



LONGVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REPLACEMENT

THE LEVY AS IT WILL APPEAR ON
THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 ELECTION.

PLEASE
VOTE BY

FEBRUARY
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PROPOSITION NO. 1

LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Longview School District No. 122 adopted Resolution No. 808 concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State's statutory program of basic education.

COLLECTION YEARS	EST. LEVY RATE/\$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE	LEVY AMOUNTS
2025	\$1.94	\$16,487,841
2026	\$1.91	\$16,982,477
2027	\$1.87	\$17,491,951
2028	\$1.83	\$18,016,709

SHOULD THIS
PROPOSITION BE
APPROVED?

☐ Yes
☐ No

A Balanced Approach

Locally voted school tax collections will decrease overall. The EP&O levy collection amounts are structured to slightly increase to keep pace with rising expenses; however, tax collections for the 2022 Capital Projects and Technology levy are decreasing during the same time period (see inside).

Want to learn more about the EP&O Levy Renewal?

Find answers to frequently asked questions and more on our website or by scanning this QR code.

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New income levels for senior and disabled exemptions

Senior citizens and disabled persons may qualify for a tax exemption. More information about tax relief programs is available on the Cowlitz County Assessor's website by visiting: tinyurl.com/CowlitzExemption

Notice of Non-discrimination

The Longview School District is an Equal Opportunity district in education programs, activities, services, and employment. Longview School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran, or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, genetic information, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal. We provide equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. If you have a physical or mental disability that causes you to need assistance to access school facilities, programs, or services, please notify the school principal. This district endeavors to maintain an atmosphere free from discrimination and harassment. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should contact the school principal. In addition, the following district employees, located at 2715 Lilac Street, Longview, have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Section 504, Student ADA Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator:
Tony VanderMaas, Assistant Superintendent • (360) 575-7004
tvandermaas@longviewk12.wa.us

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator: Penny Andrews, Director of Human Resources
• (360) 575-7004 • pandrews@longviewk12.wa.us

➔ If approved, total locally voted school tax collections will be less.

This is NOT a new tax.

School districts rely on voter-approved levies to cover costs not funded by the state. **The EP&O Levy funds approximately 15% of Longview's total operating budget**—the equivalent of three elementary school's worth of staff.

Failure of this levy would mean significant reductions to programs, services, and staffing that are essential to Longview students and the community.

LONGVIEW'S EP&O LEVY FUNDS:

Student Support



- About 69 teachers and other certified positions
- Well over 65 school support employees
- Special Education services

Academic Programs & Classroom Support



- Smaller class sizes
- Instructional materials, textbooks, workbooks
- Classroom supplies
- Staff training
- School security
- Student transportation

Activities, Athletics & Enrichment



- Sports programs, coaches, referees, and transportation
- Music and arts programs, including performing arts
- Before and after school programs
- Clubs, extracurricular activities, and advisors



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Longview's Local Levies

Longview has two local levies that are approved by voters in staggered years. These levies combine to provide necessary resources not funded by state or federal sources.



1 Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy

Up for renewal in February, 2024

COVERS 2025-2028

Pays for essential education programs and school operations not covered by the state, like special education services, classroom textbooks and materials, teachers and support staff, athletics, arts programs, security and smaller class sizes.



2 Capital Projects & Technology Levy

Renewed by voters in February, 2022

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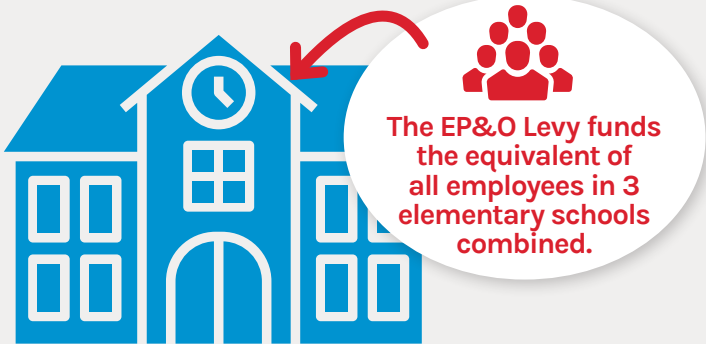
Pays for maintaining and improving school buildings and facilities, technology upgrades, and other facilities expenses not fully funded by the government.



Thank you!

Important Facts About the Replacement EP&O Levy

1. **This levy is not a new tax.** The proposed levy is a four-year levy that replaces the existing levy which expires at the end of 2024.
2. Total locally voted school **tax collections will decrease** from current levels.
3. Longview Public School's **levy rates are currently below the Cowlitz and Clark County averages** and are estimated to decrease from current levels.
4. The levy funds approximately **15%** of the district's annual budget. (\$16-18 million)
5. The levy currently funds about **69 teachers** and other certified positions.
6. Levy dollars now pay for well over **65 school support employees**.
7. Levy funds pay for approximately **10%** of special education services and costs.
8. Sports programs, activities, and clubs are almost **completely funded** by the levy.
9. Levy dollars help pay for textbooks, workbooks, and other teaching materials.
10. School transportation services are partially funded by local levy funds.



The EP&O Levy funds the equivalent of all employees in 3 elementary schools combined.

