

EPHRATA SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS (EPO) LEVY - PROPOSITION 1

Replaces M & O Levy

&

BOND PROPOSITION 2

February 12, 2019



LEVIES ARE FOR LEARNING!

Proposition 1: EPO Levy - 2 Year



BONDS ARE FOR BUILDING!

Proposition 2: Bond - 20 Year



EPO LEVY PURPOSE

- ▶ CO-CURRICULAR
- ▶ SECURITY
- ▶ TECHNOLOGY
- ▶ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL





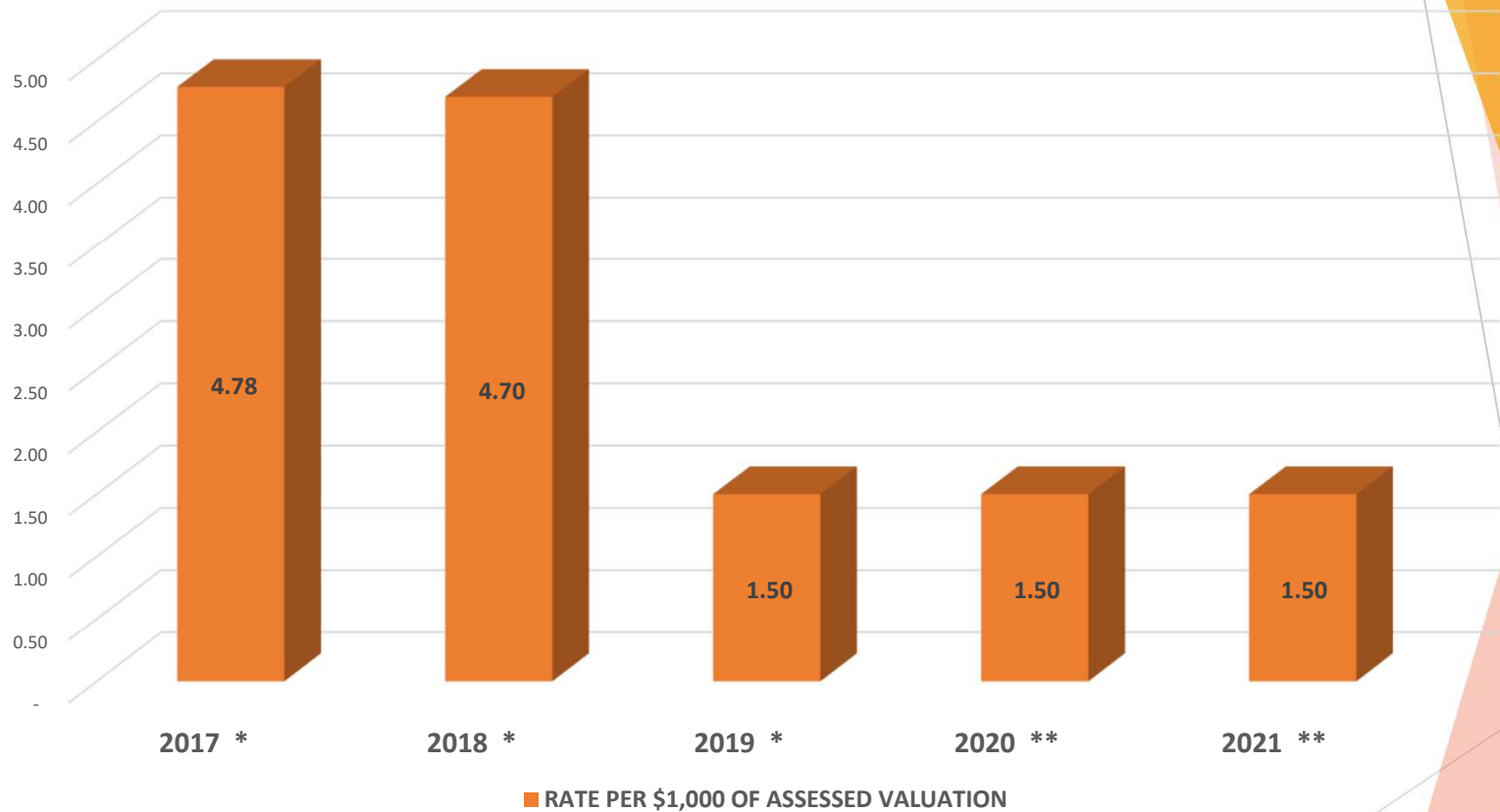
EPO LEVY RATES

Year	Amount Assessed (Calendar Year)	Rate Per \$1,000 Of Assessed Valuation	Annual Avg. Cost For \$200,000 Home
2017 *	\$ 3,859,409.00	\$ 4.78	\$ 956.00
2018 *	\$ 3,935,622.00	\$ 4.70	\$ 940.00
2019 *	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 300.00
2020 **	\$ 1,540,000.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 300.00
2021 **	\$ 1,694,000.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 300.00

