



Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Amended on October 23, 2025 at 5:53 PM PDT

Date and Time

Thursday October 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM PDT

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time above in the 4th Floor Auditorium at the Central Administration Building. All regular Board Business Meetings, Committee of the Whole, and Study Session meetings are open public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend. Executive sessions are closed to the public. Public parking and the main entrance are located on the west side of the building at South G Street.

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Agenda

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Strozier will call the meeting to order.

B. Flag Salute

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgment

Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgment serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and to whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

D. Roll Call

General Counsel Gbenro will call the roll.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

President Strozier will call for a motion to amend the agenda or approve as presented.

II. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community

A. RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR PARTNER AWARD TO THE UW TACOMA YMCA

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize UW YMCA as being awarded the October Shining Star Community Partner Award.

B. RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors recognize the Purchasing Department team for its commitment to professionalism and leadership of the procurement function.

C. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

III. Superintendent's Report

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

B. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

IV. Staff Report to the Board.

None.

V. Members of the Public Wishing to Address the Board

School Board members encourage public participation. Your civil input is appreciated. Board members will not respond to your comments during the meeting. The Superintendent or a designee will follow-up with you after the meeting if action is needed.

Instead of speaking at a meeting, you may also send an email to the board at board@tacoma.k12.wa.us. Please contact the Board Office in advance of the meeting for disability accommodations.

A. Public Comment Guidelines

Under **Board Policy 1430 - Public Comment**, the Board President may terminate an individual's comments when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same

standard of civility that the Board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- Are libelous or slanderous under a legal standard;
- Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation;
- or Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Board meeting.

The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the Board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the Board, district, and/or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature. The Board will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

B. OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

The General Counsel will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone. You may have up to three (3) minutes to share your comments or, if there are a large number of speakers, time may be limited at the President's discretion.

C. OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

The following members of the public have submitted written public comment:

VI. Consent Agenda

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Approve minutes for Board of Directors Special Meeting on September 25, 2025

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the submission of one general certificate for authorization, and, if authorized, approve expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

D. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR HENRY FOSS HIGH SCHOOL EUROPEAN TOUR APRIL 4-12, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-country field trip for 3 chaperones and 20 students to travel to London, UK; Paris, France; and Toledo and Madrid, Spain to give students first-hand learning experience learning about European history from April 4-12, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising, Students, and Families]

E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2025

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state field trip for 12 Lincoln High School Boys Basketball players and 5 chaperones to participate in the Holiday Tournament in San Luis Obispo, California, from December 18 - 24, 2025. [Funding Source: Lincoln's Boys Hoopsters Booster Club]

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, APRIL 1 - 8, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state travel request for 3 staff and 18 Stadium High School Culinary Club students to travel to New York City, New York, April 1 - 8, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising and donations]

F. APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recommends that the Board of Directors approve the personnel recommendations to the Superintendent for the October 23, 2025 Board Meeting.

G. OTHER

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the included grants, gifts, or donations, and approve the expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

VII. Policy Matters

A. FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040 - PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Public Records Manager, recommends the Board of Directors review the draft of revised Policy 4040 and provide feedback before a second reading.

VIII. Financial Report

Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

A. 10-23-25 FINANCIAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-274 BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM AUGUST 31, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2028

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-274 between Pierce County Juvenile Court and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide education for juveniles in detention facilities from August 31, 2025 - August 31, 2028.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-277 BETWEEN CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-277 between Curriculum Associates i-Ready Supports and Tacoma School District No. 10 to purchase i-Ready supports outside of Curriculum & Instructions services for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Title I/LAP and Technology Services]

C. APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs, recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the OSSI Comprehensive School Improvement grants from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$460,000.00 and approve the School Improvement Plans for the identified schools and authorize expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. [Funding Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction]

D. APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HILLTOP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, TACOMA (HART) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025-AUGUST 2030

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends the Board of Directors approve the contract agreement between HART and Tacoma Public Schools from September 2025 to August 2030. [Funding Source: Career & Technical Education]

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SELLEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REGIONAL ROBOTICS CENTER PROJECT

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve to negotiate and award a contract to Sellen Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Regional Robotics Center Project. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond issues(s) as approved by voters on February 13, 2024]

XI. Other Business

A. FIRST READING OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Critical District Issues:

- South Sound Robotics Center
- MSOC - Materials, Supplies, Operating Costs
- McKinney-Vento Student Transportation Safety Net Funding

Issues of High Concern:

- Prototypical School Model Funding Update
- Sustainable Energy Assistance for Buildings and School Buses
- Regionalization Funding Reform

- Board Member Compensation
- School Employee Benefits Board
- Community Partners Support
- Simple Majority for Construction Bonds
- School Construction Formula Modifications

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168: AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2168 authorizing ballot proposition No. 1, education programs operations replacement levy.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2169, authorizing ballot proposition No. 2, technology improvements and upgrades replacement levy.

D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171: INTERFUND LOAN

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2171 and approve the temporary transfer of \$42,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund.

XII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

November 13, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting,
CAB 4th Floor Auditorium

December 11, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 8, 2026:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning January 2026, Board Meetings will be moving temporarily to:
Professional Development Center (PDC) Auditorium, Building C
6501 N. 23rd Street Tacoma, WA 98406

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.

Coversheet

RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR PARTNER AWARD TO THE UW TACOMA YMCA

Section:	II. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community
Item:	A. RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR PARTNER AWARD TO THE
UW TACOMA YMCA	
Purpose:	FYI
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	SHINING.STAR.PARTNER.AWARD_UW.YMCA.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO UW TACOMA YMCA
STUDENT CENTER

Department

Community Partnership Office

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Tacoma Public Schools defines 'partnership' as a cooperative relationship between students, families, schools, school districts and the greater Tacoma Community. Partners are committed to supporting student academic success and the whole child. Partners work with and invest in the education of our children and youth--whose future, in turn, will affect the quality of life in the entire Tacoma community.

When it comes to student success, TPS recognizes that schools cannot do it alone. In recognition of an investment of time, talent and resources for TPS students, families and staff - the Shining Star Community Partner Award signifies honor and thanks to a community partner who has made a difference by doing what is best for kids.

Current Consideration

The UW YMCA serves as a vital hub for wellness, education, and community connection in downtown Tacoma. Located in the heart of the city, the YMCA provides opportunities for students, staff, and community members to engage in programs that promote health, leadership, and belonging. For years, Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA) has partnered with the UW YMCA, utilizing its facilities for classes, mentor groups, and student events while also working together to host community nights and programs that strengthen ties between youth and the larger Tacoma community.

The YMCA is widely recognized in Tacoma for its role in expanding access to fitness, health education, and community-building activities. Students at SOTA, whose extracurricular opportunities are often centered on the arts rather than athletics, benefit greatly from access to the YMCA's facilities and resources, developing lifelong skills in wellness, balance, and healthy living. Under the leadership of Cassidy Inamasu, the YMCA has embraced every opportunity to support students and staff, always approaching collaboration with a spirit of "yes, let's do it" or "let's try it and see how this benefits students." This approach has led to years of successful events, shared programming, and meaningful connections that extend far beyond school hours.

The UW YMCA has been a steadfast and generous partner to Tacoma School of the Arts and Tacoma Public Schools. Cassidy Inamasu's leadership in particular has amplified the impact of this partnership, ensuring students have equitable access to fitness and wellness opportunities that they may not otherwise experience

in a downtown arts high school. By consistently opening its doors, offering its expertise, and supporting student growth, the YMCA has created a healthier, stronger, and more connected community.

For these reasons, we proudly nominate the UW YMCA and Cassidy Inamasu as a Star Partner with Tacoma Public Schools, honoring their outstanding commitment to supporting students, staff, and the greater Tacoma community.

Fiscal Implication

None

Recommendation

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize UW YMCA as being awarded the October Shining Star Community Partner Award.

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership & Participation

Approved By

Chief Communications Officer, Tanisha Jumper

Board of Directors Meetings – Agenda Item Preparation Instructions

1. Completed, cabinet member-approved and accurate agenda items must be submitted by the due date/time. This is generally 10 calendar days prior to the board meeting, at 12:00pm.
2. Review your document for any typos, misspellings, and ensure administrator titles are correct.
3. Complete the template as a word document so that you can make as many edits as necessary.
4. Cabinet Member approval is required before any item is uploaded to the agenda.
5. Cabinet Member assistants' have access to upload the agenda item to EduPortal.

DEPARTMENT

List the department that is responsible for the agenda item, not the program/funding source.

ITEM TITLE

Use ALL CAPS in this section only. Always begin with APPROVAL OF. Resolution items will begin with ADOPTION OF. Keep it short and sweet. For international travel requests, only list the department/school, not the people or positions. Example: APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION TO PARIS, FRANCE, JULY 10-15, 2023. The Item Title and File Name should be the same.

BOARD MEETING DATE

This is the date of the board meeting at which the item is being submitted for action. Use this format: September 8, 2022.

BACKGROUND

Here you provide the supporting information about the request. It does not have to be lengthy, but be sure to include the vital information that the board needs to know in order for them to make an informed decision. For example, you could include information about the professional association that's providing the training and how the association or contract benefits the district. This is where you justify the expense.

CURRENT CONSIDERATION

Here you tell the board exactly what it is you are wanting to accomplish. Be specific and provide plenty of detail, if appropriate. If it's a travel request, list the employee name, position and location. If it's a contract, indicate the amount of approval and why it's necessary.

FISCAL IMPLICATION

This is where the dollars and funding source are spelled out. Be specific and clear.

