

## RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Damman School District No. 7, Kittitas County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2025, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$175,000 in 2025 for collection in 2026; \$200,000 in 2026 for collection in 2027, and \$225,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, said excess taxes to pay part of the maintenance of educational programs and operations support of the District.

WHEREAS, Damman School District No. 7, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), for the past three years has had in effect a maintenance and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, administration and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the current maintenance and operations levy expires this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary maintenance and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending Damman School; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified by Chapter 13, Laws of 2017 (65<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Third Special Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State Legislature increases education funding to the District, the District would, therefore, review annually and determine the need to roll back the levies; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such maintenance and operations and such educational needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. A tax of approximately \$0.744965 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$175,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. A tax of approximately \$0.851389 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$200,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027;
- C. A tax of approximately \$0.957812 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide \$225,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DAMMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

1. The following taxes for the District's General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

- A. \$175,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. \$200,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and
- . C. \$225,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the County Assessor's office, the estimated levy rate for the 2025 levy is \$0.744965, the 2026 levy is \$0.851389 and the 2027 levy is \$0.957812 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy and the number of students enrolled in the district. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District,

as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of maintenance and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2025.

The Kittitas County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Kittitas County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition substantially in the form hereinafter set forth. The Secretary of the Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition substantially in the following form:

# PROPOSITION

## DAMMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

### REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Damman School District No. 7 adopted Resolution No. 25-01 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's maintenance of educational programs and operations.

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$ 0.744965	\$175,000
2027	\$ 0.851389	\$200,000
2028	\$ 0.957812	\$225,000

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....



NO.....



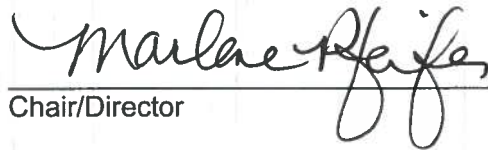
The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Kittitas County Auditor.

3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the District's Superintendent (Timothy Lawless, telephone: 509.962.9079; email: [timothy.lawless@dammanschool.org](mailto:timothy.lawless@dammanschool.org)) to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Superintendent is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney.

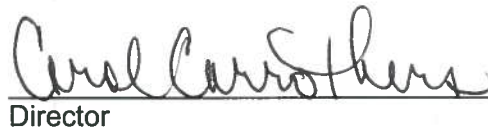
4. Pursuant to authority granted by RCW 29A.32.220, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 11, 2025 election and requests that the Kittitas County Auditor prepare and publish a voters' pamphlet for this proposition. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Damman School District No. 7, Kittitas County,  
Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

DAMMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7,  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair/Director

  
Director

  
Director

  
Director

  
Director

ATTEST:  
  
Secretary, Board of Directors

## CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Damman School District No. 7, Kittitas County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 25-01 (the "Resolution") of the Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.
2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
DAMMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
February 11, 2025

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word "NO."

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YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
DAMMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
February 11, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2025, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Kittitas County Auditor