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RESOLUTION NO. 11-70**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON CALLING A MEASURE ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY.****THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON HEREBY RESOLVES:****SECTION 1: FINDINGS**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Beaverton School District in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon, a common school district of the State of Oregon (the "District") finds:

1. The District has determined that a need exists for the District to finance certain District operations and to pay all costs incidental thereto; and
2. Oregon Revised Statutes Sections 280.040 to 280.150, as amended, subject to voter approval, authorizes the District to impose a five-year local option levy to provide funds to finance certain District operations.

SECTION 2: LOCAL OPTION LEVY AUTHORIZED


1. A measure election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of a five-year local option levy, beginning 2012 in an amount of \$1.00 per \$1,000 assessed value.
2. The measure election hereby called shall be held in the District on November 8, 2011. As authorized by the County Clerks of Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon, and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465 and 254.470.
3. The School Board authorizes the Superintendent or his designee as an authorized representative (the "Authorized Representative") to file a notice of levy election not later than September 8, 2011 substantially in the form attached hereto and to act on behalf of the District and take such further action, including changes to the ballot title as are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes herein in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
4. As described in the attached Notice, the total amount of money to be raised by this Measure is estimated to be \$70 million over a five-year period.

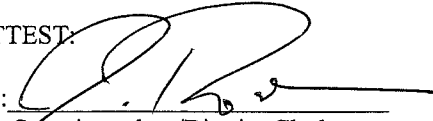
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors this 22nd day of August, 2011.

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**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON**

By: 
Board Chair

ATTEST:
By: 
Superintendent/District Clerk

NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION

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**BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
WASHINGTON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTIES, OREGON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, an election will be held within the boundaries of the Beaverton School District, in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon. The election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465. The following question will be submitted to the qualified voters thereof:

CAPTION:

**BEAVERTON SCHOOLS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR TEACHERS
AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

QUESTION:

Shall District protect class sizes, teaching positions; levy \$1.00 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2012; require oversight?

This Measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY:

The recession has caused the Oregon Legislature to reduce basic operating funds for K-12 schools. In the last four years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million.

The Local Option Levy would help to:

- Maintain basic academic programs
- Protect class sizes and teaching positions

The Local Option Levy could raise approximately \$14 million per year. Over a five-year period, the levy could generate an estimated \$70 million for the Beaverton School District. This Measure authorizes Beaverton School District in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.00 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

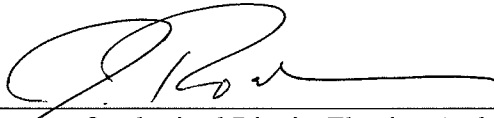
2012-2013	\$ 14,000,000
2013-2014	\$ 13,000,000
2014-2015	\$ 12,500,000
2015-2016	\$ 13,000,000
2016-2017	\$ 14,000,000

100% of levy proceeds would be spent in classrooms for teachers and programs. An independent audit committee would review expenditures so funds are used as approved by voters.

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Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the District has been filed with the Elections Office of Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon on September 8, 2011. The ballot title caption is BEAVERTON SCHOOLS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in Washington County Circuit Court or Multnomah County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m., September _____, 2011 (7 business days after filing of this Notice with the Elections Officer).

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Signature of authorized District Election Authority

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Date Signed

Jeff Rose

Printed name of authorized District Election Authority

Superintendent

Title

This legal notice is to be published by the Elections Officer in the *Valley Times* in Beaverton, Oregon, or in another newspaper of general circulation within the District, in the next available edition of such newspaper after this Notice of Bond Election is filed with the Elections Officer.

Beaverton School District 5-Year Local Option Levy

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Explanatory Statement

The Beaverton School District Board is proposing a 5-year Local Option Levy that could provide the District with additional operating funds to help offset teacher and educational program reductions. The Local Option Levy could raise approximately \$14 million per year, generating an estimated \$70 million over five years. 100% percent of levy proceeds would be spent in classrooms for teachers and programs.

The recession has caused the Oregon Legislature to reduce the State School Fund that provides operating funds for K-12 schools statewide. In the last four years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million, raising class sizes, and cutting educational programs.

For the 2012-13 school year, the District is projecting a funding shortfall of approximately \$24-37 million, the equivalent of at least 300 teachers, or 24 school days. The Beaverton School District is anticipating that there will be several more years of state revenue shortfalls.

The Beaverton community has helped to create an education system that prepares students for college and careers and consistently achieves academic excellence. Beaverton students outperform their Oregon peers on several measures including statewide tests, SAT and ACT exams. The Local Option Levy would provide revenue to maintain teaching positions and basic educational programs.

Fiscal Accountability

The Beaverton School District has reduced costs and become more efficient by:

- Negotiating agreements with employees to forgo cost-of-living increases, take pay freezes and several unpaid furlough days;
- Managing employee health care costs through plan management, negotiations with carriers, maintaining a cap on the District's contribution that has not changed in three years; and in the 2010-11 fiscal year, the District's costs were \$5.6 million less expensive than the state run health insurance pool;
- Employees paying 6% of their salary toward their public employee retirement plans; and
- Reducing utility costs through energy conservation and facility retrofits. Beaverton's energy performance is among the top 11% nationally of all school districts as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Leader Award.

After voters passed a three-year local option levy in 2003 to pay for teachers and to prevent lay-offs, the District received more money than expected due to an improving economy. Instead of spending the money, the District returned it to local taxpayers, canceling the second year of the tax.

Taxpayer Oversight

An independent audit committee would review expenditures so funds are used as approved by voters.

What is a Local Option Levy?

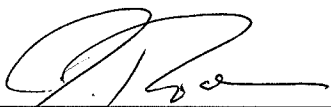
Funding for schools in Oregon is primarily controlled by the state Legislature. In 1999, the Oregon Legislature signed into law the local option, a funding mechanism that allows communities to make some local funding decisions for their schools. All local option funds would stay in the Beaverton School District, none go to Salem.

Calculate Your Costs

The authorized levy would be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year for five years. The actual property taxes collected would vary from property to property. To estimate your tax, please go to www.beaverton.k12.or.us and click on Local Option Levy.

Submitted by:

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Signature of Authorized Representative



Date