

# Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice			
<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Name of County or Counties</b>	<b>Date of Election</b>
3/10/2026	Newberg School District 29J	Yamhill, Clackamas, Washington	May 19, 2026

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.  
**5 Year Levy to preserve neighborhood schools, teachers, class sizes**

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.  
Shall District preserve neighborhood schools, teachers, and class sizes; levy \$1.20/\$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2026-27? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Newberg School District No. 29J projects an approximate \$4.5 million funding shortfall for the 2026–27 school year. This gap reflects the cost of restoring a full school year and covering inflation and other required increases; inadequate state funding, and insufficient reserves (used after the 2023-24 financial hardship).  
 Reductions may include:  
 Closure of 2 neighborhood schools  
 25 Full-time Teaching positions  
 10 Full-time non-teaching positions  
 5 School days  
 Loss of academic programming and supports

If approved, the Local Schools Levy would provide an estimated \$6 million annually in funding for five years to help maintain current operations including funding for:  
 Existing neighborhood schools;  
 Teaching positions;  
 Reasonable class sizes;  
 Full academic school year;  
 Sufficient reserves to manage future funding gaps.

Funds will be tracked in a specific sub-account, and a citizen budget committee and school board oversight will monitor expenditures to verify funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent on administration, building repairs, or maintenance. Fund expenditures will be included in the District's annual third party audit.

This levy will produce an estimated \$32,500,000 over five years. Estimated total for each year: 2026-27 \$6,100,000; 2027-28 \$6,300,000; 2028-29 \$6,500,000; 2029-30 \$6,700,000; 2030-31 \$6,900,000. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:  
 → any measure referred by the district elections authority; or  
 → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

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*By signing this document:*  
 → I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and  
 → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature:  Date Signed: 3/10/2026

## **Newberg School District No. 29J**

### **Explanatory Statement**

(500 Word Limit. Current Count:450)

Newberg-Dundee Public Schools serves approximately 4,000 students across 10 schools — including 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools — in the cities of Newberg and Dundee, primarily in Yamhill County.

#### **What**

The Newberg School District No. 29J Board of Directors has referred a five-year Local Option Levy to voters. The levy election is scheduled for May 19, 2026, and if approved would begin in the 2026-27 school year and run through 2030-31.

#### **Background and Purpose**

Newberg School District No. 29J projects an approximate \$4.5 million funding shortfall for the 2026-27 school year. This gap reflects the cost of restoring a full school year, covering inflation and other required cost increases, insufficient state funding, and depleted reserves drawn down during the 2023-24 financial hardship. The District has already taken significant cost-saving steps, including reducing 76.75 full-time equivalent positions, strengthening internal financial controls, reducing building discretionary funds by 20%, and freezing staffing levels.

#### **Potential Impacts Without the Levy**

Without a local option levy, the District projects further reductions would be necessary and could include:

- Closure of neighborhood schools
- Elimination of 25 full-time teaching positions
- Elimination of 10 full-time non-teaching positions
- Loss of 5 school days from the academic calendar
- Loss of academic programming and student supports

#### **How Levy Funds Would Be Used**

Levy revenue would be used exclusively for Newberg students and would not be directed to the state for distribution under the state school funding formula. No levy funds would be spent on administration, building repairs, or maintenance. Funds would support:

- Preserve existing neighborhood schools
- Maintain teaching positions
- Reasonable class sizes
- A full academic school year

- Sufficient reserves to manage future funding gaps

### **Accountability and Oversight**

The District will establish a dedicated fund account for levy collections to ensure detailed accounting and transparency. Expenditures will be included in the District's annual third-party audit. A citizen budget committee and the School Board will provide oversight to verify funds are spent as voters intended. No levy funds will be spent on administration, building repairs, or maintenance.

### **Cost Information**

If passed, the proposed Newberg Schools Levy would raise approximately \$6.1 million at a rate estimated not to exceed \$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the district for five years. For example, a homeowner in the Newberg-Dundee School District with a mean assessed value of \$330,000 would pay approximately \$33.00 per month.

Actual amounts raised will depend on changes in the assessed and real market value of properties within the district. The levy is estimated to generate approximately \$6 million annually, totaling an estimated \$32.5 million over five years. Projected annual totals: 2026-27: \$6.1 million; 2027-28: \$6.3 million; 2028-29: \$6.5 million; 2029-30: \$6.7 million; 2030-31: \$6.9 million.

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