



Stand for Children Voters Guide

Children can't vote - but you can.

Vote YES on Ballot Measure 20-137

Support our schools and the Eugene 4J Local Option levy.

The Local Option levy is a small local property tax that goes directly to support our kids' schools. This is not a new tax, just a renewal of our current funding.

Ballot Measure 20-137 will renew the levy at the same tax rate for another five years, through June 2015. The levy provides \$15 million-\$17 million per year, or 10% of our District funding - the equivalent of funding 160 teachers.

Eugene schools need this levy to avoid any more cuts to programs and staff. If this levy is not renewed, the district will have to reduce its budget by about \$15 million, beginning in the 2010-11 school year. **We must renew our levy.**

Remember to vote all the way down the ballot -
the Eugene 4J Local Option levy is at the bottom!

Re-elect Pro-Schools Representatives

These five **State Representatives** all have proven track records on children's issues, and earned a 100% on Stand for Children's 2007 Legislative Scorecard. We encourage you to support:

- **Rep. Phil Barnhart** in District 11
- **Rep. Terry Beyer** in District 12
- **Rep. Chris Edwards** in District 14
- **Rep. Paul Holvey** in District 8
- **Rep. Nancy Nathanson** in District 13

**Help Stand for
Children pass the
Local Option levy.**

Contact Joy Marshall
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What is Stand for Children?

We are a non-partisan membership organization uniting parents, educators and others to win lasting improvements for children through effective grassroots action.



Vote YES to improve schools and community safety.

YES on Measure 56: Restores Fairness to Local Elections

Under current law, the “double majority” requirement gives as much power to people who don't bother to vote as those who care enough about their communities to cast their ballots. This measure will restore the basic democratic principle that participating in elections is how we make our voices heard. Local decisions like school funding should be made by voters, not no-shows.

YES on Measure 57: The Better Way to Fight Crime

Drugs and drug-related crimes can tear apart families and communities. Unless we stop the cycle of addiction and revolving door justice, we aren't solving the problem. 85% of property criminals (including identity thieves) are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Measure 57 imposes tougher sentences and requires drug treatment.



Vote NO to prevent harm to schools and social services.

NO on Measure 58: Imposes a One-Size-Fits-All Mandate for Students and Teachers

Every child learns at a different pace and has unique needs. Measure 58 imposes a one-size-fits-all mandate to learning English for all students in all schools, regardless of ability. This measure would take local control of education decisions away from teachers, parents, and school districts. It will also take a half billion dollars out of classrooms every two years.

NO on Measure 59: Cuts Billions from State Revenues

This measure really only benefits the wealthy. According to official estimates, more than 75% of taxpayers would save less than a dollar per year, but could pay more in hidden fees and cuts to vital services. Measure 59 has harmful unintended consequences, including cutting \$2.4 billion from public safety, education, and health care, leading to a shorter school year and larger class sizes.

NO on Measure 60: Bases Teacher Pay Solely on Undefined “Classroom Performance”

This bases teacher pay on “classroom performance,” but does not determine how teachers or students will be assessed. It will lead to more standardized testing, forcing teachers to teach to the test rather than help students become successful learners. It would punish the teachers who take on challenging assignments in low-income and rural schools, driving good teachers away from where they're needed most.

NO on Measure 61: Costly Sentencing Gimmick from Kevin Mannix

Drugs and drug-related crimes can tear apart families and communities. But unless we stop the cycle of addiction and revolving door justice, we aren't solving the problem. Measure 61 is a rigid, one-size-fits-all approach that won't stop the revolving door of Oregon's criminal justice system. There is a better solution on your ballot—Measure 57.

NO on Measure 62: Diverts Lottery Funds Away From Schools

This measure would cut school funding by \$100 million every year. This is money that goes to reducing class sizes, buying text books, and training new teachers. Measure 62 will take money directly out of our classrooms.

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