

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
ELMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68**

**BONDS TO CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE
SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The Board of Directors of Elma School District No. 68 adopted Resolution No. 07-2223, concerning bonds to relieve overcrowding and improve educational and athletic opportunities. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new Grades 4-6 Upper Elementary School; construct a new outdoor athletic and activities complex for students and community; construct parking for new facilities; reconfigure existing student pickup/drop off areas; make District-wide critical capital repairs and improvements; issue no more than \$66,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 07-2223. Should this proposition be:

Approved.....☞

Rejected☞

Pro Committee Statement

Please support the bond for our Elma students. This bond is vital in meeting the learning and life preparation needs of the students of the Elma School District.

This bond addresses three essential needs identified by our recent community-based facilities study: overcrowding in classrooms, insufficient parking and recreational spaces, and out of date and limited career and technical related facilities. To remedy these needs, this bond constructs a new 4-6 grade elementary school, creates additional parking and recreational spaces, and redesigns innovative learning spaces to meet the demands of post graduate education and employment. The bond ensures access to high-quality learning and life experiences our students need for their success.

The Elma School District bond is an investment not only in our students, but our community at large. Strong schools

are foundational for strong communities. Being able to offer schools that readily meet the learning and life needs of the next generation is essential to maintaining positive school and community growth. Please vote YES for our students and Elma's future!

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**GRAYS HARBOR AND MASON
COUNTIES, WASHINGTON**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize Elma School District to issue \$66,000,000 of bonds to: (1) construct a new Grades 4-6 Upper Elementary School on a site owned by the District located on Monte Elma Road north of the existing Elma Elementary School; (2) construct a new outdoor athletic and activities complex on a site located along Monte Elma Road north of the existing transportation building, for student use and, as available, community use; (3) construct parking for new facilities (i.e., Upper Elementary School and outdoor athletic and activities complex) and reconfigure and/ or improve existing student pickup/drop off areas and general traffic circulation; and (4) make District-wide critical capital repairs and improvements (including upgrading, modernizing and/or improving High School specialty spaces (e.g., CTE, science & arts); relocating and/or improving East Gray Harbor High School spaces; improving grounds and fields at Elma Middle School).

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over a period of approximately 25 years. The District estimates a tax rate increase of approximately \$2.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$67 per month for a \$300,000. Further information is available at <https://www.eagles.edu/>. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor.

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