RECOMMENDATION

In most cases the first sentence will include the Cabinet Member's title (not name) followed by "...recommends that the Board of Directors..." Re-state the title, basically. If the agenda item is being sponsored by someone underneath a cabinet member, then it's written from the cabinet member, "on behalf of," the other administrator. Do not forget to include the funding source in brackets at the end. Example: The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Assistant Superintendent of Support Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the travel request for Highly Capable to Clark County, Nevada, December 12-15, 2022. [Funding Source: Professional Development Funds]

STRATEGIC BENCHMARK

Here you specify which of the 5 Strategic Plan Benchmark goal(s) this item is tied to. The Strategic Plan Benchmarks are: Goal 1 - Academic Excellence; Goal 2 - Partnerships; Goal 3 - Early Learning; Goal 4 - Health & Safety; Goal 5 - Operations. If you need more information to be sure you select the correct one, go to:

www.tacomaschools.org/about/strategic-plan. Please be sure to include both the goal number and title as listed above.

ITEM APPROVED BY

This will be the cabinet member Title and Name, in that order. Only type this in once the cabinet member has approved the item.

Coversheet

RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD

Section: II. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community
Item: B. RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING
THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material:
RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPT PROCUREMENT AWARD.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD.

Department

Purchasing Department

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

In 1995, the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI) established a program designed to recognize organizational excellence in public procurement. The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) is awarded annually. This prestigious award is earned by those organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria. The criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization. The Tacoma School District Purchasing Department is one of 17 School Districts and one of 171 agencies in the United States and Canada to receive this award. This is the 16th consecutive year the department has earned this award. The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) is a national, membership-based non-profit organization providing support to professionals in the public-sector procurement profession. With over 3,000-member agencies representing over 15,000 professionals across the United States, Canada, and countries outside of North America, the Institute is international in its reach.

Current Consideration

The National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI) awarded Tacoma School District's Purchasing Department with the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. This is a notable achievement for the team, led by Purchasing Director Cheri Estrada, which continues to be recognized for excellence for the 16th consecutive year. Tacoma Public Schools has saved millions of taxpayer dollars through innovative purchasing strategies and has brought positive public attention to our organization as effective stewards of public funds.

Fiscal Implication

None

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors recognize the Purchasing Department team for its commitment to professionalism and leadership of the procurement function.

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership and Participation; Safe and Supported

Approved By

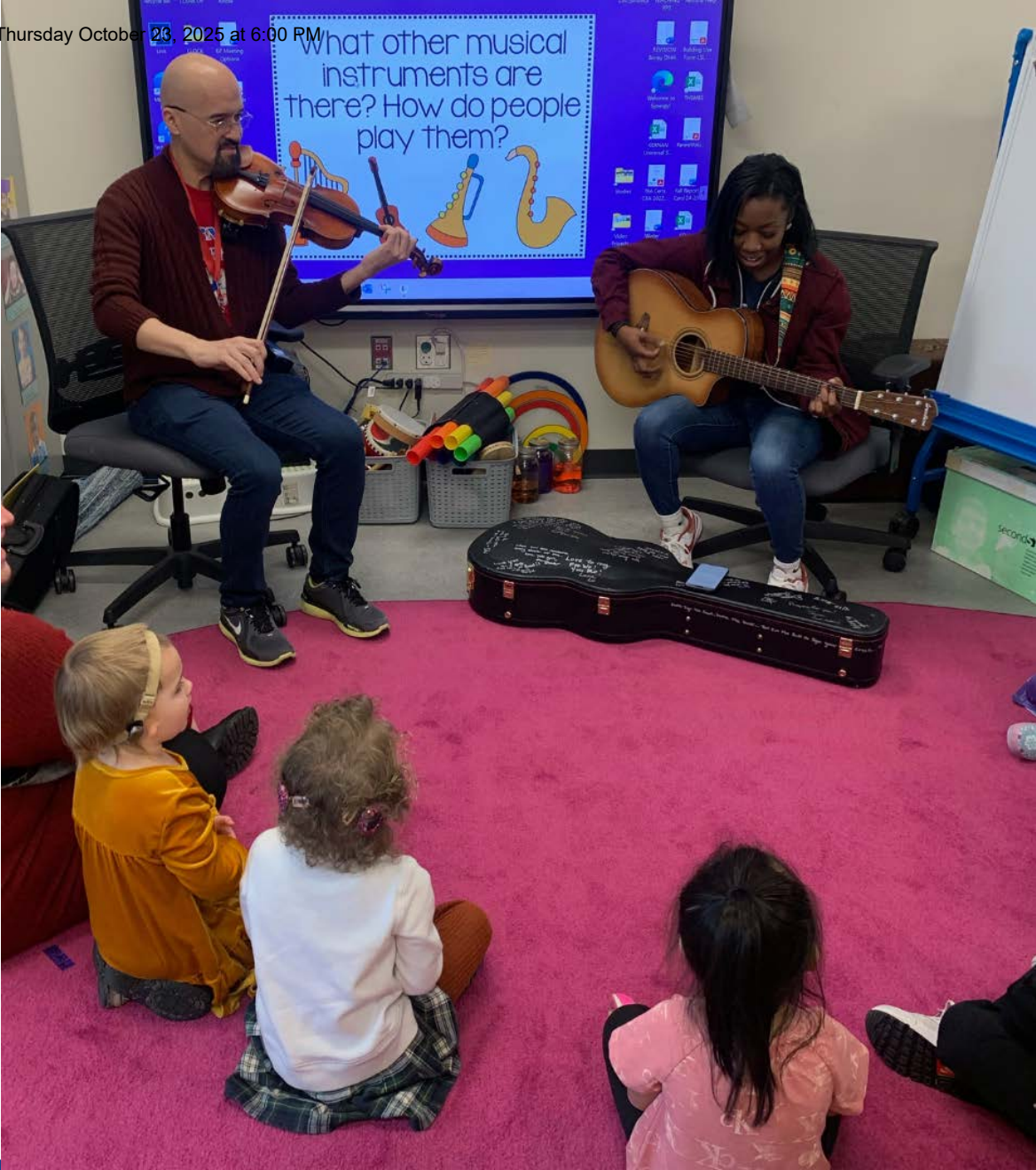
Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

Coversheet

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

Section:	II. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community
Item:	C. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH
Purpose:	
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH.pdf

October is Principal Appreciation Month













Coversheet

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Section:	VI. Consent Agenda
Item:	A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Board of Directors Special Meeting on September 25, 2025

APPROVED



Tacoma School District

Minutes

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Date and Time

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Directors Present

C. McElroy, E. Bonbright, K. Strozier

Directors Absent

E. Leon, L. Keating

Guests Present

Forrest Griek, Director of Labor Relations & Whole Educator, Joshua Garcia, Superintendent, Lisa Nolan, Deputy Superintendent, Malik Gbenro, General Counsel, T. Jones (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Strozier called the Special Meeting to order and turned the discussion over to General Counsel Gbenro.

B. Roll Call

C. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda for the Special Meeting/Executive Session was adopted as presented.

II. Executive Session

A.

Purpose

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss with Legal Counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion could likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency under RCW 42.30.110(i). Executive sessions are closed to the public.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier adjourned the Special Meeting & Executive Session at 5:55PM. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Jones

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Section:	VI. Consent Agenda
Item:	B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	APPROVAL OF WARRANTS.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Department

Business & Finance Division / Financial Services

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.330.080 requires that monies of such school districts shall be paid out only upon orders for warrants signed by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors and countersigned by the Secretary. PROVIDED, that when, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the orders for warrants issued by the district shall have reached such numbers that the signing of each warrant by the President personally imposes too great a task on the President; the Board of Directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills as provided by RCW 28A.330.090, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the County Treasurer, to be signed by the President, authorizing said Treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the Secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants.

Current Consideration

Acceptance of these financial reports will provide the Board of Directors with financial information necessary for the proper financial management of the District. This standard consent agenda action item completes the statutory requirements.

Fiscal Implication

The District has a fiscal responsibility to provide timely payments to its employees and vendors in accordance with federal and state laws.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the submission of one general certificate for authorization, and if authorized, approve expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement; Partnership and Participation; Safe and Supports

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

FUND	DATE	INSTRUMENT NO.	AMOUNT
Accounts Payable	09/24/25	316216-316268	\$3,383,261.57
	10/01/25	316347-316400	\$1,253,733.63
ACH Accounts Payable	09/26/25	-4015652--4015734	\$15,099,116.15
	10/03/25	-4015735--4015790	\$8,132,105.75
Manual Payroll	09/25/25	316269	\$300.78
	09/29/25	316270	\$1,167.70
	10/03/25	316271-314346	\$61,105.87
	10/03/25	316401-316412	\$7,102.12
ACH Payroll	10/03/25	-262031738--262055812	\$ 10,696,067.27

*ACH instrument numbers are system reference numbers only and may not appear in consecutive order

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

TO THE TREASURER OF PIERCE COUNTY:

You are hereby authorized to pay all the following warrants, specified by date, fund and amount as drawn and signed by the Secretary of the Tacoma School District No. 10.

