



November 2023

On November 7th, Middleton School District will ask voters within the district to vote on whether or not they will support a renewal of our current supplemental levy (details on this page).

Depending on where you live, some will have other important items to decide (mayor, city council members, and others). All of these decisions will have a significant impact on our community.

I would like to personally ask each and every member of our community who can, to exercise their right to vote. Mayors and city council members have a tremendous impact on our community. The support for the levy or lack thereof will absolutely have an impact on our district and will guide us in the decisions that we make.

Public schools, by their very nature and governance, are a function of a community. They reflect the community as a whole and they are guided by the collective voice of the people. Whether you are voting for school board members, supplemental levies, or bonds, your vote matters.

You make a difference when you exercise your right to vote.

I would love to see our voter participation in Middleton be the greatest in the valley. No matter the decision, if everybody is voting, we are truly going to be stronger because we are all working together and making our voices heard.

Please take time to vote on Tuesday, November 7th!

MIDDLETON PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS

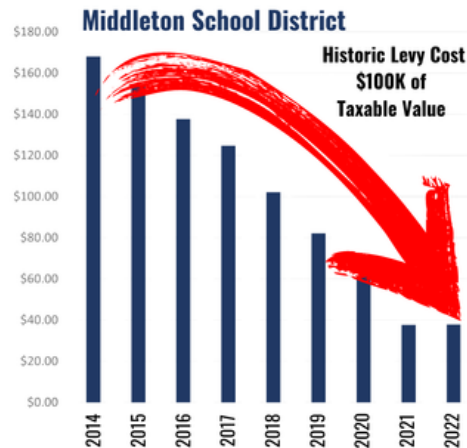
- 0810 Lansing LDS Church, 22500 Lansing Lane, Middleton
- 0910 Middleton Middle School, 200 S Piccadilly Ave., Middleton
- 1010 Middleton Community Center, 113 W. Main St., Middleton

Superintendent Marc Gee welcomes questions and comments at mgee@msd134.org or call the School District Office at 208.585.3027.



On the November 7 ballot: \$1.5 million supplemental levy renews existing funds

Middleton School District voters will be asked to vote on the proposed two-year levy. This will replace the current levy that expires on June 30, 2024. This ongoing levy supports prioritized costs, not funded at the state level, to maintain the current level of school services.



How does the new Property Tax Relief law help me?

Rules state that funds must be used in this order:

1. Pay toward existing bond payments
2. Pay toward existing supplemental levies
3. Used for facilities maintenance and infrastructure

Good - tax relief - news for you

MSD receives \$1.62 million this year in state tax relief. It reduces the bond payment. Here's how it breaks down:

MHS Bond Payment this year:	Plus	\$4,609,535
Property Tax Relief Funds:	Minus	\$1,619,190
State Bond Equalizations Payment:	Minus	\$ 574,536
Total Bond Payment		\$2,415,810

For more information levy, including voter information, please scan in the QR code or visit the web at: www.msd134.org/domain/2122



What the ballot says:

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 134, Canyon County, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a Supplemental Levy in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) per year for two (2) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2026, for the purposes stated above; all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 2023?

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$38 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. The proposed levy replaces an existing levy that expires on June 30, 2024, and that currently costs \$38 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value. Therefore, if the proposed levy is approved, the tax per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value is not expected to change.

How would the Supplemental Levy be spent?



Categories	Cost	%
Certified Teaching Positions	\$386,000	28%
Classified Staff	\$354,000	24%
Resource Officer	\$80,000	5%
Pay-to-Participate Fees	\$45,000	3%
Curriculum Adoption	\$500,000	33%
Transportation	\$35,000	2%
Maintenance	\$100,000	7%
TOTAL	\$1,500,000	100%

What the ballot won't say:

- You are asked to renew an existing 2-year supplemental levy that has been approved by Middleton School District voters for 17+ years.
- You approved the last levy in March 2022. The Legislature eliminated the March election date, so we are holding the election now.
- This is NOT a bond. Bonds pay for buildings. Levies supplement local school budgets, meeting the community expectations such as smaller classroom sizes, up-to-date classroom books and necessary building repairs.

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Important Dates

Nov. 7: Election Day: MSD

Supplemental Levy

Nov. 8: Elementary Parent Teacher Conference - 4:30 - 7 pm

Nov. 9: Elementary Parent Teacher Conference - 9 am - 7 pm; No School K-5

Nov. 13: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm, District Office

Nov. 20-23: Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11: Board of Trustees meeting, 6 pm, District Office

Dec. 20: Finals (9 – 12th) 1 pm
Dismissal all students

Dec. 21: Finals (9 – 12th) 1 pm
Dismissal all students

Dec. 25: Winter Break begins

Jan. 8: Professional Development/Teacher Work Day

Jan. 9: Classes resume

Jan. 15: School Holiday

Visit the District calendar for other dates, including athletic events at: <https://www.msd134.org/Page/5284>

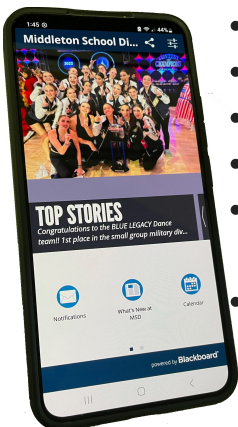
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Pioneer Federal Credit Union will sponsor new MHS football, gymnasium video scoreboards

Middleton High School scoreboards will start to bear the Pioneer Federal Credit Union's logo this fall because the company has decided on a 15-year \$300,000 sponsorship. Middleton's partnership with the Idaho member-owned credit union represents months of discussions and a big investment on the part of Pioneer and its Board of Directors.

MHS Athletic Director Andy Ankeny said it started with a simple message to parents on the MHS Team App, indicating that the high school was looking for people interested in creating a committee to raise money for a new scoreboard for the football stadium and main gymnasium.

As the school district continues to grow, it is important that our facilities and amenities match as closely as possible, the same size schools.

MHS Parent Tyson Sparrow's son, Jaxson, is on the football team. When he saw the Teams App message, Sparrow told Ankeny he wanted to get involved. Sparrow, also a board member of Pioneer Federal Credit Union, spoke to the company's executive vice president, Mikell Hite, and she bought into the idea of sponsoring the scoreboard.

"Mikell took the ball and ran with it. That's the thing about Pioneer is that it believes in investing in its communities," Sparrow said.

We appreciate this partnership," Superintendent Marc Gee said. "It's especially meaningful because Pioneer Federal Credit Union has a branch here in Middleton."



There are deep Middleton roots on the Pioneer Board of Directors. In addition to Sparrow, Dan Houser of Middleton is also a board member and Board Chairman. Nathan Price's family is from Middleton. Other board members include Sue Rueger, Jack Carpenter and Gary Nelson. Curt Perry is the President and CEO.

The Middleton connection and the need for scoreboards seemed like the right thing to do.

Ankeny and Hite worked out the sponsorship that includes a new, digital and video scoreboard for the football stadium and a new video scoreboard for the main gym, along with signage and new LED lights for the scoreboards at the soccer, softball and baseball fields. There's an educational component that will also provide opportunities for student involvement to tie with career technical classes and video production.

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