

RESOLUTION No. 31253

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**Proposition No. 1
Supplemental Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 passed Resolution No. 2009/10-15 concerning this proposition for supplemental educational program funding. To partially replace reduced State funding and to improve education throughout Seattle Public Schools this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District, to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students:

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2011	\$0.11	\$14,500,000
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Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

; and

WHEREAS, overall only about 64% of Seattle Public School children graduate on time and among those who do graduate, only 34% complete the core credits that prepare them for college success; and

WHEREAS, the drop-out rate for Seattle Public School children is 23% and half of the students who are African American, Latino or American Indian fail to graduate on time; and



1 WHEREAS, Seattle's children are its future and the quality of that future depends on providing
2 all students equal access to a high quality education; and

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4 WHEREAS, an educated population will be actively engaged in Seattle's civic life and
5 contribute to the economic and social well-being of the city; and

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7 WHEREAS, by 2018, it is projected that 67% of all jobs in Washington state will require a post-
8 secondary education; and

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10 WHEREAS, in order to maintain its competitiveness, keep existing employers and attract new
11 family-wage jobs and economically viable industries, Seattle needs to provide a well
12 educated and trained workforce with the advanced skills and abilities needed to compete
13 in the 21st century; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Seattle Public School District and the community at large
16 to ensure all children within Seattle have the opportunity to attain the skills and education
17 needed to participate in their community, be effective civic actors, and contribute to a
18 strong Seattle economy; and

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20 WHEREAS, Washington State has reduced per pupil funding for basic education in the Seattle
21 Public School District by approximately \$32 million over just the last two school years
22 (2008-2009 and 2009-2010); and

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24 WHEREAS, the funding gap in the Seattle Public School District for the 2011-2012 school year
25 is estimated to be approximately \$28 million; and

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27 WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds used by Washington
28 State to restore Washington State school district funding cuts are expected to be
29 eliminated by the end of the 2010-2011 school year; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Washington state legislature has authorized local school districts to seek voter
32 approval of special levies to raise funding for basic operations and has increased the cap
33 on school district operations levies (RCW 84.52.0531), allowing the Seattle Public
34 School District to seek additional levy funding; and

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36 WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Seattle Public School District voted unanimously to
37 place a three-year, \$48.2 million levy before Seattle voters on the Nov. 2, 2010, general
38 election ballot; and



1 WHEREAS, the maximum levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be 12 cents per year, so
2 that a homeowner with a home valued at \$400,000 would pay \$48 per year to support
3 public schools; and

4 WHEREAS, the funds raised by the School Levy will be used to further the Seattle Public
5 School District's efforts to ensure a high quality education for its approximately 46,000
6 students and will support the District's work to eliminate the achievement gap; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Seattle Public School District will use School Levy funds to reduce cuts to
9 instructional programs and services resulting from the reduction in Washington State per
10 pupil funding for basic education and the elimination of federal ARRA funds; and
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12 WHEREAS, the funds raised by the School Levy will be used to obtain instructional materials
13 and services, and create and enhance educational programs; and
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15 WHEREAS, the funds raised by the School Levy will allow implementation of vital teacher
16 development, support and evaluation initiatives, as well as important compensation
17 provisions and financial incentives contained in the recently approved labor agreement
18 between the Seattle Public School District and the Seattle Education Association; and
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20 WHEREAS, in addition to offsetting some of the state-level funding cuts to our public schools,
21 passage of the School Levy will support the implementation of an historic labor
22 agreement that itself represents Seattle's strong commitment to our public school children
23 and the teachers who strive to ensure their academic success; NOW THEREFORE,
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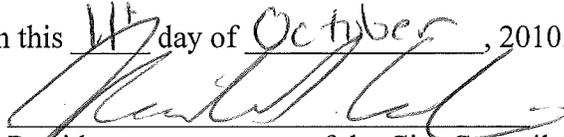
25 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
26 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**
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28 The Seattle City Council supports the efforts of the Seattle Public School District to obtain
29 voter approval of a School Levy that will raise approximately \$48.2 million to be collected
30 between 2011 and 2013. The Seattle City Council asks Seattle voters to carefully review this
31 ballot measure and vote yes on the Seattle Public School District's Proposition 1, which will
32 provide additional funding of benefit to our children and our city.
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September 29, 2010
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1 Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of October, 2010, and signed by me in
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3 open session in authentication of its adoption this 11th day of October, 2010.

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6 President _____ of the City Council

7 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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12 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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14 Filed by me this 15th day of October, 2010.

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Legislation Title:

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Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation states the City Council's support to Proposition 1. Proposition 1 authorizes the Seattle Public School District to levy supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students. The amount to be raised by the levy over three years, 2011-2013, is approximately \$48,200,000.

 x **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**
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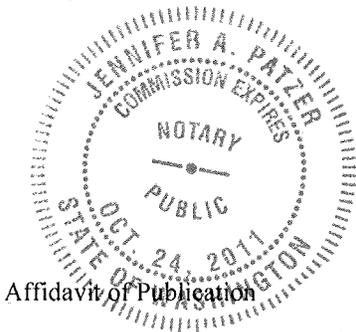
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Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of October, 2010, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 11th day of October, 2010.

Richard Conlin

President of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING: Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 15th day of October, 2010.

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