

# Board of Directors Study Session

Long Range Strategic Planning &  
February Ballot Measures

October 22, 2009



# Replacement educational programs & operations levy

- February 9, 2010 ballot measure for the levy is not a new tax
- The current levy authorization expires December 2010
- Levy is replaced every four years
- Maintains local funding through 2014
- Provides 22% of general fund annual revenues

# Replacement educational programs & operations levy (continued)

- Provides for programs and staff not fully funded by state or federal sources
- Pays for day-to-day operations, and cannot be mixed with capital levy or bond revenues

# Basic assumptions used to determine levy amount

- Current 2009-2011 state operating budget
- Existing levy lid of 31.47% for 2011
- 2012 – 2014 same levy amount as 2011 (level tax collection for all four years)
- Enrollment
  - Declines through 2011
  - Gradual increase beginning 2012

# Assessed valuation projections

- Changes in assessed valuation by tax collection year
  - 3.59% in 2009
  - -4.34% in 2010 (preliminary)
  - -3.00% in 2011
  - 1.00% in 2012
  - 3.00% in 2013 and beyond

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – top priority

- **Replacement educational programs & operations levy only**
  - Total tax rate of **\$5.06** in 2011
  - No capital measure on 2010 ballot
  - Very limited capital program for at least 2 years
  - Limited tax rate capacity for future capital levies and bond issues
  - Future tax rate increases

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – traditional approach or strategy

- Administration recommends plan of action
- **Capital/technology levy option I**
  - Additional **\$.25** per thousand of assessed valuation in 2011
  - Total tax rate of \$5.31 in 2011 & beyond
  - 6-year capital levy of \$73 million
  - \$12.4 million available to expend first two years
  - Limits capacity for future capital levies and bond issues with level tax rate

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – traditional approach or strategy (continued)

- **Capital/technology option 2**

- Additional **\$.50** per thousand of assessed valuation in 2011
  - Total tax rate of \$5.56 in 2011 & beyond
  - 6-year capital levy of \$107 million
  - \$23 million available to expend first two years
  - Capacity for future capital levies and bond issues with level tax rate
- Board determines projects placed on ballot based on options provided by administration

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – statistical approach or strategy

- District conducts new survey research
  - Public priorities
  - Economy and willingness to invest at this time
  - Guide strategic and long-range planning
  - Survey research last done for April 2006 ballot measure

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – statistical approach or strategy (continued)

- Board considers data and citizen feedback
  - Data on citizen attitudes and priorities
  - Additional feedback from parents, education stakeholders, community members, etc.

# February 9, 2010 ballot measure – statistical approach or strategy (continued)

- Timeline for statistical approach
  - Survey research – mid November
  - Citizen outreach & engagement – October/  
November
  - Board considers data & citizen feedback – end  
of November
  - Board approves ballot title & resolution – by  
December 10
  - Resolution submitted to county auditor before  
December 23

# Citizen's finance & audit committee review and recommendation

- Discussed economic update and survey information<sup>1</sup>
- Discussed long-range plan for facilities and technology
- Discussed long-range financing plan and strategies

<sup>1</sup>Economic & Revenue Forecast Council State of Washington, Seattle Northwest Securities, and D.A. Davidson & Co.

# Citizen's finance & audit committee review and recommendation

- Recommended 2 ballot measures
  - Renewal of the replacement educational programs & operations levy
  - Capital levy/bond issue for facilities/technology



# Discussion