



## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT FOR TACOMA STUDENTS IN THE **FEBRUARY 11, 2020 ELECTION**

### FACTS & INFORMATION

## **PROPOSITION 1**

### NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS & SAFETY UPGRADES

Tacoma schools are improving and closing gaps with graduation rates reaching a record high 89% and surpassing the state average. Prop. 1 will invest in what's working for Tacoma kids with needed school improvements that provide safe and challenging learning environments so all students achieve their potential, regardless of background.

#### **QUALITY SCHOOLS FOR EVERY CHILD**

Prop. 1 will renew our commitment to a quality education for every child and provide students and teachers with the best possible environments for teaching and learning. Prop. 1 will replace or renovate 8 more aging neighborhood schools across Tacoma, in addition to the 13 schools that have had major improvements since 2013 as part of the Neighborhood Schools Improvement Plan.

#### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS & SAFETY UPGRADES ACROSS THE DISTRICT**

Prop. 1 will make needed improvements and/or safety upgrades to nearly all schools across the school district, including replacement of aged and deteriorating roofs; retrofitting buildings for earthquake safety; updating fire alarm, sprinkler, and intercom systems used in emergencies; improvements on playgrounds, play-fields and athletic facilities to meet safety standards; up-to-date technology infrastructure; Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility improvements; and heating, ventilation and plumbing upgrades for clean air and safe water.

#### **BENEFITS TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY**

Prop. 1 invests in strong neighborhood schools across the district that benefit our entire community with dedicated community meeting space for PTAs and other organization and access to play-fields for youth and adult sports and youth partnerships with organizations like the YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Metro Parks, Tacoma Creates and others for recreation, summer and after-school programs.

#### **COST**

Prop 1 is a \$535 million bond measure. If Prop. 1 passes, the cost for the average Tacoma home will increase \$6.79 per month (\$81.48 annually) for schools in the district.

### **8 Neighborhood Schools in Prop. 1 would get rebuilt or replaced:**

- Bryant Montessori
- Downing Elementary
- Fawcett Elementary
- Hunt Middle School Phase II
- Lowell Elementary
- Oakland High School
- Skyline Elementary
- Whittier Elementary



## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS OR MAJOR RENOVATIONS

- 8 replacements or major renovations of aged and deteriorating neighborhood schools \*
- Lowell Elementary (1949)
- Downing Elementary (1948)
- Bryant Montessori (1960)
- Fawcett Elementary (1950)
- Skyline Elementary (1962)
- Whittier Elementary (1962)
- Hunt Middle School Phase II (1957)
- Oakland High School (1912)
- 69 years (1950): Average school age of replacement or renovation schools
- Preservation of historic portions of neighborhood schools

## SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY, AND HEALTH UPGRADES

- Basic Life Safety, 911 Emergency communications, fire alarm and sprinkler systems
- Heating, electrical, mechanical and plumbing upgrades to maintain clean air and safe water
- Controlled school entry and access, security cameras, card readers and intercom systems
- Seismic and structural upgrades for earthquake safety \*
- Improved play areas, playfields, and athletic facilities to meet safety standards

## IMPROVED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Fix or replace leaky or deteriorating roofs
- Up-to-date classrooms, technology infrastructure, and science labs \*
- Upgrade classroom technology, online digital media instruction, bulletin boards \*
- Fix or replace aging school boilers, elevators, and bathroom facilities
- Replace portable classrooms with permanent classrooms (Bryant, Downing, Oakland, Lowell)
- ADA upgrades to preserve and improve accessibility

## OTHER BASIC IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

- Exterior building repairs and improvements to prevent weather or mold damage
- Repair aged and deteriorating brick walls, facades, and masonry
- Replace worn out flooring in classrooms or common areas
- Energy management system to save energy and money
- Re-paint and update deteriorated walls in classrooms and other school areas
- Update with energy-efficient lighting and window replacements \*
- Install solar energy panels for long-term savings \*

\* Included at the 8 replacement or major renovation schools

## PRIOR OR RECENT SCHOOL REPLACEMENTS OR MAJOR RENOVATIONS

### Schools replaced or renovated from bonds and capital levies between 2001-2012

- Baker Middle School
- First Creek Middle School
- Geiger Montessori
- Gaudrone Middle School
- Gray Middle School
- Jason Lee Middle School
- Jefferson Elementary
- Lincoln High School
- Mount Tahoma High School
- Stadium High School
- Stafford Elementary

