

February 14, 2023 Special Election

Stevens County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

Dates and deadlines

February 6 —Deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates online and by mail.
February 14—8:00 pm deadline for in-person voter registration and voter updates.

Getting registered to vote

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not currently serving a Department of Corrections sentence in total confinement.

Three ways to register and obtain a ballot:

- Online—VoteWA.gov
- By mail—Call us at 509-684-7514 or email us at elections@stevenscountywa.gov and we will assist you.
- In person—Stevens County Elections Office
215 S. Oak St, Room 106, Colville, WA 99114

Participating Jurisdictions:

- Evergreen School District No. 205
- Kettle Falls School District No. 212
- Upper Columbia Pool District

Questions?

Stevens County Elections Office

Online: vote.stevenscountywa.gov

Email: elections@stevenscountywa.gov

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov.



Returning your ballot

By mail

Postage is prepaid—no stamp needed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before election day, February 14, 2023 in order to be counted.

In a ballot drop box

Ballot Drop off sites:

Voter Service Center

Voters may drop off ballots, get a replacement ballot, use an Accessible Voting Unit, or receive other assistance as needed at the Voter Service Center located at:

Stevens County Auditor—Elections Office

215 S. Oak St, Room 106

Colville, WA 99114

Monday—Friday: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Election Day, February 14, 2023 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Or the Permanent Drop Boxes

Opens on January 27, 2023

Closes February 14, 2023 at 8:00 pm.

- Drop box outside the Courthouse near the Elm Street entrance.
- Fire Station 2, 3962 Hwy 291, Loon Lake, WA

FAQ's

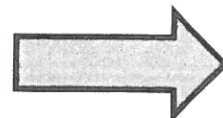
What is an explanatory statement?

An explanatory statement is prepared by the district's attorney; it outlines the effect the ballot measure would have if it is passed by the voters.

How are committees in favor of or in opposition to a measure formed?

Districts that choose to participate in the local voter's pamphlet are responsible for appointing committee members who agree to write the statements. The statements are a way to persuade voters to vote for or against a measure. The Elections Office does not check statements for factual or grammatical accuracy.

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Kettle Falls School District No. 212 | Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Ballot Title The Board of Directors of Kettle Falls School District No. 212 adopted Resolution No. 2022-06, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy</u>	
	<u>Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$1.98	\$1,546,384
2025	\$1.98	\$1,622,665
2026	\$1.98	\$1,702,760
2027	\$1.98	\$1,786,860

all as provided in Resolution No. 2022-06 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy.
Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement Proposition No. 1 - Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Kettle Falls School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of calendar year 2023. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: security staff; K-12 music programs; activities; athletics; character education; technology support; curriculum; teacher training; nurses; maintenance and custodial staff; Early Learning Center; technology support staff; Career and Technical Education (CTE); and Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs. The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$1,546,384 in 2024, \$1,622,665 in 2025, \$1,702,760 in 2026, and \$1,786,860 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based on limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Further information is available at <https://www.kfschools.org/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor.

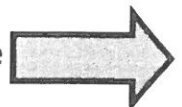
Statement For EP&O Pro Levy Statement—Submitted by Jason Newton, Committee

Constituents of the Kettle Falls School District, please consider voting for the upcoming EP&O levy. My wife and I are Kettle Falls High School Alumni that returned to this area to raise our children. As a business owner and community member I have tried to take an active role in what is going on within the school district. I strongly feel that this levy will help to continue the great strides that the School Board and Superintendent have made towards the implementation and continued employment of our future SSO (school safety officer) and maintain the security upgrades that have been achieved in the last 4-year levy cycle. Furthermore, this minimal increase will continue to help fund the technology upgrades and IT support staff, extra-curricular activities (athletics, FFA, FCCLA, robotics), and the staffing of our Extended Learning Center, PARA educators, libraries, and custodial/maintenance staff and supplies. These items are what currently facilitates the safe and successful education of our children. Our children are the future leaders of this great community, and I feel that anything extra that we as a community can give the school district to facilitate these goals is a small price to pay.

Statement Against EPO LEVY Opposition Statement—Submitted by Judy Olsen, Committee

Voters, please consider this EP&O Levy as another example of excessive taxation. I write this statement of opposition to the Kettle Falls School District levies, not necessarily to oppose school levies, but to oppose increased taxation and the continued system of inequitable school funding in general. The state has dedicated revenue sources to fully fund education. I am aware that great schools make great communities, but as we are headed for recession, I am concerned.

