



# ***Sequim School District No. 323***

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From: M. Patsene Dashiell, Communications Director

Re: Two Levy Public Forums Offered

Two public forum events are planned to present information about two levy resolutions on the ballot for a February 14, 2017 special election.

The District is requesting a four-year renewal of the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy. The current EP&O Levy was last approved by voters in 2013, and will expire at the end of December 2017. EP&O dollars provide for expansion of programs not available otherwise, as well as certificated staff, educational support staff, district support staff, extra-curricular programs, technology, curriculum, and transportation expenses that are not state funded.

The District also has a three-year Capital Projects Levy (CPL) resolution before voters to fund demolition of the unused portion of the Sequim Community School, built in 1949 and closed in 2012 due to unsafe conditions. Removing this portion of the building allows the District to qualify for \$4.3 million in state matching funds for new school construction once a construction bond is approved. The CPL would also help the District upgrade the central kitchen facility by modernizing HVAC, electrical and fire protection systems, installing a double door and increasing freezer space. The central kitchen facility currently has outdated appliances, and the freezer holds enough space for just two days' worth of food for the District's 2,700+ students.

The first forum will be held Thursday, January 19 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Sequim High School Library, located at 601 N. Sequim Avenue.

The second forum, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Clallam County, will be held Tuesday, January 31 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Sequim Transit Center, located at 190 W. Cedar Street. Nancy Esteb from the League of Women Voters will serve as moderator.

At each public forum, time is set aside for questions following a short presentation by Superintendent Gary Neal.

For more information, contact the District Office at (360)582-3260.

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