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Subject: "May the Odds Be With Us"
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Dear Colleague:

Yesterday afternoon's ballot count gave the bond another percent in favor, increasing the Yes votes to 58.30%. While this is affirming and shows the impact of the Citizen's Committee's phone call strategy in support of schools, the results were not positive enough to bring the bond up to the 60 percent supermajority.

Here's where we are, in a nutshell:

- The elections office counted 2,864 ballots yesterday, and they came in at 63.86% positive. Statistically, they needed to be more than 71% positive.
- Last night, county staff indicated there were 1,000 ballots left to count today. Those would need to come in at 92.1% positive.
- The elections office has received more ballots via mail delivery today, which should the ballot count to about 1,700; this afternoon's count should be very, very close to final.

You will be able to see the updated results when the county posts them at this link:

<http://www.snoco.org/elections/results/ecurrent.htm>

Below is a running chart that our finance team has provided that illustrates the comparative counts from Tuesday to yesterday.

	22-Apr	23-Apr	difference
yes	9,176	11,005	1,829
no	6,837	7,872	1,035
total counted	16,013	18,877	2,864

% Yes	57.30%	58.30%	63.86%
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Uncounted	3,864	1,000
Total ballots to date	19,877	19,877

60 % passage	11,926	11,926
Added yes votes needed	2,750	921
% of remaining votes	71.17%	92.12%

Yesterday you received a link to the summary of initial results from districts across the state; you could see how all districts' bonds elections started this month. Ryan Swanson, assistant vice president at Piper Jaffray & Co., wrote us yesterday morning that "I wish I had better news to share but as of this moment none of the twelve (12) school district issues are above the 60% threshold. I

do hold out hope for a few of the districts though. Over the past few years absentee ballots have helped lift quite a few bond issues over the threshold. We have to wait until May 6th for the official certification to occur but by this time next week maybe there will be some good news to report.”

The really good news in yesterday’s Snohomish County count is that our neighbor to the north, Lakewood, has come in just over 60 percent – at 60.08%.

Thank you for all you do for kids every day, and for staying in touch with the bond election. Take care.



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