

Levy & Bond Campaign

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How can I communicate about the levy campaign with my building principal and staff levy coordinator?

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1. The levy and bond election is classified as a political campaign.
 2. Public facilities (*this includes schools*) may not be used to support or oppose a candidate or ballot proposition. Public facilities include equipment, communications systems, buildings, supplies, employee work time and publications. (*See below regarding your PTA meetings*)
 3. You may not discuss the levy campaign with anyone on the school grounds or during regular school hours (staff contract hours). (*See below regarding PTA meetings*)
 4. You may meet with school staff during their lunch break, but you must do so off-site, so step across the road or walk down the street a bit.
 5. You may not communicate with staff about the levy using their school e-mail addresses.
 6. The PTSA Levy Coordinator should ask the principal and staff coordinator for their preferred personal contact method for use during the levy campaign.

Q. What are we allowed to do at school?

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1. It is okay to ask about levy facts. Your principal can answer these types of questions anytime.
 2. It is okay to ask your principal who the staff coordinator is. This is a simple point of information.
 3. You may introduce yourself to the staff coordinator and agree on a time and place to meet. All subsequent discussions should take place off site.
 4. You may put a “remember to vote” message on the school reader board and/or your PTA bulletin board and in your published and electronic communications, but only if this practice is customary. That means you should do this now for the November election to establish the practice.

Q. Can we discuss and promote the levy at our PTA meetings?

- A. Yes. Your PTA is not a school organization. When your PTA reserves space at the school for a meeting or activity, then your PTA controls the space and what happens during that time. The PTA’s use of school facilities is no different than use by other organizations and community groups.

Q. How do I know if a volunteer's e-mail is a business e-mail address?

A. If you are soliciting volunteers for levy calling, use the e-mail address that you have on hand. When a volunteer is identified, ask them to provide their personal e-mail address for all future levy communications.

Q. My computer has a dial-up connection. Will I be able to make calls using this new software program?

A. Unless you have a cell phone for making the phone calls, a dial-up connection will not work. The program only displays one number at a time and the answers for that call must be recorded before another name and number will appear. This enables the responses to be linked with the name and number currently displayed. Therefore it is necessary to use the phone and the computer simultaneously.

Q. Do all of the volunteers who will make calls need to attend the training on November 10th?

A. No. Only the PTA Levy Coordinator should attend the software training on November 10th. The building principal, staff levy coordinator and the PTSA levy coordinator will work together to train the calling volunteers.

Q. I am concerned about my telephone number appearing on the Caller ID of people I do not know. Will I be able to block my number from being displayed?

A. Yes. You can block your number from showing on Caller ID on any individual call, even if you do not have Caller ID Block as a standard feature on your phone service. Dial *67, wait for a confirmation beep, then the dial tone and call the number. Verizon does not charge for this feature. You can check with your carrier to verify their policy.

Please Note: The Levy Committee respectfully asks you not to block your number from Caller ID. When you do so, "Call Blocked" appears at the number you are trying to reach. Many people will not answer a call with this display. One possible alternative is to make your calls using a cell phone. While the number will probably still appear, many cell phones do not identify a name and simply show the state of origin. Check yours by calling a friend and asking how your cell phone call appears on their Caller ID.