

Kitsap County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet – Special Election – April 28, 2026

North Mason School District No. 403 is participating in this election. For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.

Questions or Need a Replacement Ballot?

If you have not received your ballot by April 16, or if your ballot is damaged or lost, you may request a replacement ballot by contacting Kitsap County Elections.

Who May Vote

To be eligible to vote, one must register and be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 18 years old.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

Options for Registering

- Online at www.VoteWA.gov.
- Complete a paper registration form, available at libraries, city halls, school district buildings, and at the County Auditor's Office.
- When you renew your driver's license.

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North Mason School District No. 403

Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of North Mason School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 3-G-26 concerning a proposition to replace an expired levy for education funding. This proposition would fund operations, including music, arts, athletics, teachers, custodial, counselors, nurses, mental health, safety/security personnel, special education services, curriculum, technology and cybersecurity, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expired levy, on all taxable property within the District:

| Collection Year | Estimated Levy | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Assessed Value | Levy Amount |
| 2027 | \$1.01 | \$4,500,000 |
| 2028 | \$1.01 | \$4,650,000 |
| 2029 | \$1.01 | \$4,800,000 |
| 2030 | \$1.01 | \$4,950,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 3-G-26. Should this proposition be approved?

**This insert is not your ballot.
Your ballot is on another page
in your ballot packet.**

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the attorney for the district as prescribed by law.)

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace North Mason School District's prior educational programs and operations levy, which expired in 2025. This replacement levy will provide funding for educational programs and operations not funded or fully funded by the State of Washington. These include, but are not limited to: music, arts, athletics, teachers, custodial, counselors, nurses, mental health, safety/security personnel, special education services, curriculum, technology and cybersecurity, transportation and facility maintenance.

The proposed replacement levy will authorize the collection of up to \$4,500,000 in 2027, \$4,650,000 in 2028, \$4,800,000 in 2029 and \$4,950,000 in 2030. The levy rate required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.01 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based on the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the levy.

Tax exemptions may be available for eligible homeowners; for details, contact the Mason County Assessor's Office at 360-427-9670 x491 or the Kitsap County Assessor's Office at 360-337-5777. Additional information is available at www.nmsd.wednet.edu.

North Mason School District No. 403 Proposition 1

Argument For the Measure

North Mason schools are an important part of our community. Proposition No. 1 replaces the district's previous Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which expired in December 2025, and continues funding for programs and services not fully funded by the State of Washington.

State funding covers basic education, but local levies support the staff and programs students rely on every day. Levy funding helps maintain teachers and classroom support staff; music, arts, athletics, and student activities; counselors, nurses, and mental health supports; special education services; safety and security personnel; curriculum and instructional materials; technology and cybersecurity; transportation; and facility maintenance.

This proposal reflects community feedback and careful financial planning by the new superintendent. It is approximately \$1 million less per year than the previous levy request, focusing on essential student services while maintaining responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Without this levy, North Mason schools would face reductions to staffing, student programs like athletics and band, and support services that students depend on.

Strong schools benefit the entire community. They support property values, local businesses, and the future of North Mason. Every dollar stays local to support North Mason students and schools.

Tax exemptions may be available for qualifying senior citizens and eligible homeowners.

Please vote YES on Proposition No. 1.

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Argument Against the Measure

Washington State has been fully funding basic public-school education since the McCleary decision in 2018. This levy attempt includes funding for items that are not considered to be a part of basic education like athletics, extracurriculars, additional classroom support positions, and transportation for students to attend technical trade classes at West Sound Tech.

If these items were necessary for a basic education the State would prioritize funding to cover these items. It is not the taxpayer's responsibility to pay additional taxes to fund these items. Not all students participate in athletics, extracurriculars, or technical trade classes; therefore, the community should not pay to have them offered. Parents who want their students to participate in sports or technical trade classes can choose to enroll them in recreational sports leagues or have them take technical trade classes through a community college.

Teachers are paid enough to educate classes of twenty-seven or more students without needing additional paraeducator support paid for by community tax dollars. They should focus on classroom management which would alleviate the need for additional classroom support positions. The District needs to live within their means and make do with what the State gives them- even if that means only funding what the State deems as basic education.

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Your Right to Privacy

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