



Levies

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remaining 18 to 24 percent of a district's budget comes from voter-approved levies.

School districts use the levy proceeds to pay for a variety of programs not funded by the state, including extra teachers and staff, and extracurricular programs such as athletics and student field trips.

In what is known as the McCleary decision, the state's top court has directed lawmakers to end the use of local school levies to pay for basic education. No plan is in place, however, so districts must still rely on voter-approved levies.

The county elections office on Tuesday night counted 53,173 ballots of 199,855 mailed to voters, for a turnout rate of 26.61 percent. More ballots will arrive and be tabulated in the coming days, as this count does not include ballots dropped off at a collection locations on Tuesday, or mailed by Tuesday's deadline but not yet delivered by the post office.

Here's a district-by-district look at the first results:

Evergreen

Evergreen Public Schools voters approved a \$154.5 million three-year replacement maintenance and operations levy with a 60 percent yes vote. With almost 27,000 students, Evergreen is the largest school district in Clark County.

Estimated property tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed value will be \$3.51 in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$1,053 per year.

"All I can say is how much I appreciate the community support and how much our kids mean to the community," said Superintendent John Deeder, after the results were announced. "It's the staff, the kids and the community that do the great things that make people support our schools. We couldn't be happier. We're just excited."

Vancouver

Voters approved a \$141.9 million three-year replacement maintenance and operations levy for Vancouver Public Schools by 70.4 percent. Vancouver has almost 24,000 students.

Estimated tax rates per

Camas

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how the Camas community values education."

The bond tax rate is 48 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value, starting in 2017. A \$300,000 home would see an increase of \$144 annually.

The passing of the bond also could mean renovations, including seismic upgrades for the high school's Garfield building and restoration of the Garver Theater inside the building for community education programs and

\$1,000 of assessed property value will be \$3.04 in 2017, \$3.02 in 2018 and \$3 in 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$912 in 2017, \$906 in 2018, and \$900 in 2019.

"Oh my gosh! I am overwhelmed by that 70.4 percent approval. It's perhaps one of the highest returns in the history of the district," said Superintendent Steve Webb. "It's an affirmation of the work, the vision and real-

preschool programs.

Other Camas schools could see security upgrades, including controlled school entries, upgraded fencing, new lighting and security technology, as recommended recently by a district advisory committee. Money also could be spent on buying property for additional schools, and making repairs to roofing, flooring, heating and cooling, lighting, disability access and mechanical systems.

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ly a reflection of the community's commitment to their children and their public schools. I'm elated with the results and the returns. I feel so blessed that this community cares so deeply about their children and their public schools. I'm grateful for their ongoing support. That's from the heart."

The district's last maintenance and operations levy was approved in February

2013 by 64.9 percent of voters.

Smaller districts

Voters in Green Mountain School District approved a \$1.6 million three-year replacement maintenance and operations levy by 56.1 percent.

Estimated tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed property value will be \$3.55 in 2017, \$3.67 in 2018, and \$3.78 in 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$1,065 in 2017, \$1,101 in 2018, and \$1,134 in 2019.

Voters in the Hockinson School District approved a \$13.9 million three-year replacement levy by 53.4 percent. The proposed school program, maintenance and operations levy replaces two levies expiring this year.

Estimated tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be \$3.56 in 2017, \$3.99 in 2018, and \$3.94 in 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$1,068 in 2017, \$1,197 in 2018, and \$1,182 in 2019.

"I had a very good friend ask me today how I thought it was going to go, and I said, 'I think we'll get about 53 percent.' We got exactly that," said Superintendent

Sandra Yager. "You just hope it passes and you continue to have the support. Obviously, it's enough. I'm pretty excited tonight to continue to support the education of our kids."

La Center School District voters approved a \$8.4 million three-year replacement maintenance and operations levy by 56.5 percent.

Estimated tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed property value will be \$2.87 in 2017, \$2.93 in 2018, and \$2.99 in 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$861 in 2017, \$879 in 2018, and \$897 in 2019.

