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BUSES

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ADOPTED: November 26, 2024

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400, KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The need for improved safety and operational efficiency requires that the District purchase new school buses and make major repairs to existing school buses to support the District's aging bus fleet (collectively the "Projects"), all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein.

(b) It appears certain that the money in the Transportation Vehicle Fund will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects, and that it is necessary that an excess tax levy of \$75,000 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026 and \$75,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 for the District's Transportation Vehicle Fund to provide the money required to pay those costs.

(c) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay) costs of the Projects.

(d) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property taxes authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Purchase new school buses, make major repairs to existing school buses and carry out and accomplish other purposes authorized in RCW 28A.160.130, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(b) Acquire and install all necessary equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of printing, advertising and establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative costs; and (5) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Kittitas County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 11, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing a Transportation Vehicle Fund excess property tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for two years commencing in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$75,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$75,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$0.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to pay costs of the Projects, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess tax proceeds authorized in this resolution may be used to carry out and accomplish the purposes authorized in RCW 28A.160.130.

Section 5. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

LEVY TO PURCHASE AND REPAIR SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 24-01, concerning a proposition to purchase and repair school buses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing new school buses and repairing existing school buses to support the District's aging bus fleet:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$0.14	\$75,000
2027	\$0.14	\$75,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-01. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY ... YES ☐

LEVY ... NO ☐

Section 6. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 13, 2024; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 7. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Secretary (Andrew M. Perkins), telephone: 509.964.2107; email: perkinsa@thorpschools.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney.


Section 8. Execution: General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board (the "Chair"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Business Manager, the Chair, other appropriate officials of the District and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

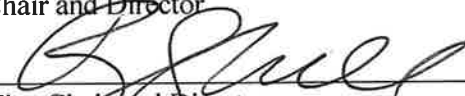
Section 9. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 10. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on November 26, 2024.

THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair and Director


Vice Chair and Director


Director


Director


Director

ATTEST:


ANDREW M. PERKINS

Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

I, ANDREW M. PERKINS, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Thorp School District No. 400, Kittitas County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 24-01 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on November 26, 2024 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of November 26, 2024.

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ANDREW M. PERKINS
Secretary to the Board of Directors