

# Voters' Pamphlet

## Dates and deadlines

**January 31** - Deadline to receive new voter registrations and voter updates online and by mail. **February 8** - 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:

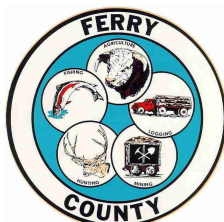
- By Mail
- Online - [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)
- Call us at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or email us at [delections@co.ferry.wa.us](mailto:delections@co.ferry.wa.us) and we will assist you.
- In person - Ferry County Elections Office 350 E Delaware Ave Stop2, Republic WA 99166

### Participating Jurisdiction:

- Curlew School District No. 50

## Questions?

Ferry County Elections Office Online:  
[www.ferrycountyauditor.com](http://www.ferrycountyauditor.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 8, 2022 in order to be counted.

### In a ballot drop box

Ballot Drop Boxes are available January 20 through 8:00 p.m. Election Day - February 8, 2022:

- Curlew Fire Station - 30 Customs Rd
- Danville Outpost - 19097 N HWY 21
- 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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Election Day, February 8: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## 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).

# Curlew School District Proposition No. 1

## Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

see complete resolution test at  
[www.ferrycountyauditor.com](http://www.ferrycountyauditor.com)

### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Curlew School District No. 50 adopted Resolution No. 11-2021-01, 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:

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.55	\$205,000
2024	\$1.55	\$210,000
2025	\$1.56	\$215,000
2026	\$1.57	\$220,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 11-2021-01. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes

Levy No

### Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Curlew School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, music, art, athletics and early childhood learning.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$205,000 in 2023, \$210,000 in 2024, \$215,000 in 2025 and \$220,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.55 in 2023 and 2024, \$1.56 in 2025 and \$1.57 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amount 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 to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Ferry County Assessor at (509) 775-5225 or the Okanogan County Assessor at (509) 422-7190.

Prepared by: Lee Marchisio, special counsel

### Statement For

Visitors to our school probably wouldn't guess our main building is just over forty years old. We've taken good care of our campus while also creating a friendly atmosphere for learning and community events. This kind of environment doesn't happen by accident. We are dedicated to providing a top-notch facility while giving our students the best possible skills and knowledge to reach their full potential, whether at home or beyond.

We have been passing levies, without fail, for roughly 20 years--a tradition built on trust. You can see the impact of levies throughout the district, but especially in our strong athletic programs where every student is welcome to participate. We have a unique music program grounded in traditional string band music where the music is shared with the community several times a year. In addition, we provide a 1:1 laptop/iPad ratio for every student K-12 and reliable wifi.

In addition to these programs, we have one of the lowest levy rates in the state. If your home is valued at \$125,000, the levy will cost you less than \$200/year, which is less than \$4/week--about the same as buying a latte--that's a bargain!

Our children are tomorrow's doctors, geologists, agriculturists, engineers, and much more. Investing in their success is in everyone's best interests, and we will continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Submitted by Connie Fletcher, April Barreca, and Macey Singer

### Statement Against

In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and local school taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control across the state - driving up costs for all WA citizens. These levy items should come out of the General Fund.

There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. February is the lowest voter turnout election of the year.

Understandably. Most citizens are just learning that there are levies to vote on - again. We just had the holidays. Citizens have voting fatigue.

And, importantly, citizens won't even receive their property tax bills for the year until a month later in March.

In the interest of high voter participation, these important, tax measures (which affect all property owners and renters in their rents) should be only on the November Election.

The state will never be able to fulfill its constitutional obligation of fully-funding schools so long as local districts are allowed to spend more than the ample provision the state provides. Until that changes, citizens need to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at [www.schooldataport.com](http://www.schooldataport.com)

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### Rebuttal of Statement Against

The McCleary decision is a court ruling that our state had failed to provide for basic education. The ruling limited local levies, but did not eliminate them. They can be used for non-basic programs, such as extracurricular activities and the arts. With regard to voter turnout, do not be concerned. Ferry County repeatedly has a high election turnout. In the latest special election, statewide turnout was 33.31%, but Ferry County was 58.25%.