

# VOTE

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# MARCH 19

## MAINTAIN, RETAIN, INNOVATE: TAX SWAP FOR STRONG SCHOOLS

On March 19, Olympia CUSD 16 will ask voters to decide on two resolutions to stabilize district finances. This is a **tax swap** that would **not** cause your tax rate to increase.

The tax swap is needed to address outside factors that have led to a \$1.5 million deficit in the education fund:

- State funding has decreased
- Cost of goods and services has increased
- Cost of salaries and benefits has increased
- The education rate has not changed since 2007

# THIS WOULD **NOT** CAUSE YOUR TAX RATE TO INCREASE

## Q1

**Operations and Maintenance Fund** asks voters to approve increasing the tax rate in the Operations and Maintenance Funds from \$0.50 to \$0.75

### Q1: IF YES

- Important maintenance and repairs to the elementary and OHMS campus buildings
- Replace the roof over the classrooms at Olympia South
- Complete additional projects outlined in the recent stakeholder survey, pending board approval
- Repair the pool and associated spaces

## Q2

**Education Fund** asks voters to approve increasing the tax rate in the Education Fund from \$2.90 to \$3.40

### Q2: IF YES

- Reduce the deficit in the Education Fund
- Provide more competitive salaries for teachers and support staff
- Add important programs and class opportunities across the district
- Add interventionists across the district



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