*Current 4 Year M & O Levy

**New Proposed 2 Year EPO Levy - Estimated assessed property to increase 10%.

EPO LEVY TAX RATE COMPARISON



**Current 4 Year M & O Levy*

***New Proposed 2 Year EPO Levy*

Side by Side Comparison: Equitable?



Side By Side Comparison: Equitable?

<i>Ephrata School District</i>				<i>Quincy School District</i>			
Levy/ Levy Equalization Base Information				Levy/ Levy Equalization Base Information			
			<i>Current</i>				<i>Current</i>
CY2018 Estimated Assessed Value	837,305,929		<i>\$/1,000</i>	CY2018 Estimated Assessed Value	3,936,002,903		<i>\$/1,000</i>
2018-19 Levy Amount	2,549,742		4.70 / 1.50	2018-19 Levy Amount	6,998,538		2.09 / 1.50
18-19 LEA	2,540,910			18-19 LEA	-		
Total 18-19 Levy & LEA	5,090,652			Total 18-19 Levy & LEA	6,998,538		
Max Levy Calculation				Max Levy Calculation			
2020 Levy Collections \$1.50/1,000	1,540,000			2020 Levy Collections \$1.50/1,000	7,057,937		
2020 Estimated LEA	2,515,488			2020 Estimated LEA	-		
2020 TOTAL LEVY & LEA	4,055,488			2020 TOTAL LEVY & LEA	7,057,937		
			<i>% Change from Current</i>				<i>% Change from Current</i>
Increase/(Decrease) from Current Levy + LEA	(1,035,164)		-23.91%	Increase/(Decrease) from Current Levy+LEA	59,399		0.08%