Board of Directors

Board President

Date of Approval

FUND	DATE	INSTRUMENT NO.	AMOUNT
Accounts Payable	09/24/25	316216-316268	\$3,383,261.57
	10/01/25	316347-316400	\$1,253,733.63
ACH Accounts Payable	09/26/25	-4015652--4015734	\$15,099,116.15
	10/03/25	-4015735--4015790	\$8,132,105.75
Manual Payroll	09/25/25	316269	\$300.78
	09/29/25	316270	\$1,167.70
	10/03/25	316271-314346	\$61,105.87
	10/03/25	316401-316412	\$7,102.12
ACH Payroll	10/03/25	-262031738--262055812	\$ 10,696,067.27

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I, the undersigned do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered and/or the labor performed as described herein, and the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation against Tacoma School District No. 10, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

We, your Committee on Auditing and Finance, have audited and approved the following described claims and payrolls and recommend the issuance of the following warrants and wire transfer authorization:

Chief Financial Officer

Date of Approval

Committee on Auditing & Finance

Coversheet

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

Section:	VI. Consent Agenda
Item:	D. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	EUROPEAN TOUR_FIELD TRIP_FOSS_ APRIL 4-12, 2026.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR HENRY FOSS HIGH SCHOOL EUROPEAN TOUR APRIL 4-12, 2026

Department

Athletics & Activities

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Through this European tour, Foss High School students will have an opportunity to travel to London, UK; Paris, France; Toledo; and Madrid. Students will be exposed to other cultures and have an opportunity to learn first-hand about European history and art (visiting the Louvre, Orsay, and Reina Sofia museums), observe and study the culture, and expand on their learning by visiting another country and participating in many new adventures. Students will have an opportunity to visit landmarks such as Windsor Castle and Versailles Palace, which they have heard and learned about in class. In addition, they'll have an opportunity to use their language skills in a setting where the language the students are studying is spoken fluently. This is an exciting and wonderful opportunity for students to learn and grow while expanding their knowledge and understanding of the world. This is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity for students. For many, this will be their first time leaving the area, let alone traveling abroad.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-country field trip for 3 chaperones and 20 students to travel to London, UK; Paris, France; Toledo; and Madrid, April 4-12, 2026.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated cost for this out-of-country field trip is \$10,000.00. Travel expenses will be paid by students, their families, and fundraising.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-country field trip for 3 chaperones and 20 students to travel to London, UK; Paris, France; Toledo; and Madrid, to give students first hand learning experience learning about European history from April 4-12, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising, Students, and Families].

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Excellence

Approved By

Lisa A. Nolan, Ph. D.
Deputy Superintendent

Coversheet

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Section: VI. Consent Agenda
Item: E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:

Related Material:

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL_LINCOLN BOYS BASKETBALL_SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA.pdf
OUT-OF-STATE_TRAVEL_FOR_STADIUM_TO_NEW_YORK_CITY.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, DECEMBER 18, 2025 - DECEMBER 24, 2025

Department

Athletics & Activities

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

The Lincoln High School Boys' Basketball team has been invited to compete in a prestigious Holiday Basketball Tournament in San Luis Obispo, California, alongside top high school teams from across the country. This exciting opportunity will allow student-athletes to showcase their talents in front of more than 300 college coaches while gaining valuable experience on and off the court. Beyond the competition, the tournament offers students a chance to explore college environments, connect with peers from diverse backgrounds, and strengthen team bonds in ways that go beyond the regular season. Through this experience, athletes will continue to build collaboration, leadership, and communication skills that will serve them well in school, future careers, and everyday life.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state trip for 12 Lincoln High School basketball players and 5 chaperones to participate in the Holiday Basketball Tournament in San Luis Obispo, California, from December 18, 2025 - December 24, 2025.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated cost of travel is \$15,000, which will be paid by Lincoln's Boys Hoopsters Booster Club.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state field trip for 12 Lincoln High School Boys Basketball and 5 chaperones to participate in the Holiday Tournament in San Luis Obispo, California, from December 18, 2025 - December 24, 2025. [Funding Source: Lincoln's Boys Hoopsters Booster Club].

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement and Partnership & Participation

Approved By

Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.

Deputy Superintendent



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, APRIL 1-8, 2026

Department

Athletics & Activities

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

18 aspiring Stadium High School Culinary Club students have an opportunity to travel to New York for a "Culinary Excursion" to engage in an educational journey of food and culture. Woven from the diverse threads of immigration and cultural exchange, New York's food scene has evolved over the centuries, reflecting the changing population and global influences. This is an awesome opportunity for students to embark upon a culinary adventure and learn about the communities, history, and cultures that produce New York's vibrant fusion of global flavors and legendary cuisine. Students will learn from local artisans about different processes and traditions, providing a hands-on approach to the culinary experience. Students will also have the opportunity to meet culinary professionals and entrepreneurs who can share their knowledge and insights into New York's culture and its unique culinary history. In addition, students will participate in several tours, including Nolita and Little Italy, as well as the Heart & Soul of Greenwich Village Food and Culture Tour.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state travel for 3 staff and 18 Stadium High School Culinary Club students to travel to New York City, New York, April 1 - 8, 2026.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated cost of travel, including food and lodging, is approximately \$47,514.00, which will be paid by fundraising and donations.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state travel request for 3 staff and 18 Stadium High School Culinary Club students to travel to New York City, New York, April 1 - 8, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising and donations]

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement

Approved By

Deputy Superintendent, Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Section: VI. Consent Agenda
Item: F. APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT 102325.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Department

Human Resources

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Current Consideration

Fiscal Implication

Recommendation

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recommends that the Board of Directors approve the personnel recommendations to the Superintendent for the October 23, 2025 Board meeting.

Strategic Benchmark

Approved By

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Renee Trueblood

**PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Meeting - October 23, 2025**

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 23, 2025

To: Joshua J. Garcia, Superintendent

From: Renee Trueblood, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

It is recommended that the actions on the following employees be approved, effective as indicated.

CERTIFICATED RECOMMENDATIONS

Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Arntzen, Arnt	Baker	Teacher MS	0.6000	Continuing	10/06/2025
Johnson, Derek	Giaudrone	Teacher MS	1.0000	Continuing	10/06/2025
Mattes, Mikaela	Stadium	Teacher HS	1.0000	Continuing	10/02/2025
Palmer, Hannah	Mt Tahoma	Teacher HS	1.0000	Replacement	10/08/2025
Petroski, Jennifer	Truman	Teacher MS	0.8000	Continuing	10/13/2025

Separation of Employment - Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Amdur, Miriam	Giaudrone	Teacher Special Education	1.0000	Continuing	10/03/2025
Indiano, Erica	Meeker	Teacher MS	1.0000	Continuing	09/29/2025
May, John	Hilltop Heritage	Teacher Special Education	1.0000	Continuing	09/29/2025

Separation of Employment - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Tuttle, Teresa	Lincoln	Teacher Special Education	1.0000	Continuing	01/31/2026

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**Hire**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Adviento, Justine Abish	Silas	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	10/06/2025
Azabache, Marcus	Custodial	Custodian	1.0000	Regular	10/08/2025
Bell, Te'Aire	Stafford	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	10/09/2025
Castro-Michel, Issel	NE Tacoma	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	09/19/2025
Douglas, William	Custodial	Custodian	1.0000	Regular	10/06/2025
Jordan, Kyla	Lyon	ESP Special Education	0.8750	Regular	09/25/2025
Keyser, Sierra	Silas	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	10/13/2025
Naumann, Michele	Hunt	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	09/15/2025
Samaras, Alexandria	Meeker	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	09/15/2025
Valdez, Colby	B&G Maintenance	Laborer	1.0000	Temporary	09/30/2025
Walker, Kazaria	Custodial	Custodian Relief	1.0000	Regular	10/13/2025

Rehire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Contreras, Magda	Stadium	Attendance Specialist	1.0000	Temporary	10/13/2025

Separation of Employment - Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Delgado, Ysabel	Nutrition Services	Child Nutri Elementary Mgr	1.0000	Regular	10/01/2025
Kleinworth, Kenneth	Custodial	Custodian	1.0000	Regular	09/29/2025
Williams, Minerva	Edison	ESP Special Education 1:1	0.8125	Regular	09/29/2025
Williamson, Cory	PDC/SRC	Tech Support Technician	1.0000	Regular	10/03/2025

Separation of Employment - Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Meyer, Bonnie	Nutrition Services	Nutrition Services Helper	0.4375	Regular	12/05/2025

SUBSTITUTE & NON-REGULAR RECOMMENDATIONS**Hire**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Ashton, Kathleen	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/06/2025
Beers, Nathaniel	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/06/2025
Benintendi, Jacob	Lister	School Crossing Guard	10/13/2025
Betancourt, Imer	Transportation	Substitute Bus Driver	10/06/2025
Brooks, Delana	Transportation	Substitute Bus Driver	10/01/2025
Bushnell, Csynaii	CAB	AVID Tutor	09/30/2025
Carman, Tess	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/09/2025
Clifton, Brailyn	Edna Travis	School Crossing Guard	09/26/2025
Courtney, Jeremy	Meeker	Assistant Coach Soccer	09/26/2025
Cowan-Lemmon, Katie	Geiger	School Crossing Guard	09/30/2025
Gagnie, Thomas	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/06/2025
Gray, Houston	Lincoln	Assistant Coach Swimming	09/29/2025
Grizzle, Brianna	Arlington	School Crossing Guard	09/30/2025
Hackett, Matthew	Stadium	Assistant Coach Football	10/01/2025
Hannan, Jeffrey	Hilltop Heritage	Assistant Coach Baseball	09/23/2025
Hargis, Beau	Sheridan	School Crossing Guard	09/30/2025
Herron, Veda	Lyon	School Crossing Guard	09/23/2025
Hinton, Aspen	CAB	Substitute ESP	09/30/2025
Hogan, Ti-jai	First Creek	Assistant Coach Basketball	10/06/2025
Jaeger, Hannah	CAB	Substitute ESP	10/08/2025
Ligenza-Posante, Jasmine	DeLong	School Crossing Guard	09/03/2025
Lincoln, Morgan	Downing	School Crossing Guard	10/03/2025
Lindley, Victoria	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/02/2025
Lino, Seraphim	CAB	Substitute ESP	09/30/2025
McKinney, Isaac	Nutrition Services	Substitute Nutrition Services	09/30/2025
Mitchell, Emani	Baker	Assistant Coach Basketball	09/23/2025
Mitchell, Melissa	Whittier	Health Clerk	09/30/2025
Negrete, Andrew	Transportation	Substitute Bus Driver	10/01/2025
Olivieri, Anna	CAB	AVID Tutor	10/08/2025
Rapinan, Zane	CAB	AVID Tutor	09/23/2025
Rawls, Carolyn	Transportation	Substitute Bus Monitor	09/30/2025
Scott, Daniel	Giaudrone	Head Coach Baseball	09/30/2025
Spurgeon, Bailey	CAB	Substitute ESP	09/30/2025

