

### About Kennewick School District (As of October 2022)



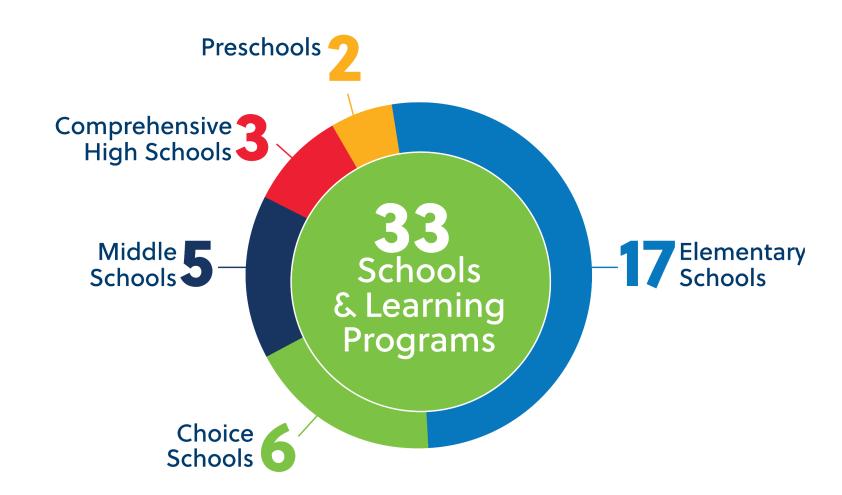
19,005\* Students \* As of October, 2022



**Classified Staff** 



**Certified Staff** 



**Our Vision** 

All KSD Students are Known Well, Safe and Destined to Reach their Highest Potential



**Our Mission** 

To provide a safe environment in which all students reach their highest potential and graduate well prepared for success in post-secondary education, work and life.

### LEARNER PROFILE





# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONAL LEVY

Election - February 14, 2023







READY FOR THEIR FUTURE

Levies fund people, programs, and partnerships that help us achieve our goals for our students.



ENGAGED LEARNERS



SAFE, KNOWN AND VALUED



## WHY DO WE NEED LEVIES?



The state doesn't fully fund school district staffing, operations and programs.

Legislative Building dome with the cherry trees in bloom, 1998, General Subjects Photograph Collection, 1845-2005, Washington State Archives, Digital Archives The state expects school districts to secure local levy funding to help fund schools.

When KSD passes levies, we receive additional state levy equalization funding called Local Effort Assistance (LEA).













## **OUR HISTORY**

The Kennewick community has a long history of supporting schools by passing bonds and levies.

2019: Bond passed

2022: Technology Levy passed



## 2022 EP&O LEVY

February 2022: Levy failed at 49.01%

April 2022: Levy failed again at 48.97%

- \$34 million loss in revenue for 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
- Includes both the loss of the levy funding and the loss of additional state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding.





## IMPACT TO BUDGET

- Made \$5.0 million in staff and non-staff related budget reductions and savings for the 2022-23 school year
- Using one-time funds to avoid deeper cuts
   \$10.0 Million Federal ESSER/COVID Relief
   \$15.0 Million District Fund Balance





## IMPACT TO STUDENTS

\$3.0 Million in Staff-Related Budget Reductions

- Administration, Maintenance & Operations, Custodial, Teaching, Curriculum and Secretarial Positions
- Professional Development

\$2.0 Million In Non-Staff Budget Reductions

- Curriculum Adoption
- Maintenance/Fleet/Grounds
- Building Budgets



#### 2023 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS LEVY

Unanimously supported and approved by the Board

Fiscally responsible in the short and long term

Maintains programs and staffing, avoids undesired budget cuts, and aligns with our strategic goals

Ensures the district continues to implement system efficiencies

Allows the district to make strategic investments and systemic improvements

Supported by a majority of voters

## WHY DO WE NED LEVIES?



Safer schools



**Engaged, future** ready learners



Supports for students and staff



Well-maintained facilities and services



Opportunities for students





## SAFER SCHOOLS

- Middle & High School Resource Officers (SROs)
- NEW: Add 3 Additional Middle School SROs
- **NEW:** Add Elementary Safety Officers
- Security Staff
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention
- Crosswalk Safety

\$5.2 Million





## ENGAGED, FUTURE READY LEARNERS

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

\$14.7 Million





## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Secretaries
- Paraeducators
- Classified Substitutes
- Curriculum

\$9.9 Million





## WELL-MAINTAINED FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Custodians
- Grounds & Maintenance Workers
- Transportation

\$4.5 Million





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- Extracurricular Activities and Athletics
- Coaches
- Advisors

\$3.9 Million



## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

- 3-Year Levy
- Declining Tax Rate

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1

KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Kennewick School District No. 17 adopted Resolution No. 1, 2022-2023, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$1.73	\$23,000,000
2025	\$1.68	\$23,850,000
2026	\$1.63	\$24,700,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 1, 2022-2023. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES □

LEVY . . . NO □











## WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

2024

2025

2026

\$23,000,000

\$23,850,000

\$24,700,000

\$1.73\*

\$1.68\*

\$1.63\*

\*Est. Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value



### EST. TAX SCENARIOS



### HISTORICAL AND FUTURE LEVY TAX RATE



\*Est. Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value

## TOTAL SCHOOL TAX RATE

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
KSD Educational Programs & Operations Levy	\$3.41	\$3.37	\$1.50	\$1.58	\$1.66	\$1.67		\$1.73 est.	\$1.68 est.	\$1.63 est.
KSD Capital Technology levy			\$0.47	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$0.37	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$0.34
WA State Basic Education Levies	\$2.15	\$3.17	\$2.74	\$3.07	\$2.68	\$2.63	\$2.57	\$2.52	\$2.47	\$2.42
KSD Capital Projects Bond	\$1.61	\$1.62	\$1.52	\$1.67	\$1.63	\$1.60	\$1.39	\$1.39	\$1.36	\$1.36
Total	\$7.17	\$8.16	\$6.23	\$6.75	\$6.37	\$6.27	\$4.30	\$5.98	\$5.85	\$5.75

## WITHOUT A LEVY

- Our community loses \$15 million a year in state Levy Equalization (LEA) Funding for schools.
- Our schools lose the opportunity to be safer.
- The district will need to make significant budget cuts that will impact people, programs, and partnerships.
- We lose staff, and our students lose support and opportunities.





## WITHALEVY

- We have safer schools.
- We maintain staff.
- We keep supports and opportunities for students.
- We receive \$15 million in additional state funding each year.



## PLEASE VOTE

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