

Ballot Resolution Cover Sheet

Skagit County

This form **MUST** accompany each resolution for a ballot measure.

This form is to be completed by the jurisdiction administrator. They should have the authority and be available to answer questions. The completed form must be submitted to Skagit County Elections by 4:30 pm on the day of the deadline.

If you have any question on how to complete this form please contact Skagit County Elections at 360-416-1702.

District name: Conway School District 317

District Address: 19710 SR 534, Mt. Vernon, WA. 98274

Election Date: February 11, 2026

Contact person: Jeff Cravy Title: Superintendent

Phone number: 360-445-5785 Fax number: 360-445-4511

Contact email: jcravy@conway.k12.wa.us

2nd Contact person: Kara Moore Title: Business Manger

2nd Contact phone: 360-445-5785 Ext. 5510

2nd Contact email: kmoore@conway.k12.wa.us

District attorney: Cynthia Weed

Attorney phone: 206-370-5844 Attorney fax: _____

Attorney email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com

Election type (levy, bond, levy lid lift, etc.): EP&O Levy

State the pass/fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel:

Simple majority: ☒ 60/40: ☐

Other (describe): Resolution 2-2025

Election Date: February 10, 2026

Name of Jurisdiction Submitting Measure: Conway School District No. 317, Skagit County, Washington

Contact Name: Cynthia Weed, K&L Gates LLP

Daytime Contact Phone Number: 206.618.6050

Permitted word count: 300; current word count: 243

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - PROPOSITION NO. 1

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$1,540,000 in property taxes within Conway School District No. 317 for collection in 2027, the levy of \$1,587,000 for collection in 2028, the levy of \$1,635,000 for collection in 2029, and the levy of \$1,685,000 for collection in 2030, to replace an expiring levy and enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, such levies to be made for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in the years 2027 through 2030. In accordance with Resolution No. 2-2025 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District that are not funded by the State. General expenses of the District include employee costs (salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities, non-high payments to receiving high schools and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.36 (2027 collection), \$1.35 (2028 collection), \$1.34 (2029 collection), and \$1.32 (2030 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Skagit County Assessor at (360) 416-1780.

CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025

- A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Conway School District No. 317, Skagit County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 10, 2026, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$1,540,000 in 2026 for collection in 2027, \$1,587,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, \$1,635,000 in 2028 for collection in 2029, and \$1,685,000 in 2029 for collection in 2030, said excess taxes to pay part of the educational programs and operations support of the District.

ADOPTED OCTOBER 20, 2025

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, Conway School District No. 317, Skagit County, Washington (the "District"), for the past four years has had in effect an educational programs and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, buildings and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified most recently by Chapter 404, Laws of 2025 (69th Legislature, 2025 Regular Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations and such educational needs, 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 \$1.36 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$1,540,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- B. A tax of approximately \$1.35 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$1,587,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;
- C. A tax of approximately \$1.34 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$1,635,000, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029; and
- D. A tax of approximately \$1.32 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$1,685,000, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030;

WHEREAS, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations/enrichment tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required under RCW 84.52.053(4); and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317, SKAGIT 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:

- A. \$1,540,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- B. \$1,587,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;
- C. \$1,635,000, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029; and
- D. \$1,685,000, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030.

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 Skagit County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2027 levy is \$1.36 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation,

the estimated levy rate for the 2028 levy is \$1.35 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2029 levy is \$1.34 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2030 levy is \$1.32 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate and amount 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 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031 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 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 10, 2026.

The Skagit County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Skagit County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held by mail-in ballot, 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. 1

CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317
REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Conway School District adopted Resolution No. 2-2025 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District to support the District's educational programs and operations, and non-high payments to receiving high schools, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$1.36	\$1,540,000
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as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

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NO

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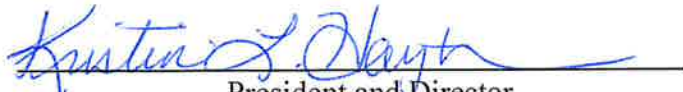
The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Skagit County Auditor.

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 (a) the District's Superintendent (Jeff Cravy), telephone: 360.445.5785; email: jcravy@conway.k12.wa.us; and (b) special counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.618.6050; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals 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 Skagit County Auditor or the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney.

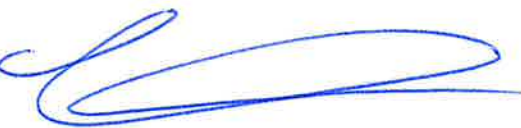
Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby confirms the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 10, 2027 election, which shall be prepared and published by the Skagit County Auditor, including, but not limited to, an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, and, if available, a Statement For and a Statement Against. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Conway School District No. 317, Skagit County,
Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of October 2025.


CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON




President and Director

Director


Director



Director


Director

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Conway School District No. 317, Skagit 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. 2-2025 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of October 2025.

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 adoption 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 20th day of October, 2025.


Secretary Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 10, 2026

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

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NO

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 10, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 2026, a special election will be held by mail-in ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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YES

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NO

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Skagit County Auditor