Sullivan, Christina	CAB	Substitute Teacher	09/26/2025
Urbina-Romero, Cynthia	Lister	Noon Hour Supervisor	10/06/2025
Zacher, Christina	Transportation	Substitute Bus Monitor	09/30/2025

Rehire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Arneson, Miguel	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/03/2025
D'Agati, Jessica	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/06/2025
Glidden, Charli	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/06/2025
Stephens, James	CAB	Substitute Teacher	10/03/2025

Separation of Employment - Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Anticipated Effective Date</u>
Begay, Cheyenne	CAB	Substitute OP	10/10/2025

Coversheet

OTHER

Section:	VI. Consent Agenda
Item:	G. OTHER
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS

Department

Business & Finance Division

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Tacoma Public Schools pursues and manages competitive and formula-driven grant funding from federal, state, local government, non-profit, and private funding sources to fuel our innovative programs. Additionally, the District may accept gifts or donations in support of school programs and activities. Board Policies 2104, 6114, and 6130 guide the acceptance of grants and gifts. As required by Board Policy 2104, Board approval of acceptance is requested for the following grants, gifts, or donations valued at \$50,000 or greater.

Current Consideration

Approval of acceptance is requested for grants, gifts, and donations detailed in the attached report.

Fiscal Implication

Request for acceptance of funds and resources provided by external partners provides transparency for the Board of Directors regarding the District's financial responsibilities and ensures appropriate oversight and alignment with the District's programs and goals. This standard consent agenda action item satisfies Board Policy requirements.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the included grants, gifts, or donations, and approve the expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership and Participation

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

Tacoma Public Schools | Grants Office

Approval of Acceptance Request

Grants, Gifts, and Donations for Current Consideration

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Funder	Award Title	Description	Value	Indirect Cost %	Cost Share	Duration*	Department	Administrator
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation	Tacoma Whole Child Community Partnership Fund – Jobs 253 Program Support	To support implementation of the Jobs 253 program, in which TPS high school students can earn credit toward graduation while gaining meaningful work experience.	\$229,000	0%	No	9/1/25 – 8/31/26	Career & Technical Education (CTE)	Stephanie Glenisky & Adam Kulaas
Tacoma Education Dream Fund	Field Trip Transportation Support	To offset the cost of transportation for science-focused field trips for all TPS students in kindergarten, 1 st grade, 2 nd grade, and 8 th grade in the 25-26 school year.	\$105,000	0%	No	9/1/25 – 8/31/2026	Curriculum & Instruction (C&I)	Angie Neville

*Due to routine irregularity in timing between the availability of a complete award agreement and the start date on which funded activities may begin, award duration may commence prior to Board approval of acceptance. To ensure appropriate responsiveness to funder and funded project timeline requirements, the District may find it necessary to execute an award agreement prior to receipt of Board approval of acceptance. In such instances, the Board maintains the right to deny acceptance. Should the Board approve acceptance with conditions, the Grants Office will collaborate with the funder to realize revised, mutually agreeable terms. Should the Board deny acceptance in full, the Grants Office will terminate the award agreement while collaborating with the funder and affected stakeholders to minimize impacts.

Coversheet

FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040 - PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

Section:	VII. Policy Matters
Item:	A. FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040 - PUBLIC ACCESS TO
DISTRICT RECORDS	
Purpose:	FYI
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040 - PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

Department

Legal

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Policy 4040 is being updated to align with Washington State law and reaffirm the District's commitment to transparency and public accountability. The policy ensures full access to records related to the administration and operations of the District, while balancing the need for efficient governance and the protection of individual privacy. The proposed revisions aim to clarify procedures and support consistent, lawful access to public records. The accompanying regulation is also going through the review process.

Current Consideration

The Board is currently being asked to review this policy as part of the ongoing evaluation and refinement process to ensure alignment with District goals and regulatory standards.

Fiscal Implication

None.

Recommendation

The General Counsel on behalf of the Public Records Manager recommends the Board of Directors review the draft of revised Policy 4040 and provide feedback before a second reading.

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership and Participation

Approved By

General Counsel, Malik Gbenro

Policy 4040
Community Relations

Policy No. 4040
Community Relations

PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

PURPOSE

Consistent with Washington State law, the Board is committed to providing the public full access to records concerning the administration and operations of the District. Such access promotes important public policy, maintains public confidence in the fairness of governmental processes, and protects the community's interest in the control and operation of its common school district. At the same time, the Board desires to preserve the efficient administration of government and acknowledges the privacy rights of individuals whose records may be maintained by the District. This policy and the accompanying procedure are intended to facilitate access to school district records without compromising operational efficiency or privacy rights.

As used in this policy and the accompanying procedure, "school district records" is a broad term that includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the District or the performance of any District governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by the District regardless of physical form or characteristics. A "writing" as used in this policy and procedure is likewise a broad term that means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying, photographing, or other means of recording any form of communication or representation. Included within these definitions are digital and electronic forms of communication, including emails, texts or messages through any medium or application, pages, postings and comments from any District-operated or District-sponsored website. The District will retain public records in compliance with state law and regulations.

The definition of "school district records" does not include records that are not otherwise required to be retained by the District and are held by volunteers who do not serve in an administrative capacity, have not been appointed by the District to a District board, commission, or internship, and do not have a supervisory role or delegated District authority.

Because of the tremendous volume and diversity of records continuously generated by a public school district, the Board finds that trying to maintain a current index of all of the District's records would be impracticable, unduly burdensome, and ultimately interfere with the operational work of the District.

The Superintendent will develop—and the Board will periodically review—procedures consistent with state law that will facilitate this policy. The Superintendent will also appoint a Public Records Officer who will serve as a point of contact for members of the public who request the disclosure of public records. The Public Records Officer will be trained in the laws and regulations governing the retention and disclosure of records, and shall oversee the District's compliance with this policy and state law. Access to documents concerning the administration and operations of the District shall be afforded to the public as provided by the Public Records Act, consistent with the right of individuals to privacy and of the efficient administration of the district. Public access to District Records shall be provided according to the procedures developed by the superintendent and periodically reviewed by the board.

"District Records" include any writing containing information relating to the conduct of operations and functions of the District which is prepared, owned, used, or retained by the District. "Writing"

Policy 4040
Community Relations

~~means handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying, photographing, and every other means of recording any form of communication or representation, including but not limited to letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combination thereof, and all papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films and prints, motion picture, film and video recordings, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums, electronically stored data including e-mail, diskettes, sound recordings and other documents including existing data compilations from which information may be obtained or translated.~~

~~The superintendent or designee shall serve as “Public Records Officer” with responsibility and authority for ensuring compliance with the availability, inspection, and copying requirements of state law and this policy. He/she shall authorize the inspection and copying of the District’s records only in accordance with the criteria set forth in this policy.~~

~~The District shall make available for public inspection and copying all District Records except those exempt from disclosure under law, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and RCW 42.56.~~

Cross Reference:

~~Board~~ Policy 3231 ~~_____~~ Student Records

Legal Reference:

20 USC Section 1232(g) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

RCW 42.56 Public Records Act

Chapter 28A.605.030 RCW Student education records

Chapter 40.14 RCW Preservation and destruction of public records

Adoption Date: 2/11/1999

Revised Date: Amended: 2/24/2011, xx/xx/2025

Coversheet

10-23-25 FINANCIAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

Section:	VIII. Financial Report
Item:	A. 10-23-25 FINANCIAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD
Purpose:	FYI
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	FINANCIAL UPDATE_10.23.25.pdf

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Tacoma School Board Financial Update

October 23, 2025

LEVEL	PROJECTED OCTOBER 1	ACTUAL OCTOBER 1	VARIANCE
Elementary	13,023	12,615	(408)
Middle	6,212	6,060	(152)
High	6,645	6,485	(160)
Non-Traditional	1,752	1,757	5
Other	96	95	(1)
Total	27,728	27,012	(716)

HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE RUNNING START, PRESCHOOL OR OPEN DOOR STUDENTS

Proposition 1 Highlights: Educational Programs and Operations Levy

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$2.50		\$127,096,457
2028	\$2.50		\$132,180,315
2029	\$2.50		\$137,467,528
2030	\$2.50		\$142,966,229

Funds nearly 500 positions:

- Additional classroom teachers
- Librarians, nurses, counselors
- Para-educators, educational assistants
- Custodians
- Office staff, professional staff

- Mental health services
- Student safety and security
- Innovative programming
- Textbooks and instructional materials
- Athletics, arts, music
- After-school enrichment activities
- Preschool

- programming
- Partnerships
- Building operations support
- Students with physical disabilities

