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Naslund's Notes



TWO WEEKS TO FINISH STRONG!

As we hear of Districts across the state and here locally begin to come back to school, we have been in-person for 17 weeks with two to go. I've mentioned that we are the largest high school in the state with face-to-face instruction as an option and that alone is celebration worthy, but we have quite a few more updates to share:

- **Art!** Northwood Middle School announced the winners of their annual Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Art Contest. Our Panthers didn't disappoint. Check it out [HERE](#).
- **Athletics:** Our student-athletes have been prepping for their upcoming seasons with after-school conditioning. They have LOVED getting after it at [Union Stadium](#). Get more details on upcoming workouts on our [website](#).
- **Debate:** Our Mead Debaters recently took the overall 1st place sweepstakes at the Southside Invitational hosted by Ferris HS. Don't argue with them. Trust me.
- **Performing Arts?** Yep. Our District COVID Committee has been working with our performing arts directors to get our kids playing their instruments at school. They've done a fantastic job with virtual collaborations but are ready to perform together. We will keep you posted and can't wait for those sweet sounds to fill our building.
- **Poetry Out Loud!** [Jonah Rieder](#) kept the strong poetry recitation tradition alive even amidst a pandemic by winning our annual Poetry Out Loud competition. He will move on to the next level representing our Panther poets. All who participated are crazy brave!

As a reminder, we don't have a traditional finals week block schedule; however, we will be working through final projects and tests during the week of February 8 - 12. February 12 is a regularly scheduled half day (bells [HERE](#)) where students can access their teachers via Zoom during their assigned period to tie up loose ends.

We begin a new semester on February 16 with our B Group. [HERE's](#) our 2nd Semester A / B schedule for your planning purposes. As a reminder, Zoom is made available for COVID related absences only, so please communicate with teachers if students will be gone for any other reason and they will work through it much like we would in the past--with the best way to keep up with the material in an asynchronous fashion (usually via Google Classroom and email).

Thank you for encouraging your Panther to finish the semester strong!

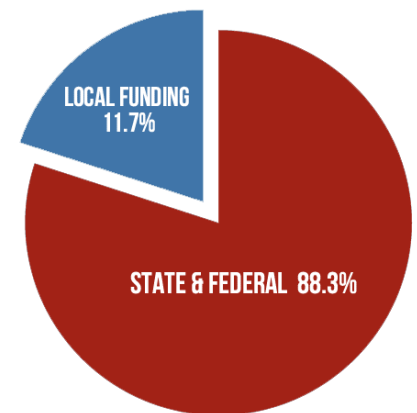
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Jeff Naslund
Proud Panther Principal

PS. Want to get involved at Mead? There are lots of opportunities both in-person & behind the scenes especially as we open up for more activities. Get more info [HERE](#) or contact our main office (465-7000) to get in touch. Specifically, our Athletics Booster Club has several parents aging out (their kids are graduating), so they would love to hand off the baton. Contact John Barrington (john.barrington@mead354.org) for Booster Club information and details.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 RENEWAL LEVY

FEBRUARY 9, 2021



MEAD HIGH SCHOOL SPOKANE, WA



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21-22 REGISTRATION

Believe it or not, it's time to begin the registration process for next school year. We are working through our Panther Focus Course Guide with our counselors to prepare for scheduling & registration.

Our current 8th graders at Northwood and Highland will be registering in Mid-March and will be invited to attend the Incoming Frosh Student and Parent Night on March 18. More details to follow.

Thank you for having conversations with your Panther about current coursework and also their post-high school plans.



21-22

Mead High School
Panther Focus Course Guide



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PANTHER TERRITORY?

February 9.....	Deadline for in-person voter registration or updates
February 9.....	Election Day*
*Note: Ballots must be postmarked / returned to a ballot dropbox by 8pm	
February 12.....	Last Day of 1st Semester / Half Day
February 15.....	No School: President's Day
February 16.....	First Day of 2nd Semester
March 15 & 16.....	Northwood 8th Grader Registration
March 17 & 18.....	Highland 8th Grader Registration
March 18.....	Incoming Frosh Student & Parent Night



AP PAYMENT PROCESS FOR 2021

- Exam cost is \$95. Mead High School Business Office will start accepting payment February 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Payment must be made in order to test. A payment plan can be arranged with the Business Office.
- Unused/canceled exam fees will be waived for the 2020-2021 school year ONLY. Refunds will be issued by the Mead District Office, fall of 2021.
- It is possible to request an exam after the final deadline (November 13th), but an additional late order fee of \$40 per exam may apply.