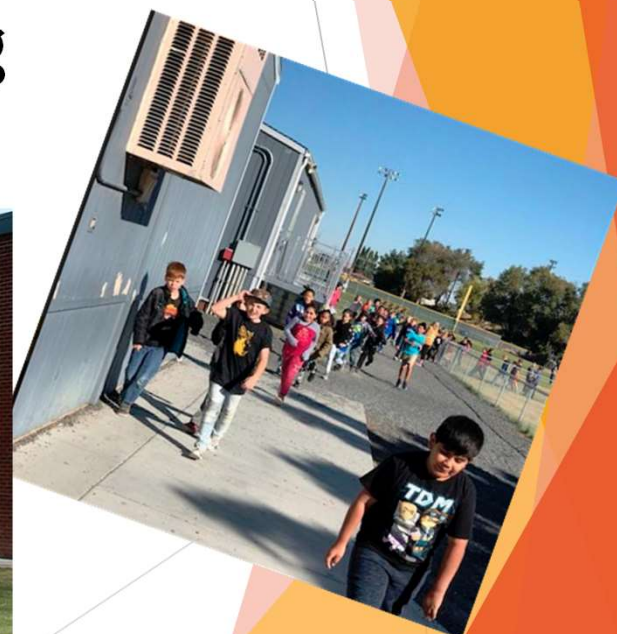
EPO QUESTIONS





Ephrata School District

Bond Proposition 2 Bonds Are For Building



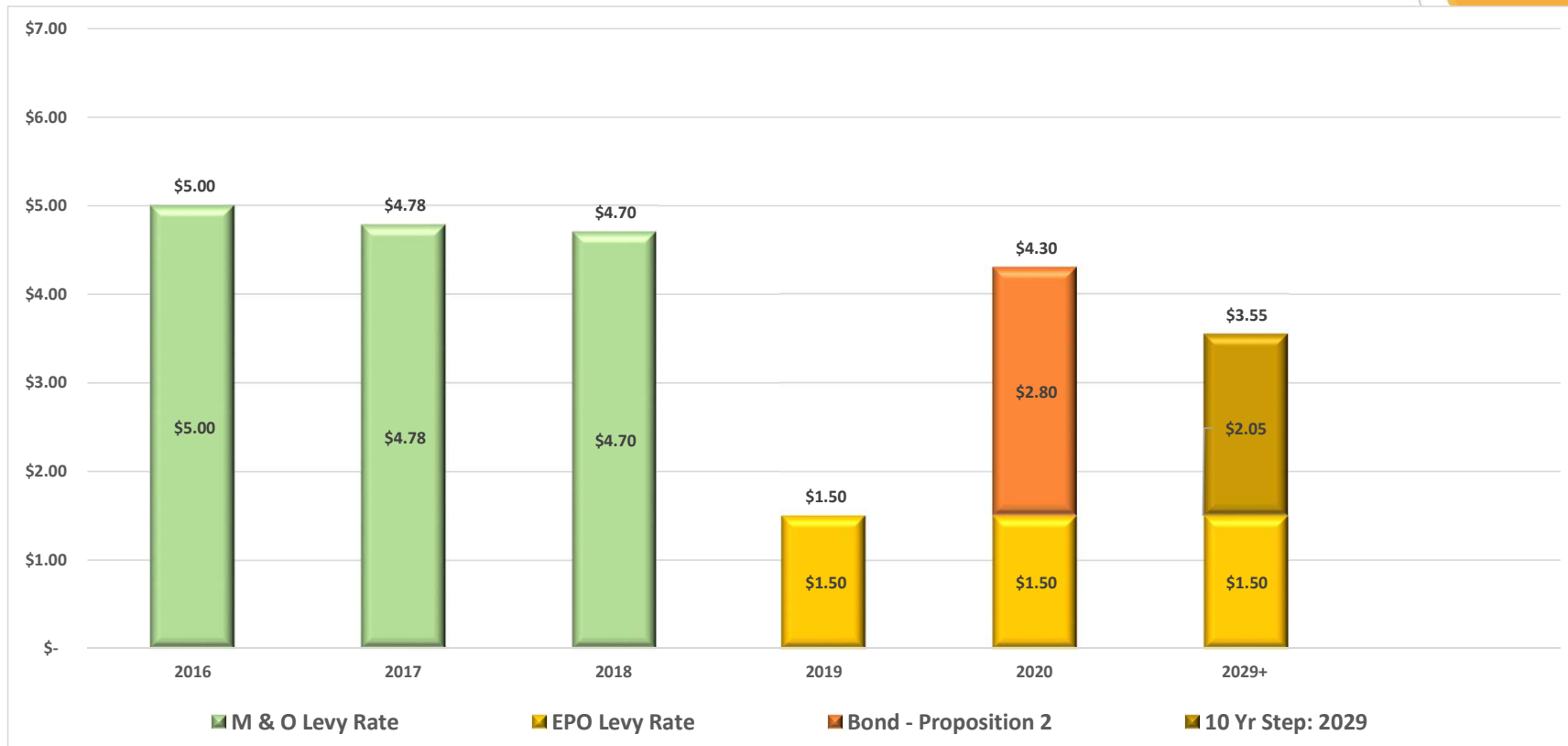
Bond Proposition 2



- The Ephrata School District, together with the Facilities Committee considered the long range needs of the District in two phases.
- Phase I consists of permanent classrooms at Columbia Ridge, district-wide safety & security improvements, replacing roofs, constructing 3 new multi-purpose gyms and renovating the PAC & remodeling the PAC gym. Phase I will be voted on by the citizens at the February 12, 2019 election.
- Phase II will be reviewed in 2028-2029 when Parkway becomes eligible for state matching funds and final plans are considered by the Ephrata School District Facilities Committee.

EPO Levy & Bond Costs Combined

\$27.893M, 20 Years w/ 10 Year Step



The bond proposition rates listed above are preliminary and may change slightly depending on when bonds are sold.

Bond Proposition 2: Projects



BOND to improve safety & security, construct classrooms, add multi-purpose gymnasiums, relocate music stages/classrooms, enlarge cafeterias, office remodel at Columbia Ridge & Grant, replace roofs, renovate Performing Arts Center (PAC) and remodel PAC gym for band and music, and address other facility needs.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Why? Student safety and security needs in the district and across the state continue to increase. The bond projects will bring K-12 safety & security up to current standards district wide.

