



SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY

November 3 election

We recognize these are difficult times for our community and our nation. However, after a levy failure in February we need to again ask our community to consider approving our local levy funds, which allow us to help pay for school staff, programs, technology and student services and opportunities.

This levy is not a new tax, but replaces our current levy. Our district has already made difficult cuts this year, and we will be forced to make additional cuts to our staff, services and programs if we cannot renew this levy.

If approved by voters on November 3, the levy would fund:



School staff.
The levy funds nurses, custodians, counselors and paraeducators beyond what our state allocates.



School services and programs.
The levy funds and supports special education, advanced learning, lower class sizes and our 8-period high school schedule, which allows more elective classes.



Technology for both school and at-home learning.
The levy funds much-needed technology for our students and staff, including providing each student in grades 6-12 individual access to a school-owned computer, which can be used for both classroom and at home learning.



Student services and opportunities.
The levy allows our students to participate in athletics, music, drama, and extracurricular activities.

There is a K-12 funding gap.

K-12 education is still not fully funded by the state. In Washington, school districts need to ask voters to renew ongoing levies to fund staff, programs and academic supports for students.

Bond funding can only be used for building, while levies are used for learning.

What will the measure cost?

This is not a new tax.

This renewal levy continues critical funding at a lower tax rate than what voters are currently paying. This levy will replace the current levy that we use to fund our schools, which expires in January 2021.

If approved, the replacement school levy rate will drop.

Current rate (2020)	Proposed new rate (2021-2022)
\$2.17	\$1.50
\$868/year*	\$600/year*

*On a home assessed at \$400,000



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