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## For Lincoln County



**2023**

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# February 14, 2023 Special Election

## Ballot Drop Box Locations

Ballot boxes are available January 25, 2023 - February 14, 2023, Election Day.

- 1** Lincoln County Courthouse  
450 Logan St., Davenport
- 2** Harrington City Hall  
11 S. Third St., Harrington

***\* February 14, 2023 is Election Day. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than February 14.***

## 2023 Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters by: ..... January 25  
 Register by mail or online, received by: ..... February 6  
 Registration deadline (in person only): ..... February 14  
 Special Election: ..... February 14, 8:00 p.m.

### Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributions for candidates and measures:

#### Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov  
 Toll-Free (877) 601-2828

### Using a ballot drop box?

No stamp required. Drop off your ballot by 8pm, February 14, 2023

### Mailing your ballot?

Postage is prepaid. Must be postmarked by February 14, 2023

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## Elections Department Contact Information

**Voter registration, ballot requests, ballot processing, and accessible voting:**

450 Logan St./PO Box 28  
 Davenport, Wash.

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,  
 open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

**Contact:**

Phone: (509) 725-4971  
 Email: elections@co.lincoln.wa.us  
 Website: www.co.lincoln.wa.us/elections



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# Sprague School District No. 8

## Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Sprague School District No. 8 adopted Resolution No. 09-2022, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$1.51	\$215,000
2025	\$1.43	\$215,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-2022. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY...YES

LEVY...NO

## Explanatory Statement

No statement submitted.

## Statement in Favor

The Sprague School District is asking for a renewal of the Education Programs and Operation (EP&O) levy that provides needed revenue to help all Sprague students succeed. State funding does not fully cover all the costs associated with funding the education of our students. This tax will make up approximately 7% of the school district's budget. A "Yes" vote for the EP&O levy will provide the necessary funds to keep a full-time counselor, update the building's security system and necessary district support personnel. In addition, this funding makes possible our students' involvement in field trips and extra-curricular activities such as FFA, Music, Sports' Co-op and more.

The levy you are being asked to vote on is not a new tax. A "Yes" vote on February 14, 2023 will assure the continued levy support that has been so appreciatively approved in previous years. The proposed levy is set at a tax rate of \$1.51 per \$1000 for 2024 and \$1.43 per \$1000 for 2025.

Saying "Yes" to the levy means that you are willing to financially support our children. A strong school is the best investment we can give our growing community. This year, on Valentine's Day, show our students and school district some love and vote "Yes" for their strong future.

Submitted by Loi Lutes

## Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

## Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J

### Proposition No. 1

#### Replacement Educational Programs and Operational Levy

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 1-2022-23, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in the place of the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate \$1000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$1.86	\$600,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1-2022-23 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES

LEVY NO

### Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2023. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, nutrition, preschool, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at <https://www.odessa.wednet.edu>. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 13% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2001 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.

### Statement in Favor

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is H.P. Carstensen and I write in support of the Odessa School Operations, Capital Projects, and Transportation Levies. I am a parent of 4 children that have benefited greatly from the Odessa School District. The value of having opportunities for our youth and a quality education are vital to the future of our children and our community.

Each of these levies are needed to maintain what is currently available to our students. The Operations Levy will be the largest amount. This levy will be used for the everyday operation of our schools, which include things like nutrition, security upgrades, classroom technology, staff training, and student activities.

The Capital Projects and Transportation Levies will be used towards the building and facilities upgrades and improvements including the K-5 plumbing upgrades and sidewalk repair and replacement, as well as purchasing a new bus and maintenance. Our district has experienced a lot of success both academically and athletically over the years. Improving our facilities will only help us ensure this type of success in the future.

In closing, these Levies allow the district to maintain the same quality education and opportunities that our students have experienced. It also creates new opportunities for our children and their future. I support the school district levy efforts and encourage everyone to vote yes for our children.

Sincerely,

H.P. Carstensen

Parent and Manager of Odessa Trading Company

Odessa, WA.

### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

# Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J

## Proposition No. 2 Replacement Capital Levy For School Improvements

"Shall a replacement excess levy of \$125,000 be collected in the year 2024, requiring approximately \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the modernization of school facilities by making technology, health, safety and energy efficiency improvements to school facilities of Odessa School District #105, Lincoln County, joint with #157, Adams County and #166J, Grant County?"

LEVY YES

LEVY NO

## Explanatory Statement

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2023. The proposed replacement levy will be used to support the modernization of school facilities by making health, safety, technology, and energy efficiency improvements to school facilities. Further information is available at <https://www.odessa.wednet.edu>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2000 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.

