

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 14-1442**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PROSSER STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
PROSSER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 116 – 219
REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE & OPERATION LEVY AT THE
FEBRUARY 11, 2014, SPECIAL ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116 – 219 will have the following Replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy to the voters of the School District at the Special Election on February 11, 2014, with the following official ballot title:

**Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116-219
Proposition No. 14-4
Replacement of Expiring Maintenance and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116-219 adopted Resolution No. 09-13, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2015	\$3.00	\$3,883,146
2016	\$3.00	\$3,999,640
2017	\$3.00	\$4,119,630
2018	\$3.00	\$4,243,219

all as provided in Resolution No. 09-13. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes [] No []; and

WHEREAS, the Replacement Maintenance & Operation (M&O) Levy provides approximately 13 percent of the District's total budget, with levy passage providing an estimated additional \$1.9 million in State matching money; and

WHEREAS, M &O Levy money is used for education, activities, transportation, support, required training and testing, maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc, not for school construction; and

WHEREAS, this Replacement M&O Levy replaces the existing levy, approved by the voters in 2012, which will expire after calendar year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the estimated tax rate is \$3.00, per \$1,000 of assessed value, assuming a three percent increase in assessed value per year. If assessed property values increase more than three percent, the rate and resulting tax will be less than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the State provides for basic education, but not such unfunded mandates as child abuse reporting; vision, hearing and scoliosis screening; kitchen food safety; building equipment safety inspections; pre-employment background investigations; and WA State audit fees; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council of the City of Prosser desires to show its support of the Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116 – 219 Replacement Maintenance & Operation Levy at the February 11, 2014 Special Election;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Prosser as follows:

1. That the City Council, after calling for public comment at a duly noticed public meeting, hereby supports the Prosser Consolidated School District No. 116 – 219 Replacement Maintenance & Operation Levy.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this 28th day of January, 2014.


MAYOR PAUL WARDEN

ATTEST:


Rachel Shaw, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Howard Saxton, City Attorney

