

# Longview

Election April 2022

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2022 REPLACEMENT LEVY



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHAT IS THE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY?

A levy is a short-term, local property tax passed by the voters of a school district that generates revenue to fund things the state does not fund or fully fund.

#### IS THE 2022 MEASURE SIMILAR TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY PASSED BY VOTERS IN 2018?

Yes, voters passed a four-year capital and technology levy in 2018 with 61 percent of the vote, which is now expiring. The 2022 "replacement levy" will replace the expiring 2018 measure.

#### DIDN'T SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVE EMERGENCY PANDEMIC FUNDING? IF SO, WHY DOES THE DISTRICT NEED A REPLACEMENT LEVY?

The emergency funds are one-time funds to cover expenses associated with the pandemic. There are tight restrictions on how these funds can be spent. The emergency funds can be used for specific expenses due to the pandemic and cannot be used for things like fixing leaking roofs, repairing faulty electrical systems or upgrading athletic facilities.

#### WHY ARE LEVIES IMPORTANT AND WHAT WILL OUR LOCAL REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY PAY FOR?

The levy is not a new tax or a tax increase. It simply renews an expiring tax that provides local funding for critical facility and technology needs not covered by state and federal funding.

## HOW WILL THIS TAX IMPACT SENIOR CITIZENS?

Low-income seniors and people with disabilities may qualify for a tax exemption. To apply for this exemption, call the Cowlitz County Assessor's Office at 360-577-3010 or go to [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/1172/Senior-Disabled-Persons-Tax-Exemption](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/1172/Senior-Disabled-Persons-Tax-Exemption) for more information.

## IS THE DISTRICT ASKING FOR MORE TAXPAYER MONEY?

The levy is not a new tax or a tax increase. If approved, locally voted school district tax collections will decrease slightly versus the taxes levied in 2021 or 2022.

## IF PASSED, WILL THE REPLACEMENT LEVY BENEFIT ALL SCHOOLS?

Yes, planned levy expenditures will benefit every school in the district.

## IF PASSED, HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

Levy dollars will be spent in five key areas:

1. Improving classroom environments
2. Extending the useful life of district buildings and facilities
3. Improving district-wide safety and security
4. Upgrading and replacing student and classroom technology
5. Repairing and upgrading district sports facilities

## CAN REPLACEMENT LEVY DOLLARS BE USED FOR THINGS OTHER THAN CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY?

No. Capital and technology levy dollars can only be used for facilities and technology related projects.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THE REPLACEMENT LEVY FAILS?

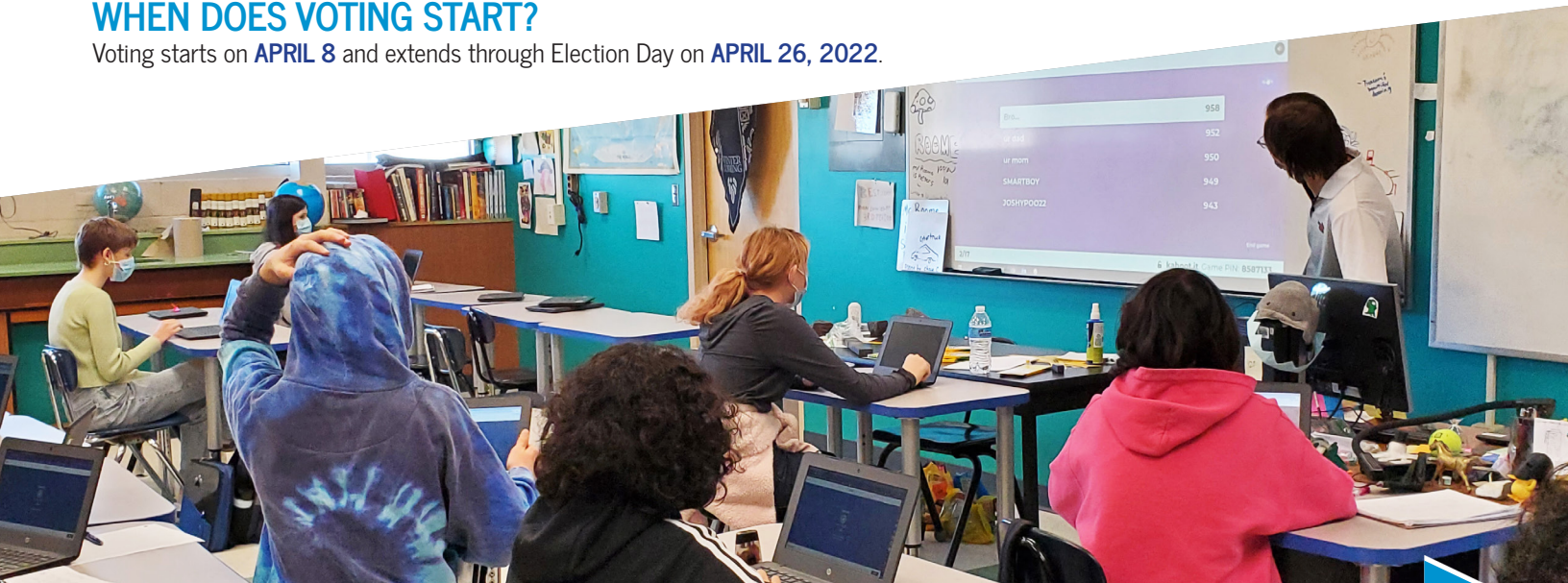
The school district will have difficulty maintaining facilities at their current levels and school technology is likely to become outdated.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For more replacement levy information please visit [WWW.LONGVIEWSCHOOLS.COM/LEVY2022](http://WWW.LONGVIEWSCHOOLS.COM/LEVY2022)

## WHEN DOES VOTING START?

Voting starts on **APRIL 8** and extends through Election Day on **APRIL 26, 2022**.



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