CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401
COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-105

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ADOPTED NOVEMBER 23, 2021

PREPARED BY:

K&L GATES LLP
Seattle, Washington
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WHEREAS, Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington (the “District”), for the past two years has had in effect an educational programs and operations levy in order to enable the District to pay for its educational programs and services, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the current educational programs and operations levies expire this year; and

WHEREAS, the money in and to be paid into the General Fund of the District during the 2023 through 2025 calendar years will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, the existing authority for the imposition of local tax levies and use of local revenues (including the proceeds of tax levies) has been modified most recently by Chapter 410, Laws of 2019 (66th Legislature, 2019 Regular Session) and may be modified in the future by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly provide for such educational programs and operations needs, the Board of Directors of the District deems it necessary to levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:
A. A tax of approximately $1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide $2,775,000, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023;

B. A tax of approximately $1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide $2,975,000, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024;

C. A tax of approximately $1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to provide $3,175,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025; and

WHEREAS, prior to the time the ballot proposition authorized in this resolution is submitted to the voters, the District will have received approval of its educational programs and operations/enrichment tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as required under RCW 84.52.053(4); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require that the question of whether or not such excess taxes may be levied must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401, COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The following taxes for the District’s General Fund should be levied upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors:

A. $2,775,000, said levy to be made in 2022 for collection in 2023;

B. $2,975,000, said levy to be made in 2023 for collection in 2024; and

C. $3,175,000, said levy to be made in 2024 for collection in 2025.

The estimated levy rate depends upon the final dollar amount of assessed value of the property within the District. At this time, based upon information provided by the Cowlitz County and Lewis County Assessor’s office, the estimated levy rate for the 2022 levy is $1.98 per thousand
dollars of assessed valuation, the estimated levy rate for the 2023 levy is $1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and the estimated levy rate for the 2024 levy is $1.98 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Upon approval by the voters of the proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years by incurring an indebtedness by the issuance of short term obligations against the General Fund of the District, as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW, and may expend the proceeds of said levies to pay such part of the general expenses of educational programs and operations of the District during such school years as may be authorized or allowed by law for the use of excess levy funds.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy such excess tax for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held therein on February 8, 2022.

The Cowlitz County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections is hereby requested to call and conduct said special election to be held within the District on said date and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth below. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:
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all as provided in the Resolution subject to legal limits at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

YES .......................................... [ ]

NO ......................................... [ ]

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the District is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Cowlitz County Auditor with a courtesy copy to the Lewis County Auditor.

Section 3. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the (a) Director of Fiscal Services (Shelby Garrett), telephone: 360.501.3132; fax: 360.501.3140; email: sgarrett@crschools.org, and (b) bond counsel, K&L Gates LLP (Cynthia Weed), telephone: 206.370.7801; fax: 206.623.7022; email: cynthia.weed@klgates.com, as the individuals to whom the Cowlitz County Auditor shall provide such notice. The Director of Fiscal Services is authorized to
approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Cowlitz County Auditor or the Cowlitz County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 4. Pursuant to RCW 29A.32, the Board of Directors hereby confirms the District's participation in the local voters' pamphlet for the February 8, 2022 election, which shall be prepared and published by Cowlitz County Elections and Lewis County Elections, including, but not limited to, an explanatory statement reviewed and approved by the District's attorney, and, if available, a Statement For and a Statement Against. The District understands and agrees that it will be required to pay its proportionate share of the expenses of the voters' pamphlet.
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of November, 2021.

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 401, COWLITZ AND LEWIS COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

[Signatures]

[Signatures]

[Signature]

Board of Directors

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Secretary of the Board of Directors
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Castle Rock School District No. 401, Cowlitz and Lewis Counties, Washington, (the “District”) and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-105 of the Board (the “Resolution”), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of November, 2021.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of November, 2021.

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Directors
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word “YES”; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the word “NO.”

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YES ........................................... ☐

NO ........................................... ☐
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 8, 2022, a special election will be held in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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Cowlitz County Auditor