

2010 Mock Election

Voters' Guide for grades K-5

Students will vote on measures A, B and C. Many measures are about taxes. Deciding how to collect and spend public money is an important job for voters.

Tax too much, and people can't afford food, clothes, and other needs. Tax too little, and there won't be money for schools and other government services. Choose wisely!

Measure - an idea for a new law.

Tax - money paid to the government. Taxes pay for things like roads, schools and elections.

Washington has a sales tax. For example, if a movie ticket costs \$10, you will pay \$11. The extra \$1 goes to the government. The more you buy, the more taxes you pay.

A

Should candy and soda be taxed to help pay for schools?

Vote "yes" if you agree...

Taxing candy and soda will help pay for things schools need like books and desks. We don't need candy and soda, so we should pay extra when we want a special treat. If candy and soda cost more, people will buy less and be healthier.

Vote "no" if you agree...

We should get to eat what we want without paying extra. People need food to live, so food should not be taxed. If candy costs too much, local candy makers might go out of business and people could lose their jobs.

B

Should people who make more than \$200,000 a year pay more in taxes?

Vote "yes" if you agree...

The richest people should be taxed more to pay for schools, scholarships for college, and healthcare for seniors. Poor families and small businesses should keep more of their money to pay for things they need, not taxes.

Vote "no" if you agree...

If we vote "yes" for this measure now, later the law could change so people who make \$100,000 or \$10,000 a year must pay this extra tax. We should stop paying for things that aren't important, not adding new taxes.

C

Should bottled water be taxed to pay for fixing schools so they save energy?

Vote "yes" if you agree...

Old schools should be fixed so they use less energy. Saving energy will save money in the future. Fixing schools will clean up mold and toxins, making schools a healthier place to study. Lots of people will get new jobs fixing schools.

Vote "no" if you agree...

Schools already get a lot of tax money. We should keep more of our money, not pay extra for bottled water. The new jobs are temporary; people will be out of work again when they are done fixing schools.