



Ferndale School District

Capital Bond and Technology Levy

Proposition 1—\$21 million Capital Bond

✓Custer Elementary School

\$10,930,000 for construction of a new state of the art, 60,000 square foot, two-story Custer Elementary School on the existing site. State matching dollars in the amount of \$4.7 million are available for the project.

✓North Bellingham Elementary School

\$8,930,000 for construction of a new two-story building to replace North Bellingham Elementary School's condemned 1938 building (which formerly housed classrooms, a library and offices), and renovating and upgrading the 1969 and 1979 classroom buildings. State matching dollars in the amount of \$4.5million are available for the project.

✓All District Schools Receive Safety and Security Upgrades

\$1,140,000 for safety and security items:

- improve lockdown ability of schools in emergency situations
- improve campus access control to monitor who and when persons enter and exit school campuses
- improve school public address systems in order to provide quick effective communication on campuses in times of emergency
- emergency generators to Beach Elementary School due to its remote nature, Ferndale High School which houses the district's main computer and phone systems, and district office which will serve as an emergency operations center when needed
- upgrade the districtwide telephone and voicemail system which is obsolete and no longer supported by the manufacturer

Passage of the bond will not increase the tax rate.

Capital Bond Funding				
Funding Source	North Bellingham Elementary	Custer Elementary	Safety & Security	Total
Total Project Cost	\$13,430,000	\$19,230,000	\$1,140,000	\$33,800,000
State Matching	-\$4,500,000	-\$4,700,000	N/A	-\$9,200,000
Local 2006 Bond	N/A	-\$3,600,000	N/A	-\$3,600,000
Local 2008 Bond	\$8,930,000	\$10,930,000	\$1,140,000	\$21,000,000

Reminder to Vote by March 11

Look for your ballot in the mail the week of February 20



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Proposition 2—\$4.2 million Technology Levy

The \$4.2 million Technology Levy is a six-year levy that would provide \$700,000 per year between 2009 and 2014 to fund the following:

- ✓Integrate technology into the curriculum by providing training to staff in instructional technology best practices and ongoing software and hardware training
- ✓Replace computers on a regular replacement cycle; currently 60% of the district's instructional computers are not at state standard
- ✓Upgrade classroom technology such as audio visual equipment, listening centers, amplification systems and document cameras
- ✓Upgrade the district network infrastructure including servers/network gear, data wiring/ports and increase wireless capacity
- ✓Establish a technology replacement fund to cover the costs of lab printers, copiers, audio visual projectors, document cameras, bulbs, and related unforeseen expenses
- ✓Upgrade the districtwide telephone and voicemail system which is obsolete and no longer supported by the manufacturer

The technology levy will increase the tax rate by an estimated 19 cents. For a \$300,000 assessed valued home, the anticipated increases over the six years of the levy would be:

Year	Rate Increase	Increase on \$300,000 home
2009	19 cents	\$57.00 per year
2010	18 cents	\$54.00 per year
2011	17 cents	\$51.00 per year
2012-13	16 cents	\$48.00 per year
2014	15 cents	\$45.00 per year

Passage of the bond issue requires a 60% voter approval rate with at least 3,249 voters casting ballots. Passage of the technology levy requires a 50.1% voter approval rate. The district encourages members of the community to vote in all elections.

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