Voters in Ridgefield School District approved a \$20.1 million three-year replacement maintenance and operations levy by 63.7 percent.

Estimated tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed property value will be \$2.46 in 2017, \$2.54 in 2018, and \$2.62 in 2019. The tax on a \$300,000 home would be \$738 in 2017, \$762 in 2018 and \$786 in 2019.

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Primaries

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ner, ensuring all would press on to the next voting contest in South Carolina.

Sanders, at his own raucous rally, said his victory sent a message "that will echo from Wall Street to Washington, from Maine to California. And that is that the government of our great country belongs to all of the people and not just a handful of wealthy campaign contributors and their super PACs."

The enthusiasm behind Trump, a real estate mogul who has never held political office, and Vermont Sen. Sanders, who says he is a democratic socialist, underscores the public's anger with the current political and economic system. Even if neither candidate ultimately becomes his party's nominee, whoever wins that nomination will have to reckon with the voter frustration they've tapped into.

Clinton appeared to recognize that reality in her concession speech, echoing Sanders' calls for taking on Wall Street banks and tackling income inequality. But she cast herself as more prepared to make good on her pledges.

"People have every right to be angry. But they're also hungry, they're hungry for solutions," she said after con-



With his wife, Karen, at his side, Republican presidential candidate Gov. John Kasich, R-Ohio, cheers with supporters Tuesday in Concord, N.H., at his primary night rally.

JIM COLE/Associated Press

gratulating Sanders on his win.

New Hampshire did little to clarify the crowded contest among more mainstream GOP candidates fighting to emerge as a challenger to Trump as Texas Sen. Cruz, Florida Sen. Rubio, and former Florida Gov. Bush battled for third behind Kasich.

Throughout the heated primary campaign, Kasich has prided himself on not attacking his rivals. A more moderate Republican from a politically important state, Kasich told supporters Tuesday night that his second-place finish could be an indication that "we're turning the page on a dark part of

American politics."

The day was a blow for Rubio, who had appeared to be breaking away from the second-tier Republican pack after a stronger-than-expected showing in Iowa.

But he stumbled in Saturday's debate under intense pressure from New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who has relentlessly cast the young senator as too inexperienced and too reliant on memorized talking points to become president.

Rubio conceded that the debate may have hurt him in Tuesday's contest and pledged to supporters that his poor performance "will never happen again."

New Hampshire primaries

DEMOCRATS	
Bernie Sanders	59.8%
Hillary Clinton	38.6%
REPUBLICANS	
Ronald Trump	35.3%
John Kasich	15.8%
Ted Cruz	11.6%
Jeb Bush	11%
Marco Rubio	11%
Chris Christie	7%
Carly Fiorina	4%
Ben Carson	2%

As of 12:30 a.m. EST Wednesday. SOURCE: AP, CNN

Dying

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by not investing the resources in injury prevention that would be needed," said Rebecca Cunningham, an emergency physician and director of the Injury Research Center at the University of Michigan. She wasn't involved in the JAMA report, which was written by researchers at the U.S. government's National Center for Health Statistics and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Cunningham pointed to policies that other countries use to reduce premature traffic deaths. In most European nations, the blood alcohol limit for driving is lower than the U.S. standard of 0.08 percent. Also, infrastructure changes such as roundabouts or dividers, widely used outside the U.S., prevent head-on crashes and make collisions less lethal.

Political realities make bridging the chasm between European and U.S. gun violence unlikely. However, some American firearm deaths could be avoided by encouraging safer gun storage. "Gun ownership could stay the same in the country, but we could have gun deaths among our children go down," Cunningham said.

Even research into firearm safety has been hamstrung by a longtime congressional ban on federal grants for such studies. Cunningham points out that the National Institutes of Health didn't fund a single study on childhood gun injuries from

2005 to 2014, despite the fact that firearms are the second-leading cause of death for Americans aged 1 to 19, after car crashes.

Drug deaths, too, may be affected by looser U.S. practices, according to the JAMA report. Per capita opioid painkiller consumption in the U.S. exceeded the equivalent of 700 milligrams of morphine in 2013. The figure for the U.K. was 241 mg. In Japan, it was 26 mg.