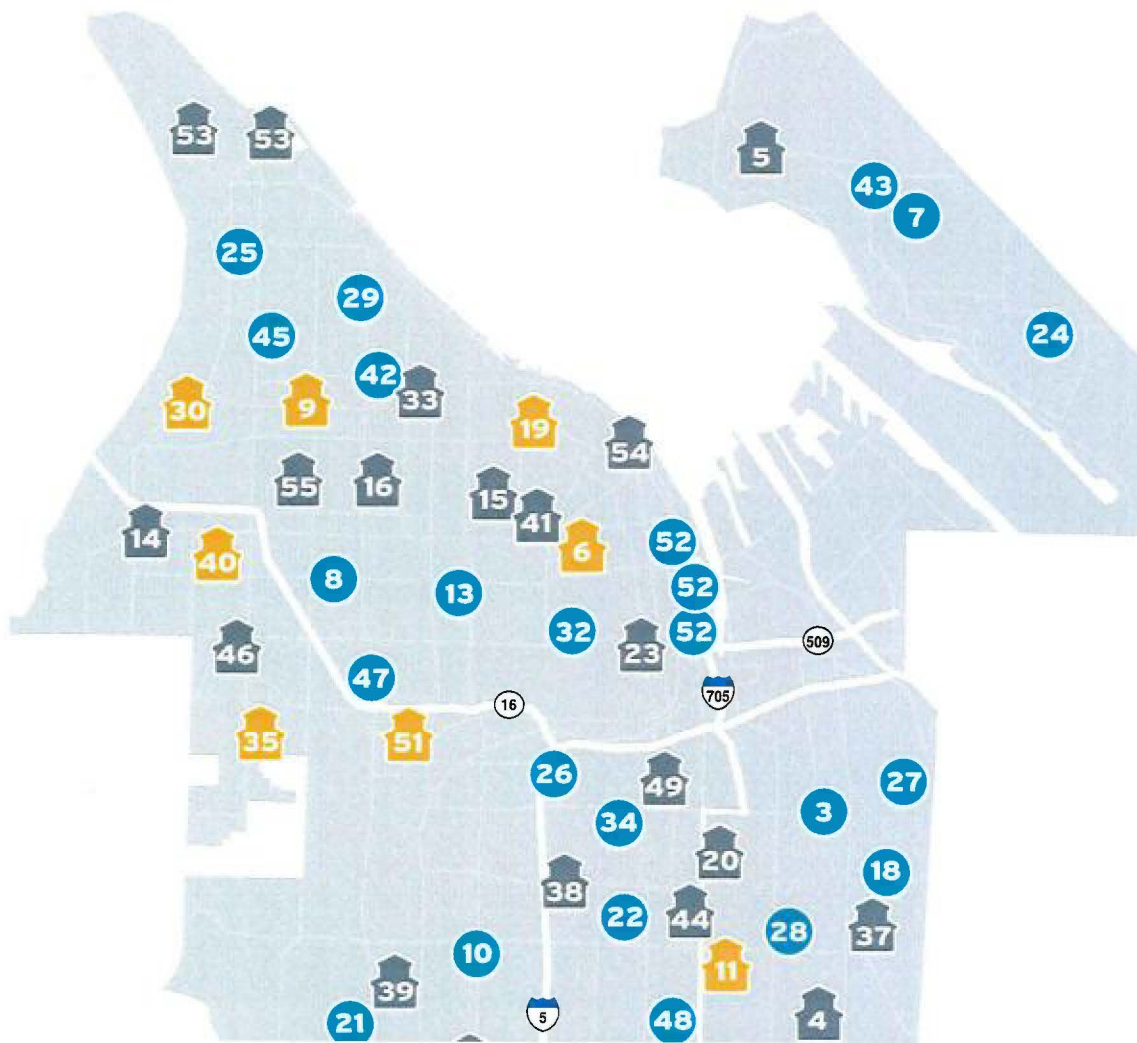
### Schools replaced or renovated from 2013 bond

- Arlington Elementary
- Birney Elementary
- Boze Elementary
- Browns Point Elementary
- Environmental Learning Center at SAMi
- Grant Center for the Expressive Arts
- Hunt Middle School - Phase 1
- Mary Lyon Elementary
- McCarver Elementary
- Stewart Middle School
- Wainwright Intermediate
- Washington Elementary
- Wilson High School Phase 2



# 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES

-  Proposed School Replacement or Major Renovation
-  District-Wide Facility Improvements
-  Prior or Recent School Replacement or Major Renovation



## PROPOSED SCHOOL REPLACEMENT OR MAJOR RENOVATION

- 8 replacements or major renovations of aged and deteriorating neighborhood schools
- Average school age of replacement or renovation: 69 years
- Preservation of historic portions of neighborhood schools



## PRIOR SCHOOL REPLACEMENT OR MAJOR RENOVATION SINCE 2001

- Schools in high-quality condition
- Recently updated or renovated
- \*Some recently replaced/renovated schools would receive other minor upgrades



## IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Fix or replace leaky or deteriorating roofs
- Up-to-date classrooms, technology infrastructure and science labs\*\*
- Upgrade classroom technology, online digital media instruction, bulletin boards\*\*
- Fix or replace aging school boilers, elevators and restroom facilities

