

February 13, 2024 Special Election

# Ferry County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

## Dates and deadlines

**February 13** - Deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates on-line and by mail.  
**February 13** - 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:

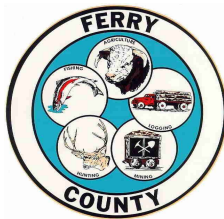
- By Mail
- Online - VoteWA.gov
- Call us at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or email us at [delections@co.ferry.wa.us](mailto:delections@co.ferry.wa.us) and we will assist you.
- In person - Ferry County Elections Office 350 E Delaware Ave Stop 2, Republic WA 99166

### Participating Jurisdiction:

- Orient School District No. 65

## Questions?

Ferry County Elections Office Online:  
[www.ferry-county.com](http://www.ferry-county.com)  
Email: [delections@co.ferry.wa.us](mailto:delections@co.ferry.wa.us)  
Phone: 509-775-5225 ext. 1139



## Returning your ballot

### By mail

Postage is prepaid - no stamp is needed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before election day, February 13, 2024 in order to be counted.

### In a ballot drop box

Ballot Drop Boxes are available January 13 through 8:00 p.m. Election Day - February 13, 2024:

- Ferry County Courthouse - 350 E Delaware Ave

## Voter Service Center

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

### Ferry County Elections Office

350 E Delaware ave Stop 2 Republic WA 99166  
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Election Day, February 13, 2024: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

## 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 voters' 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.*

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

# Orient School District Proposition No. 1

## Educational Programs and Operation Levy

see complete resolution text at  
[www.ferry-county.com](http://www.ferry-county.com)

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Orient School District No. 65 adopted Resolution No. 2-23/24, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet student educational needs by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State, including music, art, athletics and early childhood:

	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.00	\$180,000
2026	\$1.00	\$190,000
2027	\$1.00	\$200,000
2028	\$1.00	\$210,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2-23/24. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Orient School District to levy taxes for a four-year period 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: teachers; support staff; materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC); extracurricular activities; transportation; insurance; food service; and building maintenance and operation. Further information is available on the District's website at <http://orientsd.org/>.

The proposed four-year levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$180,000 in 2025, \$190,000 in 2026, \$200,000 in 2027 and \$210,000 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

### Statement For

Constituents of the Orient School District, please consider voting yes for the upcoming EP&O levy. Strong schools are essential to the foundation of strong communities and a thriving society. Washington State school funding is based on a theory of 'shared responsibility,' that involves both state and local communities contributing to every student's access to a well-rounded education. This Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy is not a new tax, it is continuation of an expired one.

As a business owner and community member I have tried to take an active role in the happenings within the school district. My husband and I strongly believe that this levy will help to continue the great strides that the School Board and Superintendent have made towards the implementation and continuation of security upgrades as well as an all-school music program.

Voting YES for this replacement levy is a vote to continue the daily operation of our school's existing programs. Levy monies will be used for, but not limited to, student materials and supplies and maintenance and operation supplies.

Submitted by Sharon Hay and Irvin Hay

### Statement Against

### Rebuttal of Statement Against