## Statement in Favor

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is H.P. Carstensen and I write in support of the Odessa School Operations, Capital Projects, and Transportation Levies. I am a parent of 4 children that have benefited greatly from the Odessa School District. The value of having opportunities for our youth and a quality education are vital to the future of our children and our community.

Each of these levies are needed to maintain what is currently available to our students. The Operations Levy will be the largest amount. This levy will be used for the everyday operation of our schools, which include things like nutrition, security upgrades, classroom technology, staff training, and student activities.

The Capital Projects and Transportation Levies will be used towards the building and facilities upgrades and improvements including the K-5 plumbing upgrades and sidewalk repair and replacement, as well as purchasing a new bus and maintenance. Our district has experienced a lot of success both academically and athletically over the years. Improving our facilities will only help us ensure this type of success in the future.

In closing, these Levies allow the district to maintain the same quality education and opportunities that our students have experienced. It also creates new opportunities for our children and their future. I support the school district levy efforts and encourage everyone to vote yes for our children.

Sincerely,

H.P. Carstensen

Parent and Manager of Odessa Trading Company  
Odessa, WA.

## Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

## Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J

### Proposition No. 3

#### Levy to Purchase New School Bus

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 3-2022-23, concerning a proposition to finance a new school bus. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing a new school bus to begin replacing the District's aging bus fleet:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate \$1000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$0.47	\$150,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 3-2022-23. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES

LEVY NO

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 3 would allow Odessa School District to levy taxes over a one-year period to purchase a new school bus. The School Board determined that the need for improved safety and operational efficiency requires that the District purchase the new school bus to begin replacing the District's aging bus fleet.

The proposed one-year transportation vehicle fund levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$150,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce the levy amount is estimated to be \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your County Assessor.

### Statement in Favor

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is H.P. Carstensen and I write in support of the Odessa School Operations, Capital Projects, and Transportation Levies. I am a parent of 4 children that have benefited greatly from the Odessa School District. The value of having opportunities for our youth and a quality education are vital to the future of our children and our community.

Each of these levies are needed to maintain what is currently available to our students. The Operations Levy will be the largest amount. This levy will be used for the everyday operation of our schools, which include things like nutrition, security upgrades, classroom technology, staff training, and student activities.

The Capital Projects and Transportation Levies will be used towards the building and facilities upgrades and improvements including the K-5 plumbing upgrades and sidewalk repair and replacement, as well as purchasing a new bus and maintenance. Our district has experienced a lot of success both academically and athletically over the years. Improving our facilities will only help us ensure this type of success in the future.

In closing, these Levies allow the district to maintain the same quality education and opportunities that our students have experienced. It also creates new opportunities for our children and their future. I support the school district levy efforts and encourage everyone to vote yes for our children.

Sincerely,

H.P. Carstensen

Parent and Manager of Odessa Trading Company

Odessa, WA.

### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

# Lincoln County Public Hospital District No. 1

**Proposition No. 1**  
**Replacement of Expiring One-Year Operation and Maintenance Levy**

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Lincoln County, adopted Resolution No. 111022.03 concerning a proposition to finance operation and maintenance expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to maintain current levels of essential health care services by levying excess property taxes, in place of an expiring levy, at the estimated levy rate of \$2.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value upon all taxable property within the District for collection in 2024 to provide a total of \$703,119 for paying part of the District's operation and maintenance expenses, all as provided in Resolution No. 111022.03. Should this proposition be approved?

 LEVY YES LEVY NO**Statement in Favor**

No statement submitted.

**Statement in Opposition**

No Statement submitted.

**Explanatory Statement**

No statement submitted.

## Wilbur School District No. 200

### Proposition No. 1

#### Replacement Capital Levy for Safety, Efficiency and Technology Improvements

The Board of Directors of Wilbur School District No. 200 adopted Resolution No. 01-23, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety, efficiency and technology improvements (including constructing single point entry vestibules and installing other access controls; upgrading HVAC; enhancing Emerson Park Sports Fields; acquiring instructional technology equipment):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$1.00	\$199,000
2025	\$1.00	\$199,000
2026	\$1.00	\$199,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-23. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY...YES

LEVY...NO

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Wilbur School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2023. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to make safety, efficiency and technology improvements throughout existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) constructing single point entry vestibules and acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing access controls, doors, door locks, communication and emergency alarm systems, and other safety and security systems; (2) upgrading and/or replacing heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC"), electrical and mechanical systems; (3) making enhancements to Emerson Park Sports Fields; and (4) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities (including, but not limited to, replacing the Business Education Computer Lab), and making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities. Further information is available at the District's website <https://wcsd.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed three-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$199,000 each year from 2024 through and including 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Lincoln County Assessor (509)596-1454.

