WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

SCHOOL SUPPORT LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 9, 2027, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of $9,100,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, $9,737,000 in 2028 for collection in 2029, and $10,223,850 in 2029 for collection in 2030, said excess taxes to pay for educational programs and operations support of the District.

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 12, 2026

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WHEREAS, Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington (the "District"), is a first-class school district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington (the "State") now in effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.053, the qualified electors of the District may by a simple majority vote authorize enrichment levies of up to four years to support the District's educational programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2027 is the last collection year for the District's current enrichment levy, which provides funding for the District's educational programs and operations not funded by the State; and

WHEREAS, with the expiration of the District's current enrichment levy, funds available in the District's General Fund, including sub-funds thereof, during the school years of 2027–2028 through 2030–2031, will be insufficient to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and properly meet the educational and safety needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, to provide adequately for the District's educational programs and operations, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") deems it necessary to levy 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, such levy to be made for three

years commencing in 2027 for collection in the school years 2027–2028 through 2030–2031, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053, with such excess taxes to be deposited into the District's General Fund, or a sub-fund thereof, and used to continue funding such educational programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State require that the question of whether the District may levy such excess taxes be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition for such excess tax levies before the District's voters at an election to be held within the District on February 9, 2027 (the "Proposition");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404, COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District's students and other residents require submission to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District to provide funding for continued educational programs and operations of the District, including but not limited to: advanced placement classes, music, art, drama, and athletics, and support staff for school safety, special education, and technology and facilities maintenance.

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 school years of 2027–2028 through 2030–2031 to provide educational programs, enhancements and operations funding for the District

and fund other eligible activities in accordance with the Basic Education Funding Act (Laws of 2017, 3d Spec. Sess., ch. 13), as amended and supplemented, and other applicable law.

Section 2. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition, the District will 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, for deposit into the District's General Fund:

A. $9,100,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028;

B. $9,737,000, said levy to be made in 2028 for collection in 2029; and

C. $10,223,850, said levy to be made in 2029 for collection in 2030.

The exact levy rate and the actual amounts collected shall be adjusted based upon (1) the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy, and (2) the legal limit on the levy rate and levy amount applicable at the time of the levy. At this time, based upon information provided by the Cowlitz County Assessor's Office and the Clark County Assessor's Office, the estimated levy rate for the 2028 collection year is $2.34 per $1,000 of assessed valuation; the estimated levy rate for the 2029 collection year is $2.37 per $1,000 of assessed valuation; and the estimated levy rate for the 2030 collection year is $2.34 per $1,000 of assessed valuation.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests that the Cowlitz County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Cowlitz County, Washington, and Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington, assume jurisdiction of, call, and conduct a special election to be held within the District on February 9, 2027, and submit to the qualified electors of the District the Proposition hereinafter set forth. The Cowlitz County Auditor and Clark County Auditor shall conduct the election by mail or as such Auditors otherwise require.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") to certify the Proposition to the Cowlitz County Auditor and Clark County Auditor in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
SCHOOL SUPPORT LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

The Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404 has adopted Resolution No. 26-07 concerning a proposition to replace an expiring educational support levy. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, to fund educational programs and operations not funded by the state, including AP classes, music, art, drama, and athletics, and support staff for school safety, special education, and technology and facilities maintenance:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/ $1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2028	$2.34	$9,100,000
2029	$2.37	$9,737,000
2030	$2.34	$10,223,850

as provided in Resolution No. 26-07. Should this proposition be approved?

YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

The Board hereby directs the Secretary to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to each of the Cowlitz County Auditor and Clark County Auditor no later than December 11, 2026, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the Proposition to voters.

Section 4. The Board hereby designates the following as the individuals to whom the Cowlitz County Auditor and Clark County Auditor shall provide notice of the exact language of the ballot title, as required by RCW 29A.36.080: (a) the District Secretary and Superintendent (Asha Riley), telephone: (360) 841-2700, email: rileya@woodlandschools.org; and (b) the

District's Bond Counsel, Pacifica Law Group LLP (Faith Pettis), telephone: (206) 245-1700, email: faith.pettis@pacificalawgroup.com. The Board authorizes the Secretary to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, as the Cowlitz or Clark County Auditor or the Cowlitz or Clark County Prosecuting Attorney deems necessary.

Section 5. The Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board, the Secretary, and the District's Executive Director of Business Services to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of District educational programs and operations. The Board hereby ratifies and confirms all actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution.

Section 6. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution, but shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 7. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of November, 2026.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404,
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES,
WASHINGTON

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President and Director

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Director

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Director

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Director

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Director

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark 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. 26-07 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on November 12, 2026.

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 adoption 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 [__] day [_____], 2026.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 9, 2027

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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NO..... ☐

NOTICE

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404
COWLITZ AND CLARK COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
February 9, 2027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 9, 2027, a special election will be held by mail ballot 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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YES..... ☐

NO..... ☐

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County Auditor