

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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4. Contact Information for Authorized Changes

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5. "This Information Furnished by" "Name of person" required: ORS 251.355(2). Name(s) will be printed in the Voters' Pamphlet as provided.

Name of Person (Required): Milessa Lowrie Organizational Name (If Applicable): Yes for Riverdale Schools
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6. Attestation

By signing this document, I hereby state I am responsible for the content of this argument. (ORS 251.415)

Name of Organization person(s) is (are authorized to represent, if applicable):
Milessa Lowrie 3/12/2026
Printed Name of Person Furnishing Argument Date
(Must match Section 5)

Printed Name of Person Furnishing Argument Signature of Person Furnishing Argument Date
(if applicable) (if applicable)

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RIVERDALE SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTS A YES VOTE ON MEASURE 26-263

Riverdale School District has long been known for excellent teachers, strong academics, and a deeply engaged community. That reputation exists because our community has consistently invested in our schools. **Since 2000, Riverdale voters have approved a local option levy every five years to support the programs and staffing that make our schools exceptional.**

Today, Riverdale continues to deliver results. Riverdale High School is ranked the **#1 Best Public High School in Oregon** by Niche, and Riverdale Grade School is ranked the **#1 Best Public K-8 School in Oregon**. This year also marked an exciting milestone: **Riverdale High School launched the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme**, expanding opportunities for students to develop as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and globally minded leaders.

The current levy, which has helped support these accomplishments, expires in June 2026. Without voter approval, this funding would drop to zero, requiring the District to reduce its budget by **more than \$1,000,000 per year – an impact equivalent to losing approximately seven classroom teachers or cutting 21 school days.**

As members of your Riverdale School Board, we are committed to careful stewardship of community resources and to sustaining the high-quality education Riverdale families expect. The proposed levy replaces the expiring levy and adjusts the rate from \$1.37 to \$1.67 per \$1,000 of assessed property value – the first increase since 2015 and an adjustment that remains below the rate of inflation over that time. **This rate reflects careful, strategic planning to uphold Riverdale's high standards while being mindful of the community's investment.**

Local option funds go directly to Riverdale schools and support dedicated teachers, small class sizes, and the academic programs that help students thrive.

Please join the Riverdale School Board in voting **YES on Measure 26-263.**

Chair Mina Stricklin

Vice Chair Shaina Weinstein

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Student Representative Sy Jones

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A Message to Our Dunthorpe Neighbors

As local real estate professionals who work in Dunthorpe every day, we see firsthand what drives demand in our neighborhood. One factor rises above almost all others: **the strength and reputation of the Riverdale School District.**

While not every household in Dunthorpe has school-aged children, **every property owner benefits from the value our schools add to this community.**

In most parts of Multnomah County, home values have faced increased pressure. Yet homes in Dunthorpe continue to be highly sought-after. **Riverdale's reputation attracts buyers from across the Portland metro area and beyond.** For families relocating from out of state, school quality is often the deciding factor. For local move-up buyers, it is frequently the reason they are willing to pay a premium to live within district boundaries. This sustained demand strengthens pricing, supports resale value, and provides stability even during broader market fluctuations.

The local option levy is a critical part of maintaining that reputation. It helps preserve the instructional quality, staffing levels, and programs that make Riverdale exceptional. Without it, reductions in teaching positions and instructional days would directly impact the educational experience that underpins our district's standing.

Supporting the levy is not simply about funding schools; it is about protecting one of the most important assets in our neighborhood. **Strong schools help preserve strong property values.** They reinforce the long-term desirability of Dunthorpe. **They signal to the broader market that this is a community committed to excellence and stability.**

As Realtors and neighbors, we believe maintaining that advantage matters. **We encourage you to join us in supporting the Riverdale Local Option Levy.**

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