



Sumner-Bonney Lake School District to place replacement levies for Educational Programs, Operations & Maintenance, Technology & Security Upgrades on February ballot

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On Oct. 18, the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Board of Directors unanimously approved two replacement measures of levies due to expire in 2024. The measures fund teachers, staff, educational programs, day-to-day operations, health, safety and security, and maintenance of all schools, not funded by the state of Washington. Proposition 1: Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy and Proposition 2: Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements and Security Upgrades.

The Sumner Bonney Lake school district is committed to providing every child, regardless of background, with a quality education with the opportunity to graduate, ready to pursue a promising future. Replacements of these two levies support all students in every local school. They are not a new tax, but are replacement levies for the two expiring levies in 2024 previously approved by voters.

Proposition 1: Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy

This levy funds 16 percent of day-to-day operations in all 16 Sumner-Bonney Lake schools that are not covered by the state.

Teachers, books and basics

- Additional teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health supports, librarians, paraeducators, safety officers, and special education staff, equaling about 216 staff members
- Up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials including math and reading

Health, Safety and Security

- Maintenance of school plumbing, heating and ventilation systems for clean air and safe water
- Maintenance to aging or deteriorating roofs and earthquake safety
- Maintenance of schools, playgrounds and athletics facilities to meet safety standards
- Improvements to school safety and security, maintenance of fire alarm and sprinkler systems and emergency preparedness

Education Programs for All Students

- Special needs programs for students, and improved accessibility for students and staff with disabilities
- K-12 educational programs, including those to bring students up to grade level reading and math, advanced classes for high-achieving students and college entrance exams
- Arts, music, athletics, extracurricular activities, career and technical education programs

Proposition 2: Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements & Security Upgrades

This levy provides technology access, improvements, and security upgrades for all K-12 teachers, staff and students.

Access to Technology

- Expanded classroom technology improvements at all elementary, middle and high schools
- Access and computers for all K-12 students and staff to use at school, and staff and secondary students at home
- Staff training and up-to-date software and online learning tools for students and teachers

Up-to-date Tools for Teaching and Learning

- Replaces outdated classroom computers for teachers and students
- Supports technical training of computer systems for teachers and students
- Maintains licenses and internet access for students and teachers, and expands wireless network
- Upgrades high-speed internet access and other IT system improvements

Safety, Security & Privacy Protections

- Increases cybersecurity privacy protection for students, teachers and staff
- Maintains security cameras, school access control, video and audio security entrances at buildings, intercom and phone systems for all-school alerts and emergency notification

Cost of Propositions 1 and 2

Propositions 1 and 2 are not new taxes, but are replacement levies of measures that expire in 2024 and cover the basic day-to-day operations, educational programs, maintenance, instructional technology and security needs for every K-12 school.

Average monthly/annual costs*

If Proposition 1 passes, the 4-year replacement levy would raise \$43.7 million annually and cost the average Sumner-Bonney Lake homeowner \$11.31 more per month (\$136 annually) for Educational Programs and Operations not covered by the state of Washington. The levy rate would be between \$2.48 and \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If Proposition 2 passes, the 6-year replacement levy would raise \$6.5 million annually and cost the average Sumner-Bonney Lake homeowner \$1.26 more per month (\$15.08 annually) for Instructional Technology Improvements and Security Upgrades not covered by the state of Washington. The levy rate would be \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**The average home value in four years is \$591,901. The average home value in six years is \$613,682.*

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