

Returning Your Ballot

Mail

Ballots returned by postal mail must be post marked no later than Election Day, February 11, 2025 to be counted. No postage is required to return your ballot via US Postal Service. We recommend mailing your ballot no later than February 7.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Ballot drop box locations are convenient, safe, secure and close promptly at 8:00pm on February 11, 2025 Election Day. The following Ballot drop boxes will be open starting January 21.

Mason County Offices Building 1

411 N 5th St, Shelton

Three Ballot Drop Boxes

Drive-thru in the alley

Main Entrance

Vote Center - Second floor

Shelton Family YMCA

3101 N Shelton Springs Rd - **Drive-thru**

Allyn - Port of Allyn

18560 E State Route 3

Belfair - Sherriff's Office/North Precinct

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

Grapeview - Horton Community Center

4350 Grapeview Loop Rd

Hoodsport - Hood Canal Visitor Center

150 N Lake Cushman Rd

Dayton - Fire District No. 16 Station

4650 W Dayton Airport Rd - **Drive-thru**

Skokomish - Twin Totems Store

19390 US-101 - **Drive-thru**

Union - Chevron Station

1031 E McReavy Rd

Accessibility Information

The Mason County Auditor's Office Vote Center, offers an Accessible Voting Unit that allows voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, or limited mobility to vote independently and with privacy.

Accessible voting is available starting 18 days before Election Day.
Monday - Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
Election Day 9:00am-8:00pm

To use the Accessible Voting Unit or for more information, visit or contact our office.

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Voter Information

To get a ballot, have questions about the ballot, update your address or to register to vote:

Visit: 411 N 5th St. - Second floor
Shelton, WA 98584

Phone: (360) 427-9670 ext. 470

Email: elections@masoncountywa.gov

Online: VoteWA.gov

After February 3, 2025 to register to vote or update your address for this election, you must do it in person at the Vote Center.

Mason County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



February 11, 2025 Special Election

Hood Canal School District No. 404

**Proposition 1
Replacement of Expiring Levy for
Education Programs and Operations**

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Your Signature Matters

You must sign the ballot return envelope for your ballot to count.

MC Voter

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**Hood Canal School District No. 404
Proposition 1
Replacement of Expiring Levy for
Educational Programs and Operations**

The Board of Directors of Hood Canal School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 02-2425, concerning a replacement levy supporting the education of Hood Canal students. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to replace an expiring levy and pay expenses of educational programs, activities and operations not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$0.74	\$1,775,000
2027	\$0.73	\$1,825,000
2028	\$0.71	\$1,875,000
2029	\$0.71	\$1,925,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 02-2425.
Should this proposition be approved?

- Levy...Yes
- Levy...No

Attention:

This voters' pamphlet is for information purposes only.
Please vote your official ballot.

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace Hood Canal School District's current educational programs and operations levy, which expires after 2025. This replacement levy will provide funding for essential programs and services not fully covered by the State of Washington. These include but are not limited to: special education, school nurses, counselors, safety measures, food services, curriculum, substitute staff, art and music programs, athletics, extracurricular activities, reduced class sizes and other critical needs.

The proposed replacement levy will authorize the collection of up to \$1,775,000 in 2026, increasing incrementally to \$1,925,000 in 2029. The estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value are \$0.74 in 2026, \$0.73 in 2027, and \$0.71 in both 2028 and 2029.

Actual levy rates and amounts may vary based on the assessed property values and state law limitations at the time of collection.

This levy will help to ensure continued support for high-quality education and vital student programs in the Hood Canal School District. Tax exemptions may be available for eligible homeowners; for details, contact the Mason County Assessor's Office at 360-427-9670x491. Additional information is available at <https://www.hoodcanal.wednet.edu/>.

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Statement For

Hood Canal's success is a result of strong community support, and the essential funding provided through the EP&O levy. **This replacement levy offers the lowest EP&O levy tax rate among our neighboring districts.**

Continuing this funding allows the district to help students thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Hood Canal's middle school students achieved some of the highest state test scores in the region, exceeding state averages. This success reflects the dedication of the school's educators, and the opportunities made possible by EP&O levy funds. Programs such as the award-winning outdoor education (BOOTS) and hands-on classroom projects engage and inspire students.

Levy funding supports extracurricular programs like clubs (Robotics, Legos, drama, etc.), sports, and activities that foster creativity and teamwork. With smaller class sizes and personalized attention, every student receives the support they need to achieve their best.

Student well-being is a top priority at Hood Canal School. This levy will ensure access to counseling and nursing services, helping to create a safe and caring environment for everyone.

The State Auditor recognized our school's financial department with its highest rating for the excellent stewardship of public funds. Also, our communications have earned state awards for outstanding community outreach.

These high-quality programs and services depend on continued community support for the EP&O levy. **Please vote YES on this essential levy!** Hood Canal is grateful for the community's investment in students, making a meaningful difference and opening doors to success for every child.

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Statement Against

No Statement Against was submitted

Statement Disclaimer:

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