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Financial Update

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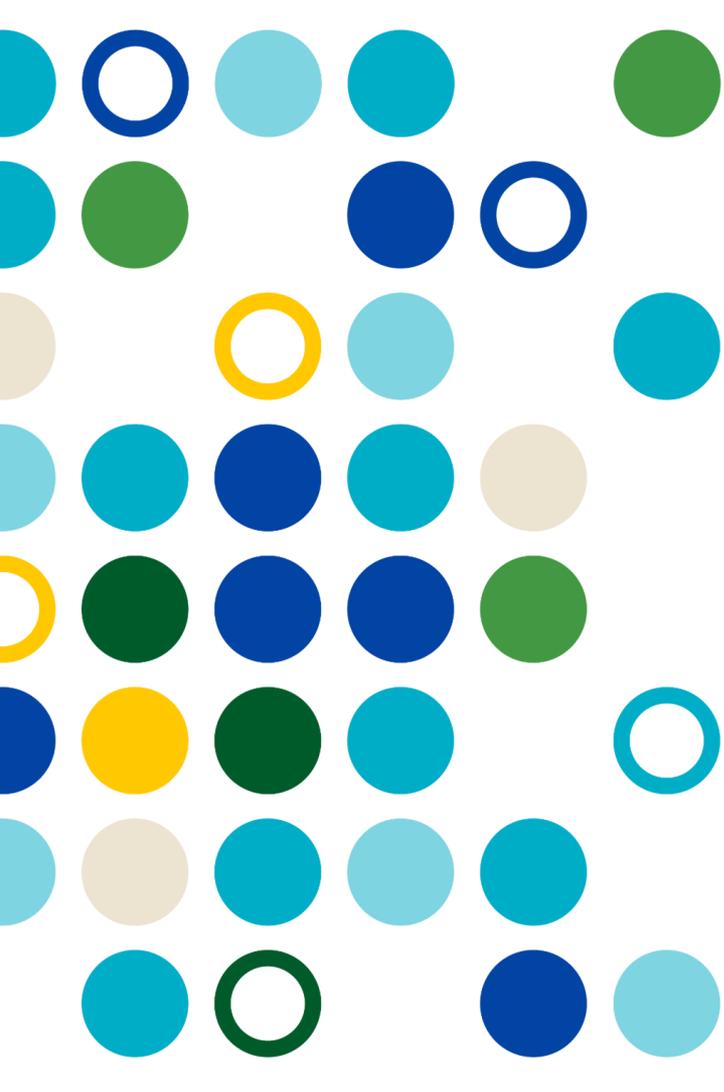




Capital Projects Levy

- A capital projects levy may be used for various capital projects
- SoWashCo schools utilizes a capital projects levy for technology purchases.
- The district's use of the current capital projects levy is restricted to technology costs.
- Because a tax rate is approved, the current levy produces \$2.8 million annually.





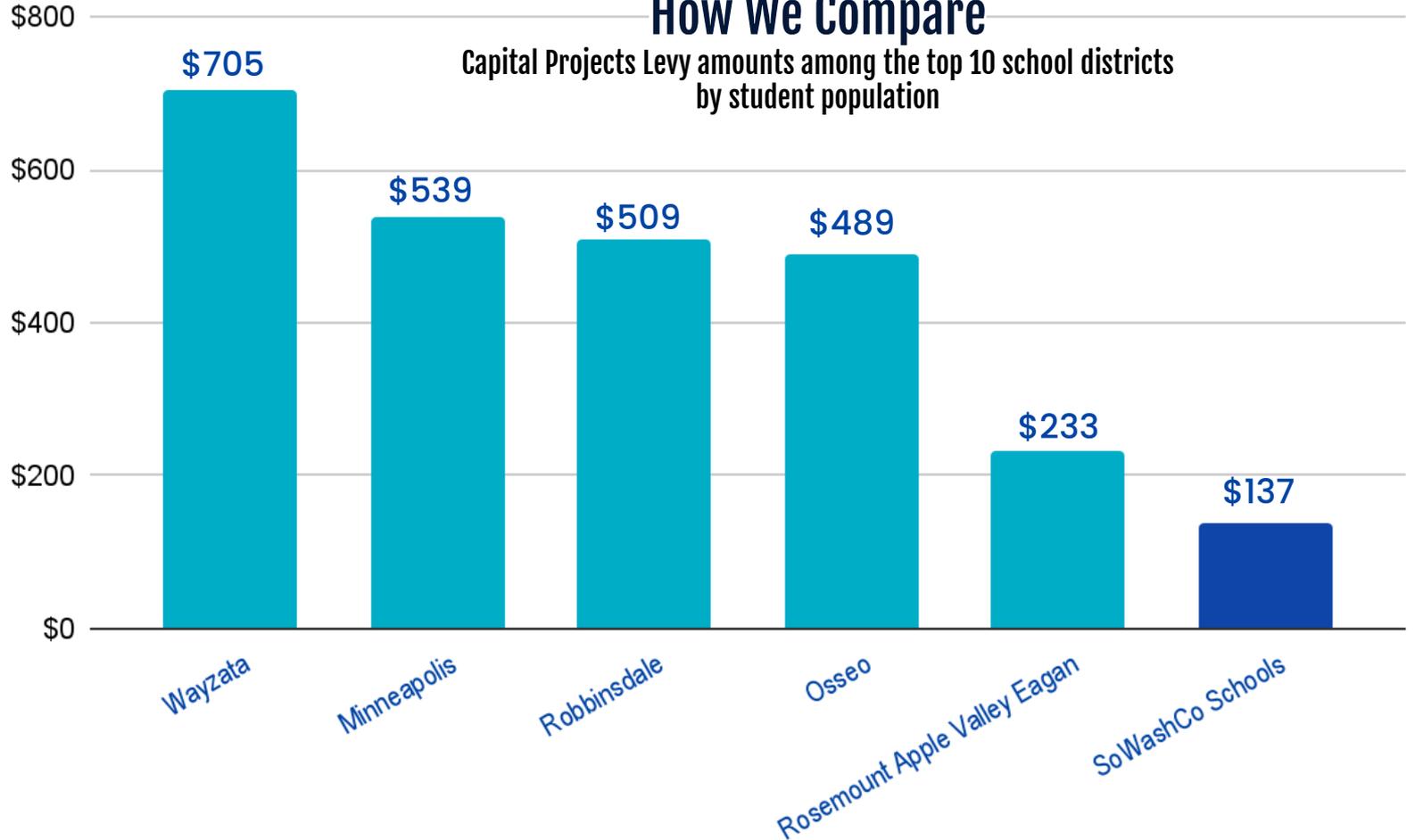
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- **2017 Election** – Voters approved an increase to \$2 million annually from the previously approved \$1 million.
- **2021 Election** – Voters were asked to increase the \$2 million authority to \$5 million.
- **2021 Election Results** – The question failed, losing by 71 votes out of more than 20,000 votes cast.



