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Replacements of two
expiring levies that support

**EVERY
STUDENT**

FACTS & INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 13, 2024 ELECTION

On the ballot for Sumner-Bonney Lake students, staff and schools:

PROPOSITION 1:

Replacement Educational Programs
& Operations Levy

- Day-to-day operations of all schools including additional teachers, counselors, paraeducators, special education, nurses, safety and security; educational, athletics, music, arts and extracurricular programs—not covered by the state.
- Funds 16% of the total district budget, including all elementary, middle and high schools. This replacement levy is not a new tax.
- This levy is not a new tax, but replaces an expiring levy.

PROPOSITION 2:

Replacement Instructional Technology
Improvements & Security Upgrades Levy

- Provides technology access for all students, expands technology improvements and wireless network, replaces outdated computers, maintains licenses and internet access, upgrades high-speed internet access.
- Increases cybersecurity privacy protection, maintains security cameras, school access control, video and audio security entrances, intercom and phone systems for alerts.
- This levy is not a new tax, but replaces an expiring levy.

PROPOSITION 1:

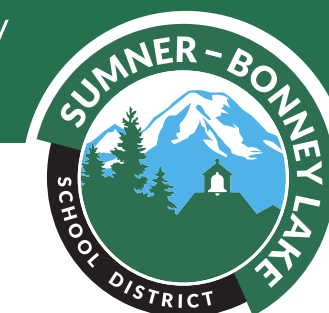
Educational Programs & Operations
Replacement Levy

PROPOSITION 2:

Instructional Technology Improvements
& Security Upgrades **Replacement** Levy

Remember to vote by **February 13**. Every vote counts. More information at sumnersd.org/vote.

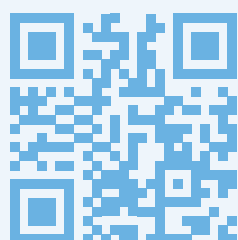
Register to vote and find a ballot drop box at www.piercecountywa.gov/vote.



Sumner-Bonney Lake School District is committed to providing a safe, quality education for every child, with the opportunity to graduate, ready to pursue a promising future.

VOTE FEBRUARY 13

Remember to vote! Learn more at sumnersd.org/vote.



Scan to learn more!

No stamp needed.

Election ballots must be postmarked or dropped off at an official drop box by Feb. 13. Register to vote and find a ballot drop box at piercecountywa.gov/vote.

Tax exemptions:

Low income seniors and people with disabilities may qualify for an exemption. For more information about this exemption, call the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office at (253) 798-2169.



PROPS. 1 & 2 REPLACEMENT LEVIES IMPACT EVERY LOCAL SCHOOL

PROPOSITION 1:

Educational Programs & Operations
Replacement Levy

Funds 16% of the Total District Budget

Teachers, Books & Basics

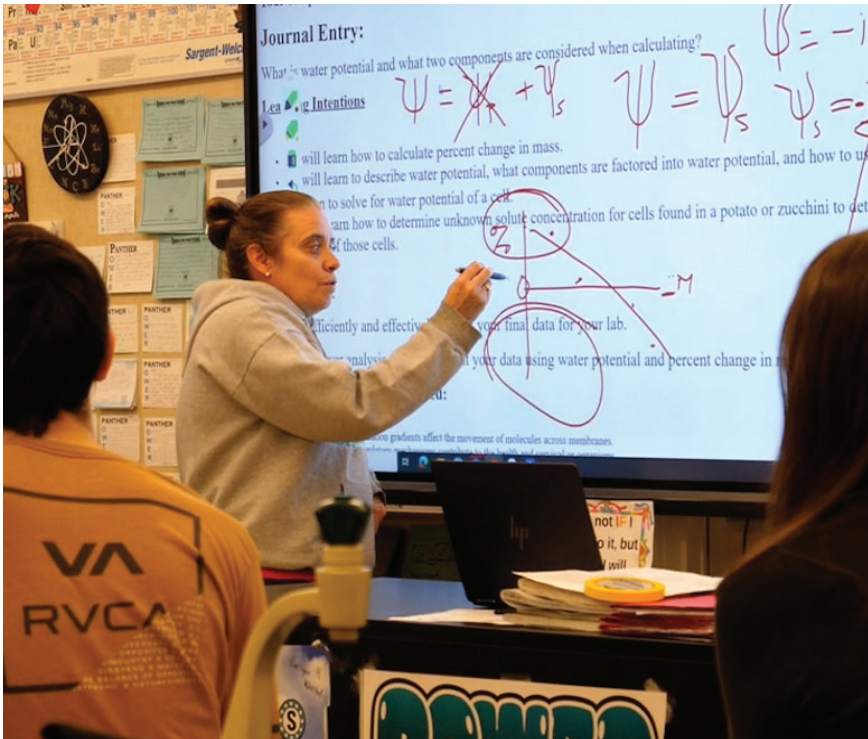
- Additional teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health supports, librarians, paraeducators, safety officers, and special education staff, equaling about 216 staff members
- Up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials including math and reading

