

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Jackson County Clerk has received a ballot title for a District measure filed February 27, 2026 for inclusion in the **May 19, 2026 Primary Election**. The following ballot title has been provided by **Ashland School District 5**.

Caption: Renewal of Local Option Operating Levy

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ANY VOTER dissatisfied with this ballot title may petition the Jackson County Circuit Court pursuant to ORS 255.155, no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026 (7 business days after filing of the ballot title with the County Clerk).

Christine D. Walker
Jackson County Clerk & Recorder

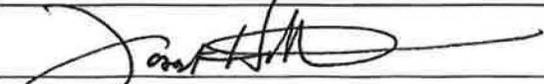
Request for Ballot Title Preparation or Publication of Notice

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No later than the **81st day before an election**, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information	
Election Date May 19, 2026	Governing Body Referring Measure Ashland School District No. 5
Referral Information	
Title, Number, or other Identifier Resolution No. 2025-26 B-3	
This Filing is For	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title (Attach referral text.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication of Notice (Ballot title below.)
Ballot Title (Additional requirements may apply)	
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure. Renewal of Local Option Operating Levy	
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. Shall the District levy a five-year local option tax of \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning July 1, 2026? This measure renews current local option taxes.	
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. The Ashland School District's mission is to inspire students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and stewards of the world. The Youth Activities and Academics Levy (YAAL), which currently provides funding for a portion of the District's educational and extracurricular programs, is scheduled to expire in June 2026. The District is submitting this measure to voters to determine whether this funding should be renewed. If approved, the levy would continue to generate revenue supporting student athletics, music programs, fine arts, and enhanced academic programs and classes across the District. The YAAL currently represents more than 10 percent of the District's annual operating revenue and supports programs and services not fully funded by the State School Fund. A rate of \$1.29 per thousand of assessed value is estimated to raise: \$5,175,193 in 2026 - 2027 \$5,330,449 in 2027 - 2028 \$5,490,362 in 2028 - 2029 \$5,655,073 in 2029 - 2030 \$5,824,725 in 2030 - 2031 These amounts are estimates only, based on information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.	
Authorized Official Not required to be notarized.	
Name Joseph Hatrick	Title Superintendent
Email Address joseph.hatrick@ashland.k12.or.us	Contact Phone 541-482-2811
By signing this document: → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county, city, or district governing body to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.	


Signature

2/26/2026
Date Signed

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ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

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Resolution No. 2025-26 B-3
Calling an Election

A resolution calling for an election on May 19, 2026, in Jackson County, for the purposes of submitting to the voters a renewal of a local option levy for five years to support academic and extra-curricular programs.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:

CAPTION: Renewal of local option operating levy

QUESTION: Shall the District levy a five-year local option tax of \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning July 1, 2026? This measure renews current local option taxes.

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Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Ashland School District No. 5, resolves as follows:

1. A measure election is hereby called for the purposes of submitting to the electors of the District the question of renewing a local option operating levy for five years at the rate of \$1.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
2. The measure election hereby called shall be held in the District on the 19th day of May, 2026. As authorized by the County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465 and 254.470.
3. The District authorizes the Superintendent (the "Authorized Representative") or his/her designee to submit the final ballot title and explanatory statement and to take such further action as is necessary to

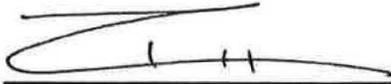
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carry out the intent and purposes herein in compliance with all applicable provisions of law.

4. The Authorized Representative shall cause to be delivered to the Election Officer of Jackson County, Oregon, a Notice of a Local Option Operating Levy (the "Notice") in substantially the form of this resolution, which shall be filed by March 19, 2026.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Ashland School District No. 5, Jackson County, Oregon, this
26th day of February 2026.

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 JACKSON
COUNTY, OREGON



Vice Chair Acting as Chair

Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Superintendent

Notice of Measure Election

District

Notice

Date of Notice 3/11/2026	Name of District Ashland School District 5	Name of County or Counties Jackson County	Date of Election 5/19/26
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Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

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Renewal of Local Option Operating Levy

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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

Name Joseph Hattrick	Title Superintendent
Mailing Address 885 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland OR, 97520	Contact Phone 541-482-2811

By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.


Signature

3/16/2026
Date Signed

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Form SEL 803 Notice of Measure Election

Explanatory Statement

The community of Ashland has supported the Ashland School District with a local option tax since 1994. The City of Ashland passed the first Youth Activities Levy (YAL) in response to the impact of Measure 5 on local school funding. The YAL was renewed four times, with the last renewal occurring in 2003. In November 2007, the Ashland School District put forward a local option levy and replaced the YAL with the Youth Activities and Academics Levy (YAAL). Ashland voters overwhelmingly approved the YAAL in 2007, 2010, 2015, and 2020. It is now time to renew the YAAL, which expires in June 2026. The proposed tax levy rate of \$1.29 remains unchanged since its inception in 2007.

The YAAL is a crucial funding source that helps maintain programs and services that are key to a well-rounded educational experience. The YAAL provides approximately 10% of the District's general fund and, in 2024-25, funded approximately 88% of athletics and fine arts, 75% of world language programs, 24% of counseling services, and 4% of classroom instruction. These programs and services play a large part in ensuring that we give our students the "Ashland Advantage." Renewing this levy will help the District continue its work to prepare every student to be a lifelong learner, responsible citizen, and steward of the world.

What happens if the renewal levy does pass? If the levy is renewed, the District will be able to maintain instructional services and support in the following areas:

- Athletics and activities;
- Fine arts programs, including theatre, band, orchestra, and choir;
- Physical education;
- Counseling and mental health support;
- World languages; and
- General classroom instruction.

What happens if the renewal levy does not pass? The expiring levy funds approximately 10% of the District's operational budget. This represents more than 20 full-time positions that could be affected, along with many coaching positions. Reductions to academic programming, student supports, and extracurricular opportunities would occur beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

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