



## KENT CHAMBER OF ♦ COMMERCE

January 14, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kent Chamber of Commerce supports the Kent School District Special Levy Election that occurs on February 9, 2010. The Kent Chamber of Commerce invests in Kent's economic future through marketing, education, advocacy and networking components. We believe that investing in education is investing in our future as we train tomorrow's workforce and urge you to support the extension levy proposed by the Kent School District in the February 9<sup>th</sup> special election.

Proposition 1 will extend the school programs and operation levy. This 4-year levy extension provides 20% of the district's annual operational revenue. It bridges the gap between state funding and community expectations and pays for supplies, services and approximately one in five employees.

Proposition 2 will extend the Technology levy. This 4-year levy extension allows the Kent School District to continue paying the cost of maintaining technology tools used by our students and teachers on a daily basis. The levy allows Kent School District to maintain our technology program, including the replacement of all student and teacher computers as they become outdated. The levy funds pay for technology tools necessary to ensure our students have the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary for current and future success.

With access to quality education, our youth and tomorrow's workforce will be able to participate successfully in tomorrow's economy thus building a strong workforce for Washington and the United States of America.

The Kent Chamber of Commerce urges the citizens to cast their vote on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 in the Special Election in favor of Proposition 1 & 2.

**Best Regards,**

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