February 2026 Anticipated Homeowner Impact for Average Tacoma Home			
Year	Average Assessed Value of Home	Prop 1 EPO Tax	Prop 1 EPO Tax per Month
2023	\$ 474,038	\$ 808	\$ 67.34
2024	\$ 503,570	\$ 893	\$ 74.40
2025	\$ 517,526	\$ 892	\$ 74.34
2026 - Projected	\$ 538,227	\$ 903	\$ 75.24
Average	\$ 508,340	\$ 874	\$ 72.83
2027 - Projected	\$ 559,756	\$ 1,221	\$ 101.76
2028 - Projected	\$ 582,146	\$ 1,292	\$ 107.70
2029 - Projected	\$ 593,789	\$ 1,334	\$ 111.15
2030 - Projected	\$ 605,665	\$ 1,377	\$ 114.71
Average	\$ 585,339	\$ 1,306	\$ 108.83
Variance	\$ 76,999	\$ 432	\$ 36.00

Proposition 2 Highlights: Capital Technology Levy

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$0.84	\$42,500,000
2028	\$0.80	\$42,500,000
2029	\$0.77	\$42,500,000
2030	\$0.74	\$42,500,000

Used for:

- 92 staff positions:
 - Technology Services, SIS/Enrollment, and Instructional Facilitators
 - Fractional FTE for Librarians and other professional staff
- 1:1 student laptops, staff computers, and endpoint devices
- Electronic security systems and data
 - privacy solutions
 - Classroom and display technology
 - Software renewals & critical system support
 - Network, telecom, and radio infrastructure
 - Lifecycle support of audio/visual technology
 - Standardized classroom charging solutions
- New & expanded academic and administrative applications
- Digital textbooks and electronic instructional materials
- Ongoing professional development for teachers & staff

February 2026 Anticipated Homeowner Impact for Average Tacoma Home			
Year	Average Assessed Value of Home	Prop 2 Tech Tax	Prop 2 Tech Tax per Month
2023	\$ 474,038	\$ 261	\$ 21.72
2024	\$ 503,570	\$ 350	\$ 29.17
2025	\$ 517,526	\$ 343	\$ 28.62
2026 - Projected	\$ 538,227	\$ 341	\$ 28.45
Average	\$ 508,340	\$324	\$26.99
2027 - Projected	\$ 559,756	\$ 468	\$ 39.00
2028 - Projected	\$ 582,146	\$ 468	\$ 38.99
2029 - Projected	\$ 593,789	\$ 459	\$ 38.24
2030 - Projected	\$ 605,665	\$ 450	\$ 37.51
Average	\$ 585,339	\$461	\$38.44
Variance	\$ 76,999	\$137	\$11.45

Impact to the Homeowner

Three components to the district's current tax rates:

- Educational Programs & Operations Levy
- Technology Capital Levy
- Bond Repayment Levy (for debt approved in previous ballot propositions)

The total taxes paid by each taxpayer will depend on the value of the home

- The higher the value of your home, the more taxes you pay
- Assessed values are likely to rise in the coming years
- Average tax rate over next four years will decline compared to last four years

Average home in Tacoma in 2025 (Pierce County Assessor, September 2025)

- \$517,526

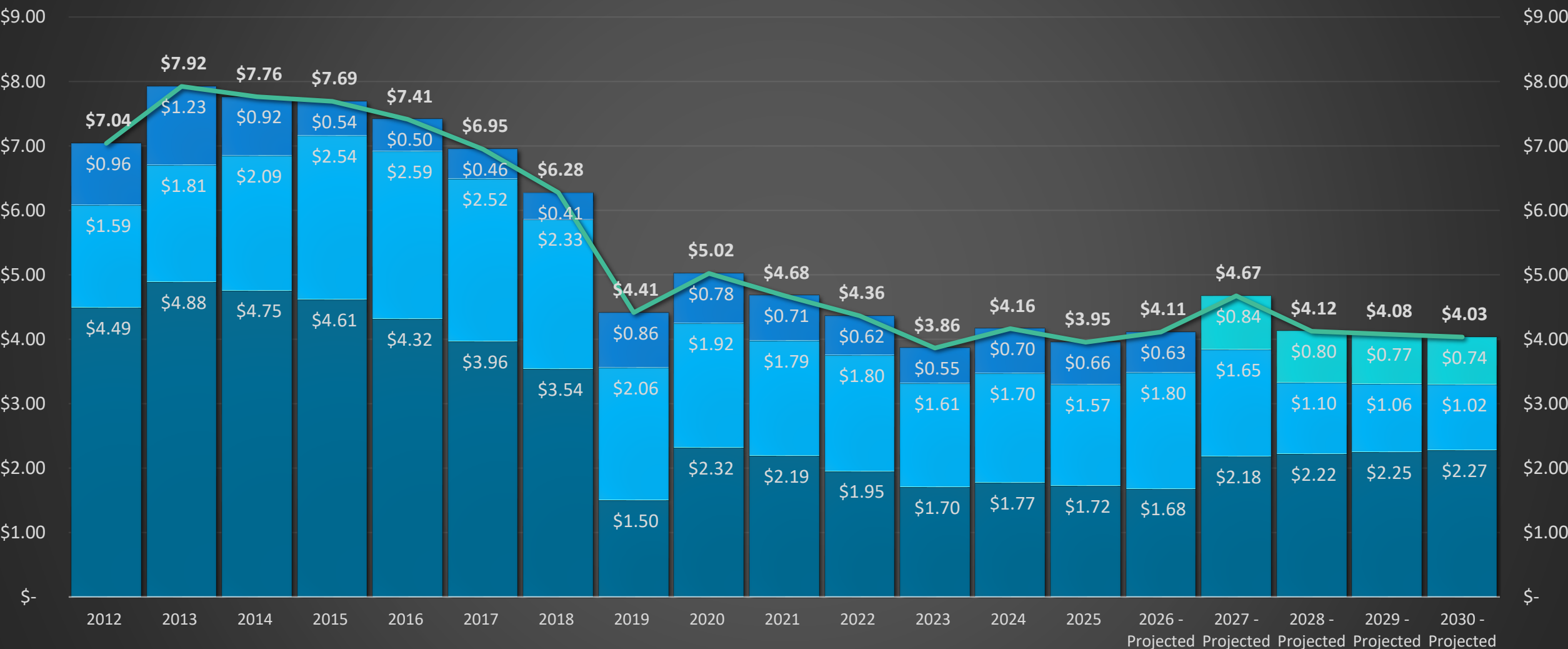
School taxes are one of many taxes that can be assessed each year

- Assessor releases tax information just before the February election
- District estimates conservatively

Total School Funding Rates/\$1,000 AV

If Voters Approve Replacement Levies in 2026

(2012-2030)



LEVY TIMELINE

- September through December
 - Finalize resolution with Bond Counsel – **Complete**
 - Submit plan for OSPI review of levy expenditure – **Approved**
 - First reading of Resolutions – October 9 - **Complete**
 - Second reading of Resolution – October 23 – **In process**
- November through February
 - Present informational campaign
 - Filing of resolution with Pierce County Auditor – December 12, 2025
 - Statements of “For” and “Against” – December 16, 2025
 - Ballots mailed – January 23, 2026
 - **Election date - February 10, 2026**
 - Results certified - February 20, 2026

INTERFUND LOAN INFORMATION

- Interfund Loan Approval
 - 2023-24 Loan was paid in October 2024
 - 2024-25 Loan will be paid on October 31, 2025
 - \$38,000,000 Repayment of loan plus \$1. 88M interest
- 2025-26 request
 - Needed to manage natural cash flow fluctuations throughout the year
 - Apportionment and tax expenses are received disproportionately to our cost of services
 - Estimated low cash point - \$42,500,000

APPENDIX

Impact to the Average Tacoma Homeowner Over Four Years Proposition 1 & 2 Only

February 2026 Proposition 1 and 2- Anticipated Homeowner Impact for Average Home							
Year	Average Assessed Value of Home	Prop 1 EPO Tax	Prop 2 Tech Tax	Total Tax Per Year	Prop 1 EPO Tax per Month	Prop 2 Tech Tax per Month	Total Taxes per Month
2023	\$ 474,038	\$ 808	\$ 261	\$ 1,069	\$ 67.34	\$ 21.72	\$ 89.06
2024	\$ 503,570	\$ 893	\$ 350	\$ 1,243	\$ 74.40	\$ 29.17	\$ 103.57
2025	\$ 517,526	\$ 892	\$ 343	\$ 1,236	\$ 74.34	\$ 28.62	\$ 102.96
2026 - Projected	\$ 538,227	\$ 903	\$ 341	\$ 1,244	\$ 75.24	\$ 28.45	\$ 103.68
Average	\$ 508,340	\$ 874	\$ 324	\$ 1,198	\$ 72.83	\$ 26.99	\$ 99.82
2027 - Projected	\$ 559,756	\$ 1,221	\$ 468	\$ 1,689	\$ 101.76	\$ 39.00	\$ 140.76
2028 - Projected	\$ 582,146	\$ 1,292	\$ 468	\$ 1,760	\$ 107.70	\$ 38.99	\$ 146.69
2029 - Projected	\$ 593,789	\$ 1,334	\$ 459	\$ 1,793	\$ 111.15	\$ 38.24	\$ 149.40
2030 - Projected	\$ 605,665	\$ 1,377	\$ 450	\$ 1,827	\$ 114.71	\$ 37.51	\$ 152.22
Average	\$ 585,339	\$ 1,306	\$ 461	\$ 1,767	\$ 108.83	\$ 38.44	\$ 147.27
Variance	\$ 76,999	\$ 432	\$ 137	\$ 569	\$ 36.00	\$ 11.45	\$ 47.45

Above calculation assumption is based on current levy law. If the legislature changes the current law, the tax impacts would be at a higher amount

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-274 BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM AUGUST 31, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2028

Section: IX. Curriculum and Instruction
Item: A. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-274
BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
FROM AUGUST 31, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2028
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: TSD-25-274_ PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT & TSD NO. 10.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-274 BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 FROM AUGUST 31, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2028.