### Statement in Favor

Good day fellow Wilbur School District Tax Payers. My name is Phin Haglin and I am a retired school board member and district tax payer. I am submitting the pro-levy letter on behalf of the district.

The state has the legal responsibility to provide funding for a basic education for our kids as well as transportation and meals for children below the poverty line. Beyond that things like technology, extra curricular activities that enhance their education and better prepare them for job skills and college are paid for by our bond levy. It is an age old tradition that we support today's youth as others before us supported our kids.

Costs of improving our facilities and maintaining them is also a part of the levy. We have not asked for a large capital levy for a new school or addition for over 40 years because our ongoing maintenance has been outstanding.

This year's request has been lowered 11 cents per thousand to reduce our taxes in support of the fire district 11 cent increase. The millage on this year's levy will be one dollar per thousand or \$100 on a \$100,000 home.

This money will be used to upgrade technology, improve school building security, complete the facilities donated by the Lions Club at Emerson Field, as well as some smaller repairs and up grades to the facilities.

Please join me in supporting our school district team in continuing to give our kids a great and safe education.

Phin Haglin

## Wilbur School District No. 200

### Statement in Opposition

Reasons to vote no for Wilbur Levy:

Prior funds (including Covid \$) spent irresponsibly

\$35k spend on unusable/unsafe playground equipment

Poor condition of Emerson Park, school and upper football field

Filthy gym, seating and walls

Skylights: leaking water, peeling paint and mold

Classroom and hallway asbestos not abated

\$1000 spent to replace toilet broken by student(s)

Missing light bulbs and covers in classrooms

No updates to lighting to energy saving LEDs

Updating entry security systems when the existing works

Unsafe walkways and stairs in icy weather, even when there is an event.

Parking lot project that changed nothing.

Sinking flagpole

Prior levies promised items that weren't done, and are repeated from the 2019 levy.

Current levy has projects that are unnecessary and/or should be a lower priority than some of those mentioned above. HVAC has been a levy issue since 2019 and is repeating on this new levy.

Pictures, files, and more information can be found on FaceBook page "Vote No Wilbur Levy"

Shelley Sieverkropp

Christy Wyborney

## Lincoln County Cemetery District No. 7

### Proposition No. 1

#### Special Election for Regular Property Tax Levy for Cemetery Maintenance and Operation

"The Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County Cemetery District No. 7 adopted Resolution 2022-01 concerning a proposition for cemetery maintenance and operation. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess tax upon all taxable property within the District for support of the District's cemetery maintenance and operation expenses."

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$0.28	\$35,000

All as provided in Resolution 2022-01. Should this proposition be approved?"

Levy YES

Levy NO

### Statement in Favor

No statement submitted.

### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

### Explanatory Statement

No statement submitted.

# Elections and Voter Registration

## How do I register to vote in Washington?

### Qualifications:

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.

### Registration deadlines:

By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than February 6.

In person: Lincoln County Elections Department, 450 Logan St in Davenport, no later than 8 p.m. on February 14.

### How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)

**By mail:** Request a paper form be mailed to you by calling (509) 725-4971 or print your own at [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections).

**In person:** Visit the elections department at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

Moved? Update your voting address. Contact the elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

**By February 6:** Have your application received by mail or updated online.

**Or By February 14:** Visit the elections department in person at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

## #Future Voter

### What if I'm not 18 yet?

**If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!** 16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

## Elections and Voter Registration

**1** Your ballot will be mailed no later than **January 25** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Lincoln County Elections Department.

**2** Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

**3** **Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed.** If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **February 14**. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

Or

**Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box, no stamp needed.** Drop boxes are open until 8pm on **February 14**. Find drop box locations at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov).

**If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.**

**4** Check the status of your ballot on [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) to see if it has been received by Lincoln County elections.

Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

### View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections). Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

# How is my ballot counted?

## Lincoln County receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box **by 8 p.m. on February 14, Election Day**, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day! A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you **mail your ballot a week before Election Day**.

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## Your signature is verified

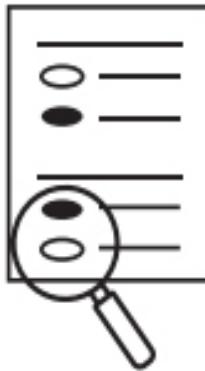
The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.

2



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record



## Envelopes are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.

3

## Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.

4

## Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.

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