. You can be very proud of them.

But that's at risk, right now.

The state funding cuts over the last five years have resulted in damaging cuts to our schools, reducing nearly every student service: guidance counseling, school librarians and technology centers, building maintenance, and educational programs like art, music, physical education and more. And, we've cut hundreds of teaching positions increasing class sizes at every level.

<u>Unless we act locally, and immediately, the loss of even more teaching positions will further rob our ability to provide a basic education.</u>

The Beaverton Local Option Levy will fund 150 teaching positions. Depending on the state budget, that means at least preventing more cuts. And it can mean the ability to take on some of our largest class sizes — some of which are over 50 kids in a classroom.

We need to pass the levy so that parents continue to send their children to public schools with confidence, which is a key to a strong community.

And, this measure is accountable: All the money stays in Beaverton Schools, none goes to the state. Annual reports to the public will ensure that funds are spent as promised.

Protect our schools, our kids and our future. Vote Yes for our Beaverton Schools!

Len Case, Retired Principal Westview High School Molly Ramberg, Retired Principal Highland Park Middle School

Robin Case, Retired Principal Beaver Acres Elementary Jeanne Sabbe, Retired Principal Scholls Heights Elementary Doris Marks, Retired Principal Nancy Ryles Elementary

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What it's Like in Our Beaverton Schools - The Parents' Perspective

Cuts in teaching positions and student support are having a huge negative impact.

Because of the large class sizes:

*There is physically no room to move about the classroom. During the first week of school, my son's teacher tripped and fell while trying to move from one student's desk to another. She's not clumsy; the classroom is that packed.

Because of cutbacks:

- *My daughter's middle school had to eliminate Spanish classes.
- *The number of school days gets fewer and fewer as budget shortfalls forecd budget reduction days (which means the teachers do not get paid, the students do not get to attend school, and the parents/community need to arrange childcare or lose a day of work).
- *My active, fifth-grade son has PE every six school days. That's less than once a week.
- *Loss of school librarians means that instead of having the opportunity to read or check out books during lunchtime, my son's school library has a sign on the door that says, "library closed during lunchtime."
- *The high school counselors are assigned 540 students -- double the national counseling standards recommendation. This is up from a 325:1 ratio. Counselors serve a vital role in helping kids make good decisions during high school before they have to choose work or college or the military or whatever else they go on to do to be a part of our society. How effective can they be when we've given them an impossible number of kids to serve?

The Local Option Levy is not a luxury. It will serve to plug a gaping hole that cannot be left to bleed into another school year. It is ridiculous to think that we can educate our future workforce with a school system that must cut back year after year after year.

Please Vote Yes on the Local Option Levy.

Dawn Prochovnic & Beth Gilstrap, local school parents.