Department

Secondary Education

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-274 provides guidance for Tacoma School District #10 and Pierce County Juvenile Court to provide a program of education for juveniles in detention facilities, focusing on incarcerated youth.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-274 between Pierce County Juvenile Court and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide education for juveniles in detention facilities from August 31, 2025 - August 31, 2028.

Fiscal Implication

None.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-274 between Pierce County Juvenile Court and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide education for juveniles in detention facilities from August 31, 2025 - August 31, 2028.

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement, Partnership and Participation, Safe and Supported

Approved By

Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.

Deputy Superintendent

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-277 BETWEEN CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Section: IX. Curriculum and Instruction
Item: B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-277 BETWEEN
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
CONTRACT TSD-25-277 FOR CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-277 BETWEEN CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

Department

Title I/LAP

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Title I/LAP is requesting to purchase i-Ready supports that are outside of Curriculum & Instructions contract for services. The purpose of this request is to purchase i-Ready supports that are outside of Curriculum & Instructions contract for services. The scope of services includes i-Ready personalized math instruction for grades 6-8, i-Ready personalized reading instruction for grades K-8, as well as i-Ready math assessments for grades 6-8.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD.XX.XXX between Curriculum Associates i-Ready Supports and Tacoma School District No. 10 to purchase i-Ready supports outside of Curriculum & Instructions services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated cost is: \$309,346.38. Funding for the 2025-26 school year will be split funded between LAP and Technology; LAP will fund the Professional Development portion at approximately \$50,000.00, and Technology will purchase the licenses for the remaining cost.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD.XX.XXX between Curriculum Associates i-Ready Supports and Tacoma School District No. 10 to purchase i-Ready supports outside of Curriculum & Instructions services for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Title I/LAP and Technology Services].

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement, Partnership and Participation

Approved By

Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.

Deputy Superintendent

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025- 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Section:	IX. Curriculum and Instruction
Item:	C. APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	OSSI SCHOOL IMPROVMT. GRANTS_IMPROVE.PLANS (1).pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

Department Title I/LAP

Board Meeting Date October 23, 2025

Background

The Office of School and System Improvement (OSSI) grant funding provided by OSPI is designed to support strategic activities planned by schools identified for improvement support. The goal is to improve student growth and outcomes by strengthening the systems that support teaching and learning, closing opportunity, achievement, and outcomes gaps. Schools are identified for support using the Washington School Improvement Framework.

For the 2025–2026 school year, OSPI has awarded comprehensive support grants to four of Tacoma Public Schools' sixteen (16) Tier 3 schools at funding levels that require Board approval. Only Tier 3 Compound Plus schools - those with the most significant and persistent challenges - were eligible for funding this year, while other Tier 3 schools continue to receive support without additional grant funds due to state budget reductions. All sixteen (16) Tier 3 schools have developed School Improvement Plans (SIPs) outlining targeted strategies and actions to accelerate growth. Board approval is requested for both the acceptance of the OSSI grant funds and the approval of the sixteen (16) School Improvement Plans, which were each provided in detail in the October 17th Friday Report.

Schools Receiving Comprehensive Support Grants:

-Giaudrone MS	Award Amount \$77,500	budget \$75,661
-Oakland	Award Amount \$77,500	budget \$75,661
-WS/Open Doors	Award Amount \$77,500	budget \$75,661
-Travis RAD	Award Amount \$227,500	budget \$221,103

Other Tier 3 Schools (Awarded \$0.00) with SIPs Requiring Board Approval:

-First Creek MS	- Arlington ES
-Gray MS	- Birney ES
-Hilltop Heritage MS	- Blix ES
-Stewart MS	- DeLong ES
	- Fawcett ES
	- Lister ES
	- Sheridan ES
	- Whitman ES

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the above-listed School Improvement Plans, and approve acceptance and expenditure of the funds designated to support activities outlined in the School Improvement Plans, which have been created and monitored as part of the District's Continuous Achievement Plan (CAP) process and reviewed by OSPI. Funding must supplement, not supplant, local, state, and federal funding that supports improvement at these schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated award is \$460,000.00 available in grant funding from July 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. The District has budgeted for indirect costs at the allowable federal restricted rate. No matching funds are required.

Recommendation

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the OSSI Comprehensive School Improvement grants from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the approximate amount of \$460,000.00 and approve the School Improvement Plans for the identified schools and authorize expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines [Funding Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction].

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement
Safe & Supported

Approved By

Lisa A. Nolan, Ph.D.
Deputy Superintendent

Coversheet

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HILLTOP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, TACOMA (HART) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025- AUGUST 2030

Section: IX. Curriculum and Instruction
Item: D. APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
HILLTOP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, TACOMA (HART) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM
SEPTEMBER 2025-AUGUST 2030
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: APPROVAL OF HART & TSD CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-250.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HILLTOP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, TACOMA (HART) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025-AUGUST 2030

Department

Legal

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

(Contact No. TSD-25-250) Hilltop Artists in Residence, Tacoma (HART), and the District have worked together since 1994 through a unique and valued program. Both organizations are committed to continuing this partnership to support arts education for Tacoma Public Schools students, the local community, and the glass art field. Programming includes glass art (courses during the school day and after school) with accessibility to students and the community.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-250 between HART and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2030. HART will continue offering glassblowing programs at Hilltop Heritage and Silas, with expanded programming to include School of the Arts (SOTA) and Stadium. These additional services will not incur any cost to the District.

Fiscal Implication

The estimated cost of the agreement is \$1,000,000.00, (inclusive of sales tax) with a cost of \$200,00.00 annually through the end of the contract, August 31, 2030.

Recommendation

The General Counsel on behalf of the Chief of Schools recommends the Board of Directors approve the contract agreement between HART and Tacoma Public Schools from September 2025 to August 2030. [Funding Source: Career & Technical Education].

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership and Participation

Approved By

General Counsel, Malik Gbenro

Coversheet

APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SELLEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REGIONAL ROBOTICS CENTER PROJECT

Section: X. Business Matters
Item: A. APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD
ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SELLEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REGIONAL
ROBOTICS CENTER PROJECT
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material: APPROVAL TO AWARD REGIONAL ROBOTICS CTR PROJECT.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SELLEN CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Department

Planning & Construction

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

Design/Build is a method of project delivery in which the Design/Build team works under a single contract with the project owner to provide design and construction services. This method of delivery integrates the roles of designer and constructor to create one unified flow of work from initial concept through completion. The district received Design/Build Agency Certification from the Project Review Committee on January 17, 2024. The internal, self-determination form for this project was reviewed and signed on June 18, 2025 to begin the selection process of a Design/Build team.

Current Consideration

Approval to move forward into negotiations and award contract to Sellen Construction for the use of the Design/Build alternative method for the Regional Robotics Center Project.

Fiscal Implication

Funding for this project is provided through the Capital Projects Bond issues(s) as approved by voters on February 13, 2024.

Recommendation

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve to negotiate and award a contract to Sellen Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Regional Robotics Center Project. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond issues(s) as approved by voters on February 13, 2024].

Strategic Benchmark

Partnerships

Approved By

Chief Operating Officer, Christopher Williams

Coversheet

FIRST READING OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Section:	XI. Other Business
Item:	A. FIRST READING OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Purpose:	FYI
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	FIRST READING OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.pdf

Tacoma Public Schools 2026 Legislative Agenda

Critical District Issues

- **South Sound Robotics Center**

Robotics and high-tech manufacturing are quickly becoming a high demand skills field. Manufacturing and commercial businesses are quickly adapting their operations to stay competitive in a global economy and address workforce trends showing critical human resource shortages on the horizon. The need to prepare students in this high-tech field sustain Washington's competitive edge requires an integrated approach of high school and college-level curriculum that results in student attainment of relevant industry recognized credentials, certifications and job experience leading to in-demand family-wage careers.

Proposed Solution:

The legislature should provide \$10 million in capital budget funding to construct a South Sound Robotics Center adjacent to LeMay: America's Car Museum. The facility will host student programming and robotics competitions from around the region and nation. The project would be a joint community effort with the City of Tacoma, LeMay: America's Car Museum, and South Sound School Districts.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence

- **MSOC – Materials, Supplies, Operating Costs**

The legislature has failed to adequately increase funding for materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC) at a pace that keeps up with the actual costs for these school district spending categories. The underfunding of this category has plagued school district budgets for several years and is now especially acute. These are basic education costs that the state is obligated to pay in full, but school districts are having cover using local levy funding.

Proposed Action: Re-base the MSOC funding factor to match current statewide average costs as projected by school districts in the 2025-26 school year – approximately \$500 per student.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence, Operations

- **McKinney-Vento Student Transportation Safety Net Funding**

Student transportation costs continue to exceed the funding allocated under the current student transportation funding formula. The funding shortfall is especially acute as it relates to supporting homeless and displaced students subject to the provisions of the federal McKinney-Vento act. Student transportation is a basic education funding requirement that the state is obligated to fund.

