

**Arlington Public Schools**  
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<b>Supportive Information Sheet</b>
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**Subject: RESOLUTION 08-21 TO RE-ESTABLISH THE  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAX LEVY FOR  
THE GENERAL FUND**

Action

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**Submitted by:** Deborah Borgens, Executive Director of Financial Services

**Date:** December 8, 2008

**Background Information:**

In 2008 the Arlington School District submitted an M & O Levy to the voters for collection in 2009. That amount is a legally limited amount based on WAC 392-139. However, the amount is an estimate at the time the election. In the fall each year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction calculates the levy lid for the General Fund and for the District. This year, the levy lid calculated by OSPI is lower than the amount approved by the voters. As a result, the levy amount was rolled back to the amount established by OSPI calculations at the time at the November 10, 2008 Board meeting. However, OSPI has now informed us that the Local Effort Assistance amount previously given has been reduced, thus increasing the levy lid for the district by \$20,565. The calculated levy lid for collection in 2009 is now \$9,007,667 and the voter approved amount was \$9,715,000. In order to meet the District needs, we will need to re-establish the levy amount to maximize our levy lid, but that amount will still be lower than the voter approved amount. Therefore, we need to re-certify our levy amount to be \$9,007,667.

**Administrative Consideration:**

The approval of this levy re-establishment must be done by Board resolution. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the county for use in collecting school district property taxes for 2009.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation:**

That the Board approves Resolution 08-21 to Re-Establish the Maintenance and Operations Tax Levy for the General Fund.

ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

315 N. French Ave  
Arlington, WA 98223

RESOLUTION NO. 08-21

*Resolution to Re-Establish the Maintenance and Operations  
Tax Levy For the General Fund*

**Whereas**, the Arlington School District No. 16 submitted to its voter constituents a proposal to collect a Maintenance and Operations Tax Levy for collection in calendar year 2009; and,

**Whereas**, the amount of the allowed levy is legally limited by Chapter 392-139 WAC, but when the levy amount was provided to the voters it was only an estimate, based on future numbers which were not available until later; and,

**Whereas**, after all of the numbers to determine the levy lid are available, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction calculates the official levy lids for local school district maintenance and operation tax levies; and,

**Whereas**, the District has been given information from The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction that the Local Effort Assistance has been reduced and, therefore, has increased the M & O levy lid for the District; and,

**Whereas**, the officially calculated M & O levy lid for Arlington School District No. 16 is less than the amount of the levy that the voters approved but more than the amount of the levy previously approved by the Board and sent to Snohomish County; and,

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors for the Arlington School District No. 16 have decided that the amount of this levy needs to be made equal to the officially calculated levy lid amount; thus,

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors for the Arlington School District, Snohomish County, Washington, hereby re-establishes the Maintenance and Operations Levy for the District's General Fund to be collected in the 2009 calendar year as \$9,007,667, which is the amount approved by Board of Directors rolled back by \$707,333 but more than the amount previously certified to Snohomish Count by \$20,565.

**Approved by the Board of Directors** of Arlington School District No. 16, Snohomish County, Washington, in a meeting thereof held on the eighth day of December 2008.

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Secretary to the Board