



NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT 29J
714 E 6TH Street
Newberg, Oregon 97132

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that strong public schools are the foundation of a great city, supporting families, building community, and strengthening the local economy; and

WHEREAS, supporting the staffing levels and program operations of the Newberg School District is essential to successful student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Newberg School District experienced a budget deficit within the 2023-24 school year, resulting in the exhaustion of ending fund balance reserves, a negative General Fund ending fund balance of \$1.2 million, and approximately \$12.2 million in budget reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Newberg School District has already taken significant cost-saving and accountability actions, including reducing 76.75 full-time equivalent positions (approximately 15% of administration, 15% of teaching staff, and 12% of support positions), strengthening internal financial controls, reducing building discretionary funds by 20%; freezing staffing levels and examining each position vacancy for attrition/reduction.

WHEREAS, depending on the Oregon Legislature's final State School Fund allocation, the Newberg School District faces additional reductions in the 2026-27 school year of approximately \$4.5-6 million, which is the equivalent of the elimination of over 35 staff positions and the inability to restore the remaining five (5) furlough days to the academic calendar; and

WHEREAS, a local option levy could generate an estimated \$6.1M per year for five years (*the amount raised will differ from the estimate and will depend on changes to the assessed and real market value of each property within the school district*) to maintain critical staffing, ensure existing schools remain open within the District, establish a more stable funding position, and rebuild the District's ending fund balance reserves; and

WHEREAS, a local option levy will provide needed funding over a five-year period to ensure students receive the education they need to be prepared for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, annual audits with public reports, regular financial reporting to the Board, and community Budget Committee oversight will be conducted to ensure levy funds are spent as the voters intended; and

WHEREAS, the District will establish a specific fund account for levy collections to allow for detailed accounting and transparency; and

WHEREAS, all funds raised under this proposed levy will be used exclusively to fund school-based staff/licensed teachers for Newberg students in the Newberg School District and none of the funds will go to the state for distribution under the state school funding formula;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board calls a levy election for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the Newberg School District No. 29J the question of a five-year local option levy, beginning 2026 in the amount of \$1.20 per \$1,000 assessed property value.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the levy election hereby called shall be held in the District on May 19, 2026, in the manner and between the hours provided by law, at which there shall be submitted to the electors of Newberg School District No. 29J the measure approved by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the levy revenue will be used to maintain current operations as much as possible, including but not limited to providing funding for existing neighborhood schools; teaching positions; reasonable class sizes; a full academic school year; and building back sufficient reserves to manage future funding gaps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot title for the levy shall be as set forth in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Newberg School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent or designee (the "Authorized Representative") to take any actions necessary to place the measure on the May 19, 2026 election ballot, and to place the necessary explanatory statement within the voter's pamphlet for that election. The Authorized Representative shall complete all necessary actions to file the measure with the appropriate elections officers(s) no later than February 27, 2026, including but not limited to filing forms SEL 803 and 805 with applicable county elections officials.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Newberg School District No. 29J, Yamhill, Washington and Clackamas Counties, Oregon this [10th day of February 2026].

NEWBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29J, YAMHILL, WASHINGTON AND CLACKAMAS COUNTIES, OREGON

ATTEST:

By: Debra Bridges
Chair, Board of Director

By: DR
Superintendent/District Clerk