- Improve and add lighting.
- Upgrade video coverage, add keyless entry and automatic door locks.
- Add fencing to create a safety barrier for students and staff.

NEW CLASSROOMS

Why? The school district has a large number of portables.

- Construct 8 permanent classrooms to replace portables at Columbia Ridge.
- Addresses long range planning.



Bond Proposition 2: Projects, cont'd.

NEW MULTI-PURPOSE GYMNASIUMS

Why? Current enrollment at Columbia Ridge and Grant (approx. 500 students each) is above the allowed capacity for our current multi-purpose gymnasiums. The Ephrata Middle School's current multi-purpose gymnasium also does not accommodate current enrollment (432 students).

- Build multi-purpose gymnasiums at Columbia Ridge and Grant to accommodate PE, Music, Band and Community Events.
- Build multi-purpose gymnasium at Ephrata Middle School to accommodate a weight room, PE classes, locker rooms, a standard basketball court and bleachers.
- Gymnasiums will be large enough to address current and future enrollment needs as well as co-curricular needs

NEW MUSIC STAGES / CLASSROOMS

- *Why?* Currently music classrooms / stages are located in shared spaces at Columbia Ridge, Grant and Ephrata Middle School which cause overcrowding during lunch and impact PE class availability. These classrooms / stages will be removed from the shared spaces and relocated to the new multi-purpose gymnasiums.
- Expand all music classrooms / stages to address increased enrollment.
- Locate music / classrooms stages in the new multi-purpose gymnasiums.

Bond Proposition 2: Projects, cont'd



ENLARGING CAFETERIAS

Why? The enrollment at Columbia Ridge, Grant and Ephrata Middle Schools are beyond the capacity of the eating areas in each building. Due to overcrowding some students are required to eat in classrooms or outside.

- Remove stages from Columbia Ridge and Grant cafeterias.
- Enlarge and reconfigure cafeterias after relocating the music programs to the new gymnasiums.

OFFICE REMODEL

Why? Current office space at Columbia Ridge and Grant do not allow for visual line of sight for entry into the buildings, impacting safety and security.

- Remodel office space at Columbia Ridge and Grant to allow staff to have a direct line of sight to the front door and the ability to control entry into the buildings.
- Increase office space to address staffing needs.

Bond Proposition 2: Projects, cont'd.



ROOFS

Why? Roofs at Columbia Ridge, Grant, Ephrata Middle School & Ephrata High School have been patched and resealed over recent years. It is no longer cost effective to continue this practice.

- Replace roofs with a 15 year roofing product to protect our schools' assets.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (PAC) & PAC GYM

Why? The existing performing areas for the band, choir and drama departments are inadequate for current and future enrollment.

- Renovate existing PAC by: increasing ceiling height, replacing stage & rigging, upgrading to theater seating, relocating doors and walkways, adding new entry doorway, upgrading sound and lighting along with control panels.
- Remodel PAC gym area used for band & choir performances to include upgraded sound and lighting along with control panels, and adding new seating and acoustical treatments while maintaining the ability to house all current PE and athletic events.

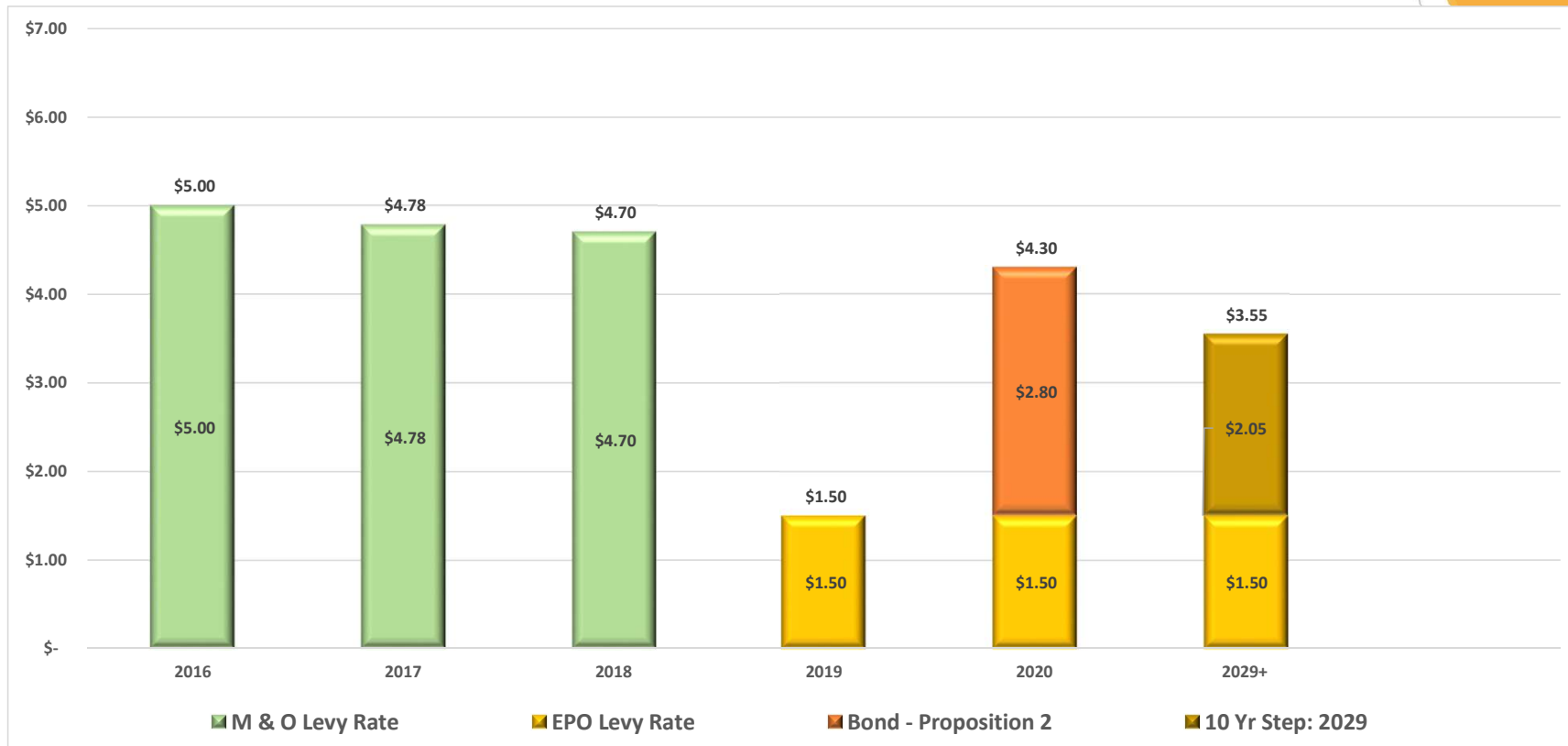
Bond Proposition 2: Cost



▶ Total estimated cost of project	\$35,630,686
▶ Less estimated State Match	(\$ 7,737,686)
▶ Estimated Total Cost to Taxpayer	\$27,893,000

EPO Levy & Bond Costs Combined

\$27.893M, 20 Years w/ 10 Year Step



The bond proposition rates listed above are preliminary and may change slightly depending on when bonds are sold.



Staff Do's & Don'ts

- ▶ Any election advocacy must be done on your own time and without District resources.
- ▶ You can not use your Work Hours, District Computers, Printers, Email Accounts or Telephones or other District Facilities.
- ▶ Communicating with Co-workers: You may inform coworkers and other staff during non-work hours of opportunities to participate in campaign activities, but you may never pressure or coerce participation.
- ▶ Vehicles: You may place window signs and bumper stickers on your privately-owned vehicle, even when parked on school property during working hours.
- ▶ Student Projects: Students may originate school projects for credit that promote or oppose candidates or ballot measures. But those projects may not use District resources that are not regularly and routinely made available for other student projects. And you may not use those or any other student projects to influence an election's outcome.

Staff Do's & Don'ts, cont'd.



- ▶ Work Hours: You may not engage in campaigning during work hours or with public resources, including gathering signatures, distributing campaign materials, arranging speaking engagements, coordinating phone banks and fundraising.
- ▶ Non-Work Hours: You may fully participate in campaign activities, including meeting with citizens' campaign committees (both for or against) to plan strategies, during non-work hours and without the use of public resources. You may, during non-work hours, make available campaign materials to co-workers in lunchrooms and break rooms, which are used only by staff or other authorized individuals.
- ▶ District Publications: The District may develop and distribute one districtwide objective and fair presentation of the facts regarding the District's needs and the anticipated impact of the a ballot proposition. The District may also distribute this information in its customary manner, message/reader boards, administrator presentations to community groups.

QUESTIONS



