



Official Local Voters' Pamphlet Special Election - April 24, 2018

Dear Voters:

You're among the first to use our new ballot system with this election! Our outdated election equipment has been replaced and a new ballot design is one of the many new features. Simply fill in the oval next to your choice, it's that easy.

There is only one issue to vote on in this election; see the other side of this page for more information on the ballot measure.

Don't forget to return your ballot on time; deposit in a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day, or use the mail with a postmark by Election Day.

Sincerely,

Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor

Whatcom County Auditor's Office Election Division

Services include accessible voting using visual and audio technology, replacement ballots, and voter registration. Contact us for more information.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm*
*Open until 8:00 pm on April 24

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Returning Your Ballot:



By Drop Box:

No postage needed.

Boxes open April 4. Boxes close at 8:00 pm on April 24.

Open Drop Boxes	Location	Address
Bellingham	Whatcom County Courthouse; in south parking lot or inside at Suite 103	311 Grand Avenue
Birch Bay	North Whatcom Fire & Rescue Station	4581 Birch Bay-Lynden Road
Blaine	Blaine Library	610 3rd Street
Point Roberts	<i>Inside</i> the International Marketplace	480 Tye Drive



By Mail:

One \$.50 stamp required.

Ballots must be postmarked by April 24. USPS recommends mailing by April 17.

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

**Blaine School District 503
Proposition 2018-3
Technology and Capital Projects Levy**

Language on the Ballot:

The Board of Directors of Blaine School District 503 adopted Resolution No. 1718-03 concerning capital projects and technology. This proposition funds acquisition of land, construction, modernization and remodeling of existing facilities, technology improvements including equipment, infrastructure and new technology systems for operations and instruction; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	\$0.51	\$2,000,000
2020	\$0.51	\$2,000,000
2021	\$0.51	\$2,000,000
2022	\$0.51	\$2,000,000
2023	\$0.51	\$2,000,000
2024	\$0.51	\$2,000,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes/No

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 2018-3 allows the levy of \$2,000,000 in property taxes each year within Blaine School District 503 for collection in each of the years 2019 through 2024. This levy, in accordance with District Resolution No. 1718-03, would be used to pay certain costs of acquiring and installing computer technology, related technology infrastructure, administrative expenses, and other necessary equipment purchases and facility improvements. Based on projections, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation are estimated to be \$0.51 each year to be collected for each of six years beginning in 2019 and ending in 2024.

Statement For:

We are in favor of the Blaine School District Technology and Capital Projects Levy. With the concurrent decrease in the M&O Levy rate, passage of this levy will increase our combined taxes approximately \$0.05 per thousand which equals only about \$10 per year for a \$200,000 home. Aren't the children in our Community worth it? With this levy, our students will get access to needed technology that some students may not be able to afford on their own and give us a better opportunity to support their learning. The Technology and Capital Projects Levy will also fund the needed upkeep and repairs in our schools. The facilities upkeep and repairs will need to be addressed even if this levy does not pass. The longer the facility repairs are put off, the more they will cost, possibly jeopardizing other programs and staffing. Please take the time to vote yes for the Blaine School District Technology and Capital Projects Levy. This will not only benefit our children's future, it will benefit the whole community. Thank you for your support!

Statement For prepared by: Kristin Clausen and Rieko Pomeroy

Statement Against:

No statement submitted.

Statements for, statements against, and rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.