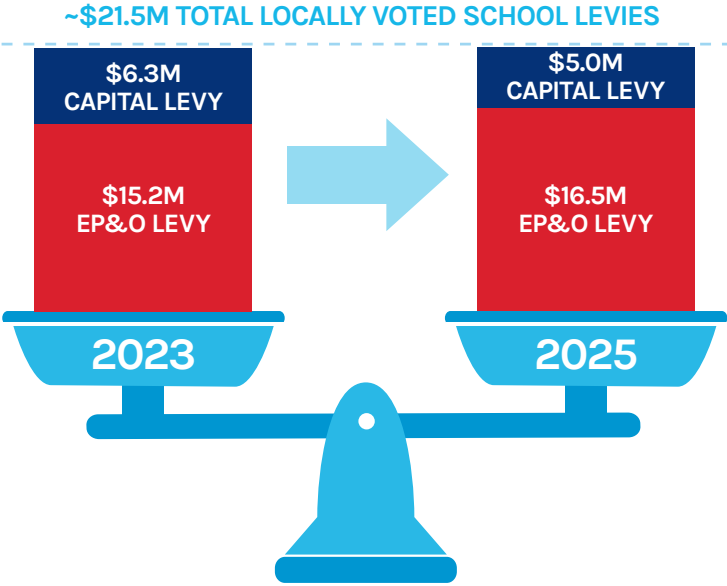
What happens if the EP&O Levy vote fails?

The EP&O Levy funds necessary school programs and well over **130 staff positions**. These employees are the backbone of the district and provide direct services to students in the form of teaching, counseling, coaching, feeding, and transporting students, as well as, maintaining our schools and providing technical support to students and teachers. A levy failure would greatly reduce funding districtwide resulting in:

- **Significantly fewer teachers** and support professionals who provide instruction for students.
- **Fewer counselors** and mental health supports to meet students' social and emotional needs.
- **Significant cuts** to sports programs, clubs, performing arts, and other student activities.
- **Reduced classroom materials**, supplies, and curriculum updates for students and teachers.
- **Less funding** for security, facility maintenance, and customer service.
- **Larger class sizes.**

Balancing Student and Taxpayer Needs

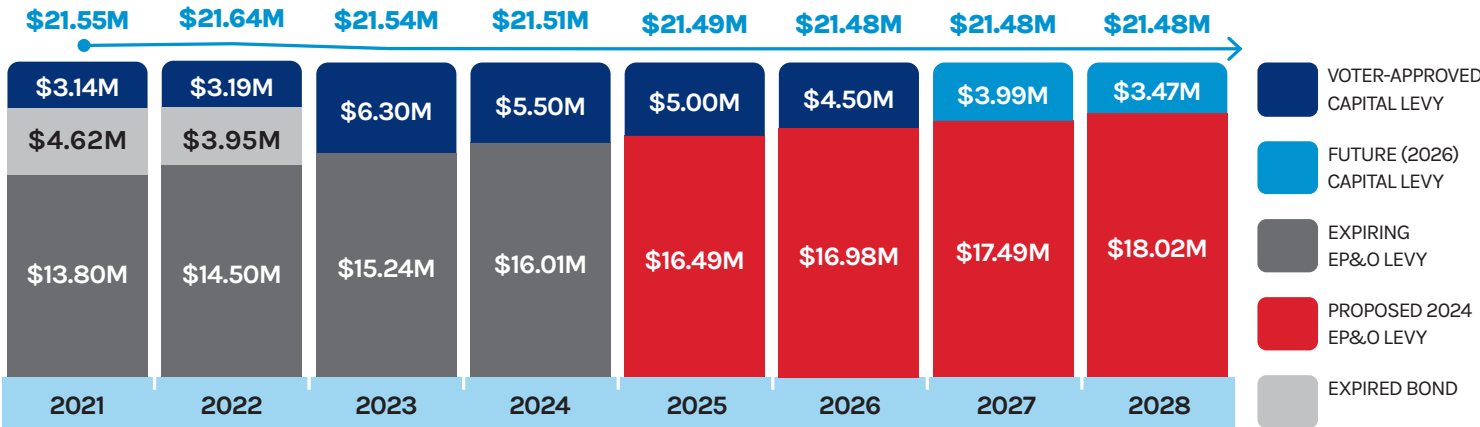
The Replacement EP&O Levy will provide necessary supports to ALL students while being sensitive to local taxpayers.



It's all about balance.

Through careful planning, the EP&O levy collection amounts are structured to increase slightly to keep pace with rising expenses, while at the same time, tax collections for the Capital Projects and Technology Levy are decreasing. As a result, **total locally voted school tax collections will decrease and remain less than previous years.**

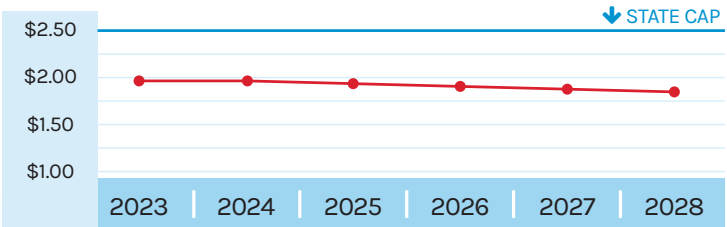
Locally Voted School Tax Collection Amounts:



Future tax rates are estimated to decline.*



Over the life of the EP&O Levy, tax rates are estimated to decline from \$1.94 to \$1.83, remaining well below the maximum allowed by the state:



Longview's total local school tax rates are lower by comparison.

2023 Regional Tax Rate Comparison per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (includes all locally voted school district levies and bonds):

Longview Public Schools	\$2.79
Cowlitz County School District Average	\$2.82
Clark County School District Average	\$3.01

* Future tax rates are estimates and are per \$1,000 assessed property value per year. Levy collection amounts do not change. The estimated tax rate could change if assessed property values change more or less than estimates, but levy collection amounts will not change.