## WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94 KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

### RESOLUTION NO. 2324-01

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ADOPTED: November 28, 2023

PREPARED BY:

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WHEREAS, Wishram School District No. 94, Klickitat County, Washington ("the District"), for the past three has had in effect an educational enrichment levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational enrichment levy expires this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for eligible educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, continued local funding of eligible activities to support the District's educational programs and operations would greatly benefit the District's students at all grade levels;

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$1.08 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.03 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026.

- C. A tax of approximately \$0.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027.
- D. A tax of approximately \$0.94 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

WHEREAS, the District has received approval of its levy spending plan from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94, KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025;
- B. \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- C. \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and
- D. \$75,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Klickitat County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is \$1.08 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$1.03 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2026 levy is \$0.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$0.94 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be

adjusted based upon the legal limits and the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and by contracting indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 13, 2024.

The Klickitat County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Klickitat County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2324-01

#### WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94

### REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of the Wishram School District adopted Resolution No. 2324-01 concerning this proposition to maintain current educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to continue meeting students' needs and providing school operations that are not state funded by levying the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District and subject to legal limits at the time of levy:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.08	\$75,000
2026	\$1.03	\$75,000
2027	\$0.98	\$75,000
2028	\$0.94	\$75,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES	
NO	

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Klickitat County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the District Superintendent Chris Schumaker, telephone: (509) 767-6090, email: chris.schumaker@wishramschool.org, as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Superintendent is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Klickitat County Auditor or the Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 13, 2024 election and requests that the Klickitat County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for

this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of any published voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Wishram School District No. 94, Klickitat County, Washington, at a special meeting thereof, held on the 28th day of November, 2023.

WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94 KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

President and Director

Director

Director

Mary E. Darkon
Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors

# OFFICIAL BALLOT WISHRAM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 94 KLICKITAT COUNTY, WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 13, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES	
NO	

#### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Wishram School District No. 94, Klickitat County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

- 1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2324-01 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a special meeting thereof held on the 28th day of November, 2023.
- 2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of November, 2023.

Secretary, Board of Directors