How We Compare

Capital Projects Levy amounts among the top 10 school districts by student population





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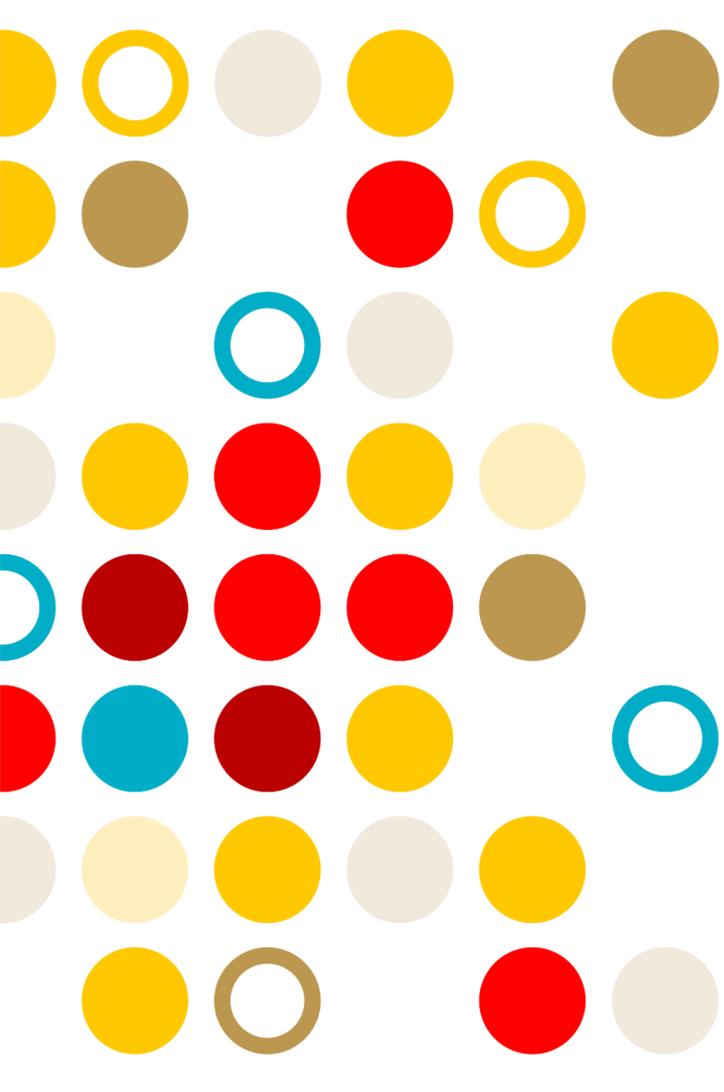
- As we connected with community members for feedback about the upcoming bond referendum, safety and security rose to the top of the list of priorities.
- Considering adding a question to the November ballot to increase the capital projects levy to address safety and security relating to technology.
- The question would ask voters to increase the present \$2.8 million levy to \$5 million
- The question would have a tax impact of \$3 per month on a median valued home in the district.





Technology Expenses

- Cyber security
 - Instructional software
 - Non-instructional software used by Student Information, Finance, Human Resources, Transportation and Nutrition Services.
 - Devices and repairs
 - These expenses total about \$5 million a year.
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Capital Projects Levy Advantages

- Provides a dedicated source of revenue for technology
 - Will free up about \$1.5 million in unassigned general fund dollars for use elsewhere.
 - Will free up operating capital.
 - Planning for future projects can be made knowing there is a revenue source.
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Questions

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