Proposed Action: Establish a McKinney-Vento student transportation safety net funding system to cover the actual costs of transporting homeless and displaced students to their school buildings and relieving school district cost overages on a cost reimbursement basis.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence, Operations

Issues of High Concern

- **Prototypical School Model Funding Update**

The prototypical school model does not cover the full cost of providing a safe and robust learning environment for students. Every school district subsidizes state funding with enrichment (local) levy funding to provide the necessary number of support staff to address changing local student population needs, including wraparound support required to help all students succeed, as well as building maintenance enhancements now required by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Proposed Solution:** Increase the funding for school support staff such as, McKinney-Vento (homeless) liaisons/social workers, para-educators, psychologists (mental health), nurses (IEP supports), technology staff, custodians, security personnel, transportation services and parent involvement coordinators.
- **Proposed Solution:** Establish minimum operational maintenance (custodial, grounds, facilities) standards and fund staffing accordingly.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Safety, Academic Excellence, Partnership, Early Learning, Operations

- **Sustainable Energy Assistance for Buildings and School Buses**

The legislature has directed owners of large buildings to implement energy efficiency projects to reduce the carbon intensity of the built environment. School districts are included in the mandate, but do not have a ready source of funding to do so. In addition, school districts operate large school bus vehicle fleets powered primarily by diesel fuel. To make the transition to a more sustainable energy profile, school districts will need dedicated funding from the state. The need for additional funding assistance for these costs are especially acute as we face federal funding reductions in the coming years.

Proposed solution: Establish dedicated funding sources in both the capital budget and the transportation budget to assist school districts in meeting carbon reduction requirements under the clean buildings laws and make a rapid transition to electric school buses utilizing both state and federal funding streams.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence, Operations

- **Regionalization Funding Reform**

The legislature created a regionalization funding formula providing additional revenues for school districts in urban areas where costs of living are above the statewide average. The current formula is established around school district boundaries and leads to inequitable funding levels among school districts in the same metropolitan areas. For example, there are disparate regionalization funding levels offered to districts in the greater Pierce County area. This leads to district funding disparities that ultimately creates staffing and compensation inequities in our broader community.

Proposed Solution: Establish a labor-market regionalization funding mechanism statewide and eliminate the funding disparities among the districts in similar metropolitan areas.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence, Operations

- **Board Member Compensation**

The state restricts school board compensation to a per diem rate that does not fully acknowledge the demands of serving as a school board member. School board members regularly work dozens of hours per week to oversee and provide policy guidance to school districts. This work should be compensated through an updated school board compensation policy.

Proposed Solution: The legislature should allow school districts to establish board member compensation rates that reflect the demands of serving in board role. The statutory parameters for funding should be flexible enough to address services rendered to districts of all sizes and should therefore provide guidance for districts to use when setting compensation rates.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence

- **School Employee Benefits Board**

The legislature created the school employee benefits board (SEBB) to bring all school district employees into one statewide pool for health insurance and other employer benefits beginning with the 2019-20 school year. The state does not fully fund the incremental costs of the benefits for full- or part-time locally-funded employees, which

means school districts must allocate enrichment (local) levy funding to cover the mandated costs.

Proposed Solution: Increase state funding for school employee benefits to fully cover the incremental additional costs of this state-mandated employee benefit plan for all school district employees, including, in Tacoma Public Schools, nearly 400 employees beyond the prototypical school model that districts fund through enrichment (local) levies.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Academic Excellence, Operations

- **Community Partners Support**

Tacoma School District, the City of Tacoma, Parks Tacoma, the Port of Tacoma, and other regional partners work together on a regular basis to support the community. The school district is stronger when the whole community is thriving.

Proposed Action: Work with regional partners on high priority legislative issues.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Safety, Partnership

- **Simple Majority for Construction Bonds**

School construction bond votes currently require a 60% supermajority to pass. This constitutional provision puts districts in jeopardy of being able to adequately provide updated and safe instructional space for students.

Proposed Solution: Approve a constitutional amendment to be sent to the people allowing for a simple majority vote for school construction bonds.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Safety, Academic Excellence

- **School Construction Formula Modifications**

The current school construction cost allocation program does not adequately reflect the true costs of school construction—with no meaningful increase in the funding formula since 2005 despite dramatic increases in construction costs.

Proposed Solution: Increase state funding for both the area-cost allowance and the square-foot-per-student allocation for school construction.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Safety, Academic Excellence

Coversheet

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168: AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

Section: XI. Other Business
Item: B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168: AUTHORIZING THE
BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168, AUTHORIZING PROP NO. 1, EPO LEVY.pdf
RESOLUTION.NO. 2168_PROP.1_EPO_LEVY.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

Department

Business & Finance Division / CFO

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

The Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy will fund the cost of high-quality education and academic programs for all students that provide enrichment beyond the current State funding sources. Specifically, funds will be used for (but not limited to) providing classroom and district-wide support staff beyond the State allocation; such as additional classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, paraeducators, educational assistants, custodians, office staff, professional staff, mental health services, student safety and security, innovative programming, instructional materials, arts, music, after-school enrichment activities, preschool programming, non - to/from school transportation requests, partnerships, ongoing professional development and building operations support.

It is estimated that, with voter approval of the educational programs and operations replacement levy, the total tax rate for Tacoma School District No. 10 will be set to a maximum amount of \$2.50 with the anticipated average \$2.23 per thousand of assessed property value from 2027-2030.

We are required by law to present to the County Auditor, in the form of a resolution, a request to hold a special election at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date. The district has selected February 10, 2026, as the date to run a special election for the approval of a four-year replacement educational program and operations levy, this resolution must be presented to the Auditor's office on or before December 12, 2025.

Current Consideration

Adopt Resolution No. 2168, a resolution of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy excess taxes of \$127,096,457 beginning in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$132,180,315 in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$137,467,528 in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$142,966,229 in 2029 for collection in 2030, so long as the levy amount in any year does not exceed lawful limits, which taxes will provide funding for eligible educational programs and operations of the District.

Fiscal Implication

The educational programs and operations replacement levy provides a maximum of \$540 million over the four

years and it is anticipated that it will represent approximately 17% percent of the annual general fund budget if approved. The requested authorization will renew expiring levies authorized in 2022.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2168 authorizing ballot proposition No. 1, education programs operations replacement levy.

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2168

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$127,096,457, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$132,180,315, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$137,467,528, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$142,966,229 for the District's General Fund to fund educational programs and operations; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 23, 2025

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TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2168

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$127,096,457, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$132,180,315, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$137,467,528, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$142,966,229 for the District's General Fund to fund educational programs and operations; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Our entire community benefits from children receiving the best education in the best and safest environment the District can give them.

(b) The District must continue to close the gap for students of color and students from families living in poverty so that every child in the District has the opportunity to grow and succeed.

(c) The District must invest in schools and children in every neighborhood so that the District can continue to move toward a school district where every child, regardless of background or economic circumstances, has a school that provides a safe, challenging environment.

(d) Renewal of the expiring levy for educational programs and operations funds approximately 17% of day-to-day operations – teachers, books and basics in every neighborhood school as well as nurses, counselors, librarians, paraeducators – the equivalent of nearly 500 teachers and staff.

(e) Renewal of the expiring levy for educational programs and operations funds programs that help students prepare for life after high school, including certifications that often require significant financial investment but are made accessible to District students at no cost. These certifications open doors to in-demand careers and demonstrate students' readiness for the workforce.

(f) Renewal of the expiring levy for educational programs and operations will address basic maintenance and repair issues now, like fixing roofs, which means buildings will last longer and the District will save money in the long run.

(g) Renewal of the expiring levy for educational programs and operations will address basic safety issues like repairing old roofs, maintaining buildings for earthquake safety, and improving alarms and sprinkler systems so students can learn in safe environments.

(h) Renewal of the expiring levy for educational programs and operations will fund preschool and after-school programs, programs for high-achieving students and college entrance exams for all students. It will also fund arts, music, athletics, extracurricular activities, and career and technical education programs.

(i) Calendar year 2026 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2099, adopted by the Board on October 28, 2021, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 8, 2022.

(j) With the expiration of the District's current four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and fund educational programs and operations not funded by the State of Washington, all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$127,096,457 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$132,180,315 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$137,467,528 be made in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$142,966,229 be made in 2029 for collection in 2030 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(k) The District's proposed four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operations purposes as the District's expiring four-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy.

(l) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay or fund) the District's educational programs and operations expenses.

(m) The District has received or, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is or will be on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 10, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy on all of

the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$127,096,457, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$132,180,315, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$137,467,528, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$142,966,229 the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and fund educational programs and operations not funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, paraeducators, pre-school, after-school and extracurricular programs, programs to bring students up to grade level, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental athletics, arts, music, career and technical education, textbooks and instructional materials, building maintenance, playgrounds and playfields, plumbing and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment (“HVAC”) to maintain clean air and safe water, Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) access, repair and maintenance of aging roofs, earthquake safety, alarm and sprinkler systems, and school safety, security and emergency preparedness, during the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2168 concerning K-12 education programs, neighborhood school operations and building maintenance. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would fund operations including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, textbooks, pre-school, career/technical education, athletics, arts, music, ADA access, repair/maintain roofs, plumbing, heating, safety/security systems, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$2.50	\$127,096,457
2028	\$2.50	\$132,180,315
2029	\$2.50	\$137,467,528
2030	\$2.50	\$142,966,229

all as provided in Resolution No. 2168. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

LEVY . . . YES ☐

LEVY . . . NO ☐

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the “Secretary”) or the Secretary’s designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 12, 2025; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of the District’s educational programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District’s Chief Financial Officer (Rosalind Medina), telephone: 253.571.1201; email: rmedina@tacoma.k12.wa.us; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President of the Board (the “President”), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The President, the Secretary, the District’s Chief Financial Officer, other appropriate officials of the District and the District’s special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on October 23, 2025.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Vice President and Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

JOSHUA J. GARCIA
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, JOSHUA J. GARCIA, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington (the “District”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 2168 (the “Resolution”) is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) held at its regular meeting place on October 23, 2025 (the “Meeting”), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

Dated: October 23, 2025.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

JOSHUA J. GARCIA
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Coversheet

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

Section: XI. Other Business
Item: C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE
BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY
IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING PROP NO. 2, TECH LEVY.pdf
RESOLUTION.NO. 2169_PROP.2_TECH_LEVY.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

Department

Business & Finance Division / CFO

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

The requested four (4) year school and technology improvements and upgrades levy will be used to meet the current and future educational needs of students. It is estimated that, with voter approval of the school and technology improvements and upgrades levy proposition, the total tax rate for Tacoma School District No. 10 will average \$0.79 per thousand of assessed property from 2027-2030. We are required by law to present to the County Auditor, in the form of a resolution, a request to hold a special election at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date. The district has requested February 10, 2026, as the date to run a special election for the approval of a four-year school and technology improvements and upgrades levy, this resolution must be presented to the Auditor's office on or before December 12, 2025.