The pattern of premature death by gun, drug and automobile is somewhat different for women. But differences among these three causes still account for 19 percent of the life expectancy gap between the U.S. and other countries measured. In American women experienced these three causes of death at the same rates as women in other countries, they would live, on average, five months longer.

The death tallies count both accidental and intentional deaths, and include the effects of both illicit and legal drugs.

The three categories explain only part of the mortality difference between the U.S. and other countries, and the authors noted that "the fundamental reasons for high U.S. injury mortality remain unclear."

Cunningham said the JAMA report highlights some of the biggest opportunities to reduce the number of Americans killed by major injuries each year. "I think the general public knows vaguely, perhaps, that we're not investing as much in injury prevention as other countries are," she said. "This really brings that home."

Mentally ill

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interim deadlines is met.

Pechman said it's necessary to give the agency a strict schedule because allowing it "to work according to a schedule of their choosing has resulted in an increase in wait times."

Carla Reyes, assistant secretary for the agency's Behavioral Health Administration, said they are pleased that they have more time to comply with the injunction. They asked for an extension so they could open a 30-bed facility at the former Maple Lane School near Rochester, Reyes said; it's scheduled to open in April.

Lawyers for the mentally ill defendants praised Pechman's Monday ruling.

Emily Cooper, a lawyer with Disability Rights Washington, said the condi-

tions their clients face have been appalling.

"People have been spending months in jail while their health gets worse and worse, and some have died," she said. "We'll be watching very closely to see that the state actually complies with the court's order."

The lawyers sued the agency in 2014, claiming that forcing the defendants to wait in jail for extended periods violated their constitutional rights. Pechman agreed, and in April, she issued a permanent injunction saying the state must cut the wait times down to seven days after a judge's order. She gave the state until Jan. 2 to comply.

Days before the deadline, the state filed a motion asking for another five months. It argued in part that inspections by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services found a list of violations and the agency had to focus its efforts on fixing

Local Angle

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In 2015, legislators approved two Western State Hospital employees to work in Clark County full time, and one of those positions has been filled.

County Prosecutor Tony Golik said that having quicker evaluations will hopefully have a positive effect on the time lag for restorations, or treatment, for those who are found to be incompetent.

those problems or risk losing millions of federal dollars.

Pechman said their excuses fell short. "While the CMS actions have hindered compliance, failures by

DSHS itself have prevented it from achieving compliance," she said in her order.

The agency failed to hire and retain staff, to take appropriate emergency actions, to establish a forensic training program, to make evaluations available on weekends, to implement a data management system, and to address a list of other problems, she said. Therefore, the court will step in and force action.

Pechman set a list of changes based on recommendations from a court monitor. By March 1, all competency evaluations must be completed within 14 days at both state hospitals. By April 1, those evaluations must be done within 10 days and competency restoration treatment must be provided within 26 days, she said.

By May 27, both evaluations and treatment must be done within a week of a judge's order, she said.

Lottery

Results for Tuesday, Feb. 9
 Washington Daily Game: 8-5-4
 Washington Keno: 5-7-21-22-23-28-30-31-38-44-39-43-52-54-57-58-63-73-77-80
 Washington Match 4: 6-8-18-20
 Mega Millions: 3-42-46-56-71, Mega Ball: 13
 Estimated jackpot: \$80 million
 Oregon Pick 4: 1 p.m., 9-3-6-5; 4 p.m., 1-7-9-5; 7 p.m., 3-7-6-3; 10 p.m., 2-5-7-8
 Oregon Lucky Lines: 1-5-11-14-17-21-26-30

Correction

Growth plan: In a staff report, Clark County Community Planning said the county may not submit its 20-year growth plan to the state on time if it pursues the latest version of Alternative 4. Continuing to move forward with that version of the plan could "jeopardize" the county's ability to meet its deadline, according to the report. It was implied otherwise in a story and headline on Page C1 on Tuesday.

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