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CAPITAL LEVY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Strong Schools. Strong Community.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are capital levies and why do we need them?

A Capital Projects Levy is a short-term, voter-approved measure that provides funding for the modernization and replacement of school buildings. School districts rely on voter-approved funding measures to cover costs not funded by the State. The State Legislature's formula for capital funding falls below the current levels needed for our school district. To make up the difference, the State requires districts to rely on local school levies. This Capital Projects Levy helps the district begin to address facilities projects in phased steps. A Capital Projects Levy has no interest payments, and money is received as the county collects it. The Port Angeles School District, like all the other school districts in the State, requires levies to maintain safe places for learning to occur.

What is the difference between a levy and a bond?

Levy money from tax dollars cover essential maintenance and building costs not covered by the state. Bonds are a common way for districts to borrow money for major construction projects. The school district gets cash in the short term and agrees to pay the investor back over a fixed period of time.

If my home's assessed value goes up, does the district collect more money?

No. Voters approved a fixed collection amount that will not increase regardless of your assessed value. If property values go up, the school district does not collect more revenue as property values increase. The levy is for a fixed dollar amount.

What to expect...

Each spring, we will provide an update on progress.

- 2021** Design, bid, and build of multi-purpose grass athletic Monroe Fields.
- 2022** Design Stevens Middle School for expansion and remodel.
- 2028** Completion of Stevens Middle School.

*Thank you for your support
and commitment to our schools!*
Learn more at:
portangelesschools.org/capital_levy



*In 2020, the people of
Port Angeles said yes to
investing in our schools!*

*Look inside to learn more
about how your tax dollars are
hard at work making our schools safe.*

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN...

...OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY!

LEVY PROJECT UPDATES

As soon as the Levy passed, we got to work! Phase 1 of the district's 30-year facilities plan is underway.

PHASE 1



Safety and Security Improvements

Safety and security improvements are now complete at all five elementary schools. All schools have a single point of controlled entry and secured entrances. These safety vestibules are essential to keeping students and staff safe.



Delivered on proposed tax rate.

The proposed levy rate to voters was \$4.12. We are proud to announce that we delivered on our promise to keep rates low and the actual levy rate is 9 cents less than you approved!

Thank you for making our students and schools a priority in our community!



Next up, Monroe Field!

We are currently reviewing proposals from design consultant firms with experience and expertise in creating natural grass athletic fields. The project includes a design that provides a multi-purpose athletic field next to Roosevelt Elementary on Monroe road.



Timeline for completion: Fall 2022.

On the Horizon...

Stevens Middle School construction will start by adding 37,000 square feet. This expansion will allow us to move the 6th graders to the middle school and out of the elementary schools. Construction will finish with a total modernization of the existing school. The design process for the expansion project will start in 2022.

Timeline for completion: Summer 2028.

This expansion will allow us to:

- Re-establish the standard 6th-8th grade middle school system
- Add 18 new classrooms
- Increase capacity to 930 students
- Create a new music room
- Expand PE and cafeteria space
- Add new restrooms
- Build new athletic fields!