REPLACEMENT LEVY INFORMATION

As many of you know, the Mead School District is asking our community to consider a renewal Educational Programs and Operations Levy in the Feb. 9 Special Election. Ballots have been delivered to all registered voters. We've linked a [fact sheet here](#) for information, but we know you may have questions about the levy or would like more information. To make sure we provide you with all of the factual information about the levy check out www.mead354.org/levy.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021 RENEWAL LEVY
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Thank you for sharing information with folks or asking us if you have any questions.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 RENEWAL LEVY FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Mead School District is asking its community to consider a three-year renewal levy for educational programs and operations on the Special Election ballot on February 9, 2021. This renewal levy is not a new tax, it replaces a three-year levy that will expire in 2021.

The renewal levy supports the Mead School District's commitment to learning and teaching, focuses on equity and access for all students and ensures ongoing funding for essential services that meet needs of students and teachers.

WHAT DOES THIS RENEWAL LEVY FUND?

ACADEMICS

- Elective Course Offerings
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Elementary Specialists
- Staff for Small Class Sizes

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Band, Choir, Orchestra
- Athletics in MS and HS
- Debate and Drama
- Student Clubs

FUTURE READINESS

- Work-Based Learning
- Career-Track Opportunities
- STEM Courses
- Technology

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Nurses & Para Ed Support
- Counselors & Social Workers
- English Language Learning
- Student Intervention Support

**VISIT MEAD354.ORG/LEVY
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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IS THIS A NEW TAX?

No. It is a proposed three-year renewal of the current levy that expires in 2021.

WHAT ARE LEVIES FOR?

Levies provide local funding that bridges the gap between what the state and federal governments pay and the actual costs of operating our schools. Levies make up about 11.7% of the district's total operating revenue.

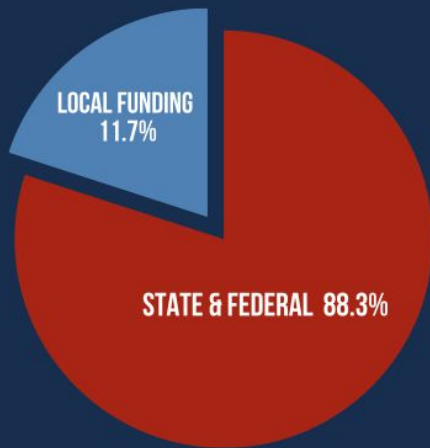
School levies also activate equalization dollars from the state called Local Effort Assistance (LEA). When a levy is passed, the state provides matching dollars to enhance student access to educational enrichments.

The Mead School District has been supported by a levy for the past 40 years.

LEVY BREAKDOWN

11.7 percent of the Mead School District's budget comes from local funding, while the other 88.3 percent comes from a combination of federal and state funding.

With state revenues down, state funding cuts are anticipated. Locally-approved funding would help fill the gap between what the state funds and what our students and teachers need to maintain success.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Jan. 22 - Ballots mailed out

Feb. 1 - Online or mail registrations must be received 8 days before elections

Feb. 9 - Deadline for in-person voter registration or updates

Feb. 9 - Election day: ballots must be postmarked by today or returned to a ballot drop box by 8 p.m.



Throughout the past year, the Mead School District conducted a combination of surveys, focus groups and community engagement meetings with staff and community members. The feedback gained has directly informed the District's strategic plan and top priorities for continuing to develop a well-rounded education. Levy resources can help fund our community-driven strategic priorities such as:

- Support for our at-risk students
- Access to mental health support for our students
- Increased emphasis on building a talent pool for local industry and beyond through partnerships
- Choice programs at the elementary level

WHAT WOULD THIS RENEWAL LEVY COST TAXPAYERS?

If approved by voters on Feb. 9, the estimated levy tax rate for Mead School District would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is lower than 2018 and prior years.

For a \$300,000 home, that equals \$600/year or \$50/month.

RECENT SCHOOL TAX RATE HISTORY

YEAR	LEVY RATE	BOND RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
2017	\$4.01	\$1.27	\$5.28
2018	\$3.68	\$1.19	\$4.87*
2019	\$1.50	1.93	\$3.43
2020	\$1.47	\$1.86	\$3.33
2021	\$1.47	\$1.86	\$3.33
2022-24	\$2.00	\$1.86	\$3.86**

*Before the Washington State "McCleary Decision" that capped school levies

** Includes this proposed Renewal Levy's estimated future tax rate

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