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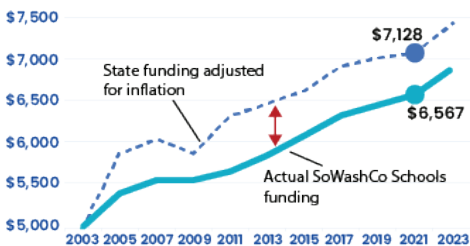
Stability and Technology for our Kids

The Challenge

Establishing financial stability

Ballot Question 1 – Operations

Combine and replace 2015 and 2017 operating levies with one operating levy to increase funds from \$1,536 to \$1,886 per student.



If state funding had kept pace with inflation, we would have received nearly \$561 more per student last school year.

If Voters Approve the Request, the estimated tax impact on the average homeowner (\$300,000 value home) would be about \$13 more per month.

- Provide stability in operations so the district can address challenges with growth in our communities
- Limit additional budget cuts to programs and staffing
- Offset required and unfunded costs for special education, English learner and related services
- On track to meet the school board policy that requires 5-9% of savings

If Voters Do Not Approve the Request

- Potential cuts to staff, academic programs, athletics and activities
- Reexamination of attendance boundaries to balance enrollment and reduce transportation costs
- Examining inefficiencies with low-enrollment schools

What is an Operating Levy?

Operating levies are voter-approved and provide funding for classrooms, instruction and other school operating costs.

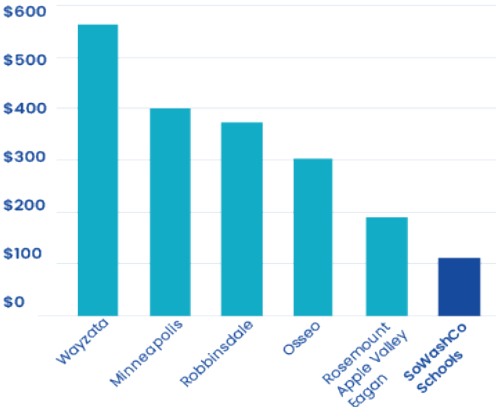


The Challenge

Enhancing technology for student learning

Ballot Question 2 - Technology

Combine the 2017 capital projects levy into a new levy for technology to increase funds from \$112 to \$270 per student. SoWashCo Schools has the lowest capital projects levy in the state.



If Voters Approve the Request, the estimated tax impact on the average homeowner (\$300,000 value home) would be about \$4 per month.

- Expand digital access to curriculum and learning tools
- Update educational and business software licensing
- Maintain the devices distributed to students and staff during the pandemic with a refresh cycle to keep devices updated
- Strengthen personalized learning through technology
- Enhance technology infrastructure (wifi, network equipment, etc.)

If Voters Do Not Approve the Request

- Device and technology costs would come from the general fund
- Technology support and device maintenance for families and staff would be limited
- Device upgrade cycles would be delayed

What is a Capital Projects Levy?

A capital projects levy provides funds for improved instructional technology, support staffing, maintenance and support for student and staff devices and enhanced technology infrastructure.



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