



Board of Directors Business Meeting  
Agenda Action Item

**Item Title**

FIRST READING 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 9, 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**

None, First Reading

**Strategic Benchmark**

Academic Achievement

**Approved By**

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina