

VOTE BY FEB. 8



Replacement

Educational
Programs
& Operations
Levy

Technology
Levy

Learn Your

Levy Facts

Kennewick School District will ask voters to consider renewing two replacement levies on Feb 8 – an Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy and a Technology Levy. The current levies, which voters approved in 2018, expire in 2022.

The replacement levies will provide funding for schools through 2026.
These are not new taxes.



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What does the replacement Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy fund?

The replacement Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy ensures that Kennewick School District can continue high-quality educational programs. The EP&O Levy supports:



Health & Safety

- Middle & High School Resource Officers
- Security Officers
- Nurses
- Counselors



Instructional Support

- Secretaries
- Paraeducators
- Curriculum



Student Learning & Staffing

- Graduation Success Coordinators
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Librarians
- Professional Development Training
- Substitute Teachers
- Special Education Support



Operations & Maintenance

- Custodians
- Grounds & Maintenance Workers
- Building Maintenance
- Equipment & Supplies
- Vehicles & Maintenance



Athletics & Activities

- Extracurricular Activities & Athletics
- Coaches
- Advisors
- Transportation



What does the Technology Levy fund?

The replacement Technology Levy ensures that Kennewick School District can continue providing student and staff access to computer devices, software, support and training. The Technology Levy supports:



Technology

- Staff & Student Computers
- Instructional Technology Software
- Technology Support Staff
- Technology Training

Passing our local Educational Programs & Operations Levy makes us eligible to **receive more than \$14.5 million** in levy equalization funding from the state.

Local levies support programs and staffing not funded by the state.

The Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy and state Local Effort Assistance (LEA), also known as levy equalization funding, provide more than 11% of the school district's budget for educational programs and staffing. The levies bridge the gap in funding from the state.



EP&O and Technology Levy Tax Rate Scenario



For property with an assessed value of \$400,000

	Current Est. Levy Tax for 2022	Average 4-Year Est. Replacement Levy Tax 2023-2026
Annually	\$808	\$944
Monthly	\$67.33	\$78.67
	\$2.02 combined Levy Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Home Value	\$2.36 combined Levy Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Home Value



Rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value

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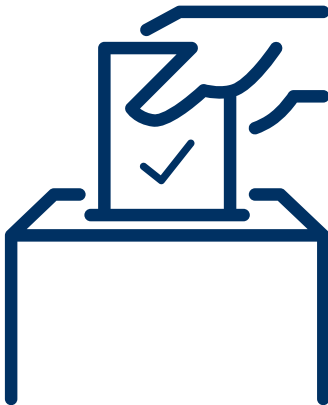
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210 W. 6th Ave. or
7122 W. Okanogan Place

Why does Kennewick School District need levies?

There is a gap between what the state funds and what our students need, including funding for school resource officers, nurses, counselors, special education, transportation, technology and other critical program needs.

What percentage of “yes” votes are needed for approval of the levy?

Levies require a 50 percent simple majority to pass.

How are tax amounts determined for property owners?

Each property owner pays a different amount of taxes because the assessed value for each property is different. Kennewick School District can only collect the total levy amount approved by voters—no matter how much assessed values increase. If property value increases within the Kennewick School District boundaries, the estimated tax rate decreases.

Are tax exemptions available?

Yes, if you meet certain criteria. Call the Benton County Auditor at (509) 786-5620 for more information.

Where can I learn more?

More information is available at ksd.org/2022levies

Esta información está disponible en español en ksd.org/2022levies