



Stability and Technology for Our Kids

SoWashCo Schools residents are being asked to consider a school funding increase for our 18,500 students.



Asking voters to increase school funding would help:

- Provide stability in operations to address facility and enrollment needs
- Limit additional budget cuts to programs and staffing
- Expand digital access to curriculum and learning tools
- Maintain and update the devices distributed to students and staff during the pandemic

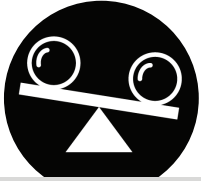
Why now?



- Our savings account is below board policy at 4.7%
- Cuts of \$9.4 million for the 2021-22 school year
- Federal, state and local funding is not keeping pace with inflation or the educational needs of our students
- Expanded dependence on educational technology for personalized learning
- Modern and reliable technology infrastructure required

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What's on the Ballot?



QUESTION 1 - STABILITY

Operating Levy

- SoWashCo Schools is asking voters to consider revoking the 2015 and 2017 operating levies to create a new levy that increases funds from \$1,536.60 to \$1,886.60 per student.
- The operating levy would generate an additional \$6.9 million per year.
- The funds would include an annual increase at the rate of inflation for 10 years.



QUESTION 2 - TECHNOLOGY

Capital Projects Levy

- SoWashCo Schools is asking voters to consider revoking the current capital project levy to create a new levy that increases funds from \$112 to \$270 per student.
- The capital projects levy would generate an additional \$3 million per year.
- The increase would be in place for 10 years.

Ballot Question	Tax Impact*
Question 1 - Operating Levy	\$13.16 more per month
Question 2 - Capital Projects Levy	\$4.16 more per month
Total Net Tax Impact	\$17.32 more per month

*If both questions are approved by voters, the estimated tax impact on the average value home of \$300,000 would be \$17 per month.

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