Health, Safety & Security

- Maintenance of school plumbing, heating and ventilation systems for clean air and safe water
- Maintenance of 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 intervention programs that help students reach grade level standards in reading and math, increased opportunities for all students to take advanced coursework, and planning for post-secondary success
- Arts, music, athletics, and extracurricular activities



PROPOSITION 2:

Instructional Technology Improvements
& Security Upgrades Replacement Levy

Technology Access for ALL K-12 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 & 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 teachers and students, 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

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT PROPOSITIONS 1 & 2

Why does the district need levies?

Local, voter-approved levies continue to provide funding for Sumner-Bonney Lake School District and other school districts across the state. Proposition 1 alone funds 16 percent of the SBLSD's operating budget, including every local elementary, middle and high school.

Levies provide the local funding that bridges the gap between what the state pays and the actual costs of operating our schools and providing quality educational programs in safe, well-maintained buildings with highly-qualified staff.

What is a replacement levy?

A replacement levy is a local tax that replaces a levy that has expired. Levies expire after a defined length of time.

In Sumner-Bonney Lake, voters approved a six-year Replacement Instructional Technology Improvements levy in 2018, and a four-year Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy in 2020.

Both levies are currently funding their intended purposes and each expires at the end of 2024.

Why does the state not fully fund basic education?

Due to a decades-old funding formula that calculates student-to-staff ratios, there are several areas of education that the state does not fully fund as part of basic education. Examples include classroom support, special education services, building maintenance, elective classes and student activities and athletics.

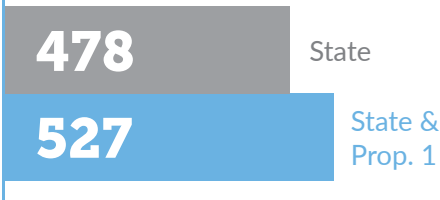
Additionally, the state does not fund all the staff necessary to operate such services and programs as paraeducators, counselors, school nurses and security staff.

What is the tax rate cost to the average Sumner-Bonney Lake homeowner?

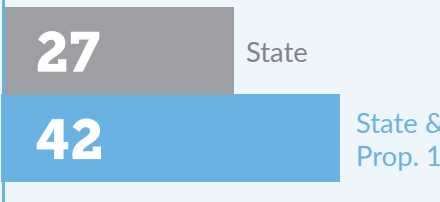
Total Annual Funding & Tax Rates: Prop 1 is a four-year replacement levy that would generate an average of \$43.7 million annually with a levy rate between \$2.48 and \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Prop 2 is a six-year replacement levy that would generate an average of \$6.5 million annually with a levy rate of \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Cost for Average Sumner-Bonney Lake Homeowner: If Prop 1 passes, the average levy increase in a four-year levy would be \$11.31 a month (\$136 annually). If Prop 2 passes, the average levy increase in a six-year levy would be \$1.26 per month (\$15.08 annually).

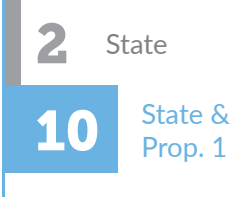
TEACHERS/ PARAEDUCATORS



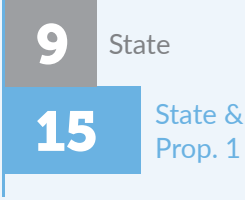
COUNSELORS/MENTAL SUPPORT SPECIALISTS



CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICERS



NURSES



ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

