

EXHIBIT A: SAMPLE BALLOT LANGUAGE

**BALLOT TITLE**  
**NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 29J**  
**YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON**

**CAPTION: (10 WORD LIMIT)**

5 Year Levy to preserve neighborhood schools, teachers, class sizes.

**QUESTION: (20 WORD LIMIT)**

Shall District preserve neighborhood schools, teachers, and class sizes; levy \$1.20/ \$1000 assessed value for five years beginning 2026-27?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY: (175 WORD LIMIT)**

Newberg School District No. 29J projects an approximate \$4.5 million funding shortfall for the 2026–27 school year. This gap reflects the cost of restoring a full school year and covering inflation and other required increases; inadequate state funding, and insufficient reserves (used after the 2023-24 financial hardship).

Reductions may include:

- Closure of 2 neighborhood schools
- 25 Full-time Teaching positions
- 10 Full-time non-teaching positions
- 5 School days
- Loss of academic programming and supports

If approved, the Local Schools Levy would provide an estimated \$6 million annually in funding for five years to help maintain current operations including funding for:

- Existing neighborhood schools;
- Teaching positions;
- Reasonable class sizes;
- Full academic school year;
- Sufficient reserves to manage future funding gaps.

Funds will be tracked in a specific sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures to verify funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent on administration, building repairs, or maintenance. Fund expenditures will be included in the District's annual third party audit.

This levy will produce an estimated \$32.5 million over five years. Estimated total for each year: 2026-27 \$6.1 million; 2027-28 \$6.3 million; 2028-29 \$6.5 million; 2029-30 \$6.7 million; 2030-31 \$6.9 million.