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Kettle Falls School District No. 212 | Proposition No. 2

Replacement Capital Levy For Security, Technology and Infrastructure Improvements

Ballot Title The Board of Directors of Kettle Falls School District No. 212 adopted Resolution No. 2022-07, concerning a proposition to finance security, technology and infrastructure improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to improve security cameras, building access controls, and communication systems, upgrade computers, hardware, software and provide related training and support, and replace Elementary Library Annex roof:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy</u>	
	<u>Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$0.49	\$387,828
2025	\$0.49	\$406,706
2026	\$0.49	\$426,527
2027	\$0.49	\$447,340

all as provided in Resolution No. 2022– 07. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement Proposition No. 2-Replacement Capital Levy For Security, Technology and Infrastructure Improvements

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Kettle Falls School District to replace an existing capital levy to improve school facilities that will expire at the end of 2023. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to make security, technology and infrastructure improvements throughout existing school facilities, including: (1) improving, upgrading, acquiring, installing and implementing security cameras, building access controls, communication systems and other security equipment, infrastructure and systems; (2) upgrading, acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing computers, hardware, software and provide related training and support; (3) replacing Elementary Library Annex roof; and (4) making other safety, security, technology and infrastructure improvements. The School Board determined that these improvements were required due to security and safety concerns, existing condition of technology equipment, infrastructure and systems, and educationally outdated school facilities and deteriorating infrastructure. The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$387,828 in 2024, \$406,706 in 2025, \$426,527 in 2026, and \$447,340 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Further information is available at <https://www.kfschools.org/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor.

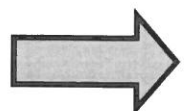
Statement For Capital Levy: Pro Statement Written by: Jerrad Crandall, Committee

Constituents of the Kettle Falls School District, please consider voting for the upcoming Capital Funds levy. Its passage is vital and will ensure that our students and staff will have access to updated school facilities and modern classrooms. Passage of this capital levy will benefit every school in the district. If approved, this levy will provide critically needed funding to pay for projects such as a new roof for the elementary school library annex, improvements to campus safety and security as well as upgrades to the technology our students use on a daily basis. These improvements will allow our district to keep pace with industry standards. A small investment now will ensure that our facilities and quality of education will remain viable into the future. I strongly feel that neglecting to address these much needed updates now will only lead to greater financial hardship for the district and taxpayer down the road.

Statement Against Capital Levy: Opposition statement Written by: Judy Olsen, Committee

Voters, please consider this Capital Levy as another example of government overreach. I write this statement of opposition to the Kettle Falls School District levies, not necessarily to oppose school levies, but to oppose increased taxation and the continued system of inequitable school funding in general. The state has dedicated revenue sources to fully fund education.. All of these funds are at the state's disposal to fully finance schools. I am aware that great schools make great communities, but as we are headed for recession, I am concerned.

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Upper Columbia Pool District, Stevens County | Proposition No. 1 6-Year Regular Property Tax Levy

Ballot Title The Commissioners of the Upper Columbia Pool District (UCPD) adopted Resolution No. 06-22 concerning a proposition to replace an expired maintenance and operation levy. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District to provide funding for the costs associated with maintaining and operating a community swimming pool.

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Amount</u>
2024	\$0.23	\$30,474.21
2025	\$0.23	\$30,474.21
2026	\$0.23	\$30,474.21
2027	\$0.23	\$30,474.21
2028	\$0.23	\$30,474.21
2029	\$0.23	\$30,474.21

all as provided in Resolution No. 06-22. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

Explanatory Statement

In response to community demand for a swimming pool in Kettle Falls, a private donor has come forward to fund construction of a new swimming pool. Construction has begun with an estimated completion date of August 2023. The new pool will be managed by the Upper Columbia Pool District and maintained by the City of Kettle Falls at the current location.

In November 2021 a levy was passed with overwhelming support to help the city cover part of the operating costs of the new pool. That was a 1-year levy and expired in 2022. We are now proposing to run the levy for a 6-year period.

Passage of this levy would be necessary to generate funds which will be used for ongoing operations of the new pool. If the measure is approved, it is estimated that the tax rate would remain the same as the previous levy \$0.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value which would, for example, result in annual taxes in the amount of \$23 on property with an assessed value of \$100,000. If approved this tax rate would be in effect for 6 years beginning in 2024 and thereafter eligible for renewal.

Statement For

No Statement Submitted.

Statement Against

No Statement Submitted.