

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

Hoodspout - 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

Accessible Voting

The Mason County Auditor's 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, it must be done in person at the Vote Center.

Your Signature Matters

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

MC Voter

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Mason County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



February 11, 2025 Special Election

North Mason School District No. 403

**Renewal of Educational Programs
and Operations Levy**

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Vote Center Hours:

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**North Mason School District No. 403
Renewal of Educational Programs and
Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of North Mason School District adopted Resolution No. 11-G-24 concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes to renew an expired levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain the District’s educational programs and operations, which are not funded or fully funded by the State:

	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	
<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Assessed Value*</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$1.32	\$5,577,446
2027	\$1.32	\$5,577,446
2028	\$1.32	\$5,577,446
2029	\$1.32	\$5,577,446

*to be adjusted for changes in assessed value

Should this proposition be approved?

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

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of property taxes within North Mason School District in the amount of \$5,577,446 per year, for collection in 2026 through 2029, inclusive. In accordance with Resolution No. #11-G-24 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the North Mason School District’s General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District that are not funded or fully funded by the State. General expenses of the District include teaching, instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools.

If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$1.32 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the years 2025 through 2028, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call your County Assessor.

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Statement For

Investing in Strong Schools Builds a Strong Community

Our schools are the foundation of our community’s future. The Replacement School Enrichment Levy provides critical funding to ensure our kids have the tools, support, and safe environment they need to grow into productive, responsible citizens. This levy helps fund essential staff like paraprofessionals, school counselors, coaches, and security personnel, while supporting music, sports, and other programs that build teamwork, discipline, and creativity. The safety of our children is paramount, and this levy ensures our schools remain secure, well-monitored environments where kids can focus on learning. At the same time, it keeps our tax dollars local, providing for specific needs that the state doesn’t fully fund.

We understand that the economy is tough for many families right now. That’s why it’s important to note that this is not a new tax—it’s a renewal of a proven investment that has supported our schools and community for years. By voting **YES** for the Replacement School Enrichment Levy, you’re helping to provide our children with the resources they need to succeed, while keeping our community strong and safe for everyone.

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Statement Against

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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