

CITY OF YELM
RESOLUTION NUMBER 603
SUPPORT FOR THE YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEVY

WHEREAS, according to the Yelm History Project, Yelm Community Schools (YCS) was formed upon a request of a small school district consolidation in 1906; and

WHEREAS, it serves a total of 192 square miles, including the communities of Yelm, McKenna, Bald Hills, Nisqually Indian Reservation and parts of Lacey's suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Citizens for the Support of Yelm Schools was formed in 1997, to provide advocacy and education to families and businesses within Yelm's Community Schools' boundaries regarding levy and bond information; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Yelm Community Schools (YCS) has approved a levy measure to go to the voters of the district, which boundaries include the City of Yelm; and

WHEREAS, the state staffing formula only accounts for basic education and does not fully support student needs in Yelm; and

WHEREAS, Levies comprise a smaller portion of a district's total budget, but are still integral for district operations; and

WHEREAS, Special Education programs, school resource officers, athletics and activity programs, school counselors, and maintenance and technology programs do not fall under basic education and require levies for support; and

WHEREAS, voters will be asked to approve a replacement levy to allow students the opportunity to receive counseling when they need someone to talk to, a nurse when they get sick, and special education programs for those with individual needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yelm Comprehensive Plan updated by the City Council in 2017 includes many goals and policies which support education throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the proposed levy measure is necessary to ensure Yelm Community Schools continues to be a leader in preparing our children for the future; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yelm that Yelm voters are encouraged to support the February 11, 2019 levy measure by voting Yes!

Approved this 10th day of December, 2019

JW Foster, Mayor

EJ Curry, Council Member

Molly Carmody, Council Member

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