Current Consideration

Approve Resolution 2169, a resolution of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein on February 10, 2026, of a proposition to authorize the district to levy an additional tax to provide a total of \$170 million over four years for the District's Capital Projects Fund for capital technology improvements and upgrades to meet the current and future educational needs of its students. Such levy to be made for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in the school years from 2027-2028 through 2030-2031.

Fiscal Implication

The school and technology improvements and upgrades levy provides up to \$170 million in capital funding over the four years of collection.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2169, authorizing ballot proposition No. 2, technology improvements and upgrades replacement levy.

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12
TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES

RESOLUTION NO. 2169

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 through 2030 in the aggregate total amount of \$170,000,000, for the District's Capital Projects Fund to support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 23, 2025

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TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2169

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 through 2030 in the aggregate total amount of \$170,000,000, for the District's Capital Projects Fund to support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Our entire community benefits from children receiving the best education in the best and safest environment the District can give them.

(b) The District must continue to close the gap for students of color and students from families living in poverty so that every child in the District has the opportunity to grow and succeed.

(c) The District must invest in schools and children in every neighborhood so that the District can continue to move toward a school district where every child, regardless of background or economic circumstances, has a school that provides a safe, challenging environment.

(d) Renewal of the expiring levy for technology improvements and upgrades will expand technology access and laptops for every K-12 student and staff member to use at school and at home.

(e) Renewal of the expiring levy for technology improvements and upgrades will increase computer safety, security and privacy protection for all students and staff.

(f) Renewal of the expiring levy for technology improvements and upgrades will help keep students on track for graduation with online systems for students, teachers and parents to monitor academic progress, attendance, homework and credits toward graduation.

(g) Calendar year 2026 is the last year of collection of the District's current four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 2100, adopted by the Board on October 28, 2021, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 8, 2022.

(h) The continuing need to ensure all students have equal access to technology, 1:1 computing and a safe and secure computing environment, the existing condition of the District's technology equipment, infrastructure and systems, and the need for updated tools to prepare students for careers of the future, for training and support for students, teachers and staff to implement such updated tools and to keep up with the demands of 1:1 computing require the District to support modernization and remodeling of school facilities by making certain capital technology improvements and upgrades, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively the "Projects").

(i) With the expiration of the District's current four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's Capital Projects Fund will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$42,500,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$42,500,000 be made in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$42,500,000 be made in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$42,500,000 be made in 2029 for collection in 2030 for the District's Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to pay costs of the Projects.

(j) The proposed four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy authorized in this resolution will replace the District's expiring four-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy.

(k) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to support (*i.e.*, to pay or fund) costs of the Projects.

(l) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property taxes authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Make District-wide technology improvements and upgrades, including, but not limited to: (1) expanding K-12 student technology access in all neighborhood elementary, middle and high schools; (2) providing up-to-date computers/laptops and other updated tools for teaching and learning to prepare students for careers of the future, including, but not limited to, acquiring, installing, modernizing and implementing technology equipment (classroom computers, personal computing devices, hardware, software and telecommunication systems), infrastructure and systems; (3) providing technology staffing and student, teacher and staff technical training and support to implement computer and other technology equipment and systems; (4) improving online safety and security by upgrading cybersecurity systems to maintain a safe and secure computing environment for students, teachers and staff; (5) improving and/or modernizing District-wide information technology ("IT") systems, including, but not limited to: (i) upgrading and/or improving network and other systems to keep up with the demands of a 1:1 computing environment; (ii) modernizing District business software systems; and (iii) upgrading and/or improving the District's online system for parents, students and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance; and (6) making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems, infrastructure and facilities, all as determined necessary and

advisable by the Board. The foregoing technology equipment, infrastructure, systems, improvements and upgrades shall be part of the District's integrated technology systems and facilities for instruction and operations.

(b) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay costs associated with: (1) implementing the foregoing technology systems, facilities, projects, equipment and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, upgrading, acquiring, constructing and installing hardware, licensing software and online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing; and (2) the application and modernization of technology systems for operations and instruction, including, but not limited to, ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the installation and integration of these products and services, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Such costs constitute a part of the Projects. The hardware, software or applications shall be an integral part of the District's technology systems, facilities or projects.

(d) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 10, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement Capital Projects Fund excess property tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$42,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$42,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2028 for collection in 2029 of \$42,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy

required to produce such an amount being \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of \$42,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.74 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes provided in this resolution to pay costs of the Projects, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Taxes. If the excess property taxes authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such taxes to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board determines that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the District will not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the excess property taxes authorized herein or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property taxes authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the excess property taxes, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District may use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess property taxes authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities and implementation of the District's technology plan.

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Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 2

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12
TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2169 concerning K-12 technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would fund expanded student technology access in all neighborhood schools, technology staffing and technical training, updated computers, software upgrades, online safety/security for students and staff, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$0.84	\$42,500,000
2028	\$0.80	\$42,500,000
2029	\$0.77	\$42,500,000
2030	\$0.74	\$42,500,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2169. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

LEVY . . . YES ☐

LEVY . . . NO ☐

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the “Secretary”) or the Secretary’s designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 12, 2025; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District’s voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District’s Chief Financial Officer (Rosalind Medina), telephone: 253.571.1201; email: rmedina@tacoma.k12.wa.us; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 9. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President of the Board (the “President”), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The President, the Secretary, the District’s Chief Financial Officer, other appropriate officials of the District and the District’s special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 11. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on October 23, 2025.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Vice President and Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

JOSHUA J. GARCIA
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, JOSHUA J. GARCIA, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington (the “District”), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 2169 (the “Resolution”) is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”) held at its regular meeting place on October 23, 2025 (the “Meeting”), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

Dated: October 23, 2025.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

JOSHUA J. GARCIA
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Coversheet

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171: INTERFUND LOAN

Section:	XI. Other Business
Item:	D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171: INTERFUND LOAN
Purpose:	Vote
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171 INTERFUND LOAN.pdf RESOLUTION NO. 2171 INTERFUND LOAN.pdf



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171 INTERFUND LOAN

Department

Business & Finance Division / Budget

Board Meeting Date

October 23, 2025

Background

In Washington, State law allows for the loan and transfer between different fund types. Cash on hand fluctuates from month to month due to variable cycles of tax collection and state apportionment dollar payments. Because the amount of the resources coming to the district can vary, funds that are expended may outstrip the resources available to make the payments. Interfund loans are now a standard operating practice in our District and this is common in many other districts as finances from the state continue to underfund our expenses. This year, we have identified that projected cash on hand will be below the resources needed to make payments throughout each month.

Current Consideration

In accordance with WAC 392.123.140, the District will transfer a loan of \$42,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund temporarily to ensure sufficient funds to meet the District's financial obligations. This transfer is temporary, will be repaid to the Capital Project Fund by October 31, 2026, and is necessary to maintain general fund obligations.

Fiscal Implication

This is a temporary transaction that borrows funds from the Capital Project Fund to the General Fund due to inconsistencies in the revenue collection seen for a multitude of reasons. The financial impact will be the difference between what the funds would have earned at the full \$42,000,000 (as though they were held in the Capital Fund) and the interest that is earned in the General Fund. At the expiration of the loan, the full value of interest from the \$42,000,000 will transfer back to the Capital Fund when the repayment occurs. The general fund impact of borrowing this loan is approximately \$1.5 million dollars for this time period.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2171 and approve the temporary transfer of \$42,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund.

Strategic Benchmark

Academic Achievement; Partnership and Participation; Safe and Supported

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

**TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
Pierce County, Washington**

October 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2171

Interfund Loan Agreement

WHEREAS, Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington (the "District"), is a first-class district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the WAC 392.123.140 authorizes the temporary loan and transfer of money from one District fund to another District fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") is of the opinion, due to multiple financial factors including misalignment of expenditures to when revenues are being paid to the district, the expenditure outlay and subsequent delay in receiving reimbursement of federal grant funds, the limited resources of the General Fund fund balance, enrollment fluctuations from year to year, continuous increased wage rates and other state funding impacts, that it is necessary to loan and transfer money from its Capital Projects Fund to its General Fund and;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

Section 1: AUTHORIZATION TO LOAN AND TRANSFER FUNDS

The Treasury Division Manager of Pierce County, Washington as ex-officio treasurer of the District (the "Treasurer"), is hereby authorized and directed to loan and transfer \$42,000,000 from the District's Capital Projects Fund to the District's General Fund. Such Loan shall bear interest at the rate earned by the Pierce County Local Government Investment Pool, which interest shall be credited to the District's Capital Projects Fund. Such loan shall be repaid to the Capital Projects Fund from unlimited ad valorem property tax levies no later than October 31, 2026.

Section 2: RATIFICATION

All action heretofore taken by the District, the Board, the employees of the District, and the Treasurer not inconsistent with provisions of this Resolution is hereby in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10,
Pierce County, Washington at a regular meeting held on October 23, 2025.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BY:

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Date