

RESOLUTION NO. 1018

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LYNDEN SCHOOL LEVIES
FOR THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Whereas, on February 11, 2020, Lynden School District patrons will vote on two levies, the Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy (EP&O) and the Facilities and Technology Levy; and

Whereas, the EP&O Replacement Levy is not a new Levy, rather, one that replaces a levy approved by voters in 2016 and that expires in December of 2020; and

Whereas, funds from the EP&O Replacement Levy support Lynden School District programs not fully funded by the State of Washington; and

Whereas, the School District must rely on local taxpayers through the EP&O Replacement Levy to support essential instructional programs and materials for student learning and activities; and

Whereas, funds from the EP&O Replacement Levy would comprise 12% of the District's total budget; and

Whereas, the Facilities and Technology Levy would provide resources to specifically address needs related to facilities, technology and safety; and

Whereas the Facilities and Technology Levy would fund activities that ensure schools run effectively and provide a high-quality education for every child; and

Whereas, both the EP&O Levy and the Facilities and Technology Levy expire after four years in 2024; and

Whereas, these levies reflect a consistent tax rate over time and prudently include an increase that accounts for inflation and projected growth in enrollment; and

Whereas, certain individuals, including qualified senior citizens and disabled persons, may be eligible for property tax exemption or reduction; and

Whereas, these levies represent an investment in our youth, which are among this Community's most treasured assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Lynden hereby declare their support for the Lynden School Levies.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, _____ IN FAVOR
AND _____ AGAINST, SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY