



2018 Operational Levy Information

AGENDA

- Budgeting 101
- Levy Details & Information
- Q&A

GREAT FALLS
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS



ELECTION:
MAY 8, 2018

Find more information at:
www.gfps.k12.mt.us/levy

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18-19 GENERAL FUND

- The General Fund pays for:
 - Educational & instructional opportunities
 - Includes general maintenance and operational costs
 - Does not include grant monies nor federal allocations.
- Trustees' duty to approve a balanced GENERAL FUND BUDGET that balances:
 - High quality educational opportunities, while
 - Maximizing efficiency and accountability.
- The BOND LEVY proceeds CANNOT be used to fund instructional and operational costs.

HOW DO WE BUDGET?

Use the current budget as the basis to calculate the new budget:

- Determine estimated expenditures
- Determine estimated revenues
- Compare
- Determine necessary action(s) to balance
- Adopt a budget in August

2018-2019 Budget Projections:

Revenue Estimates:

2017-2018 local and state
allocations
\$70,335,142

**Additional STATE
FUNDING:**
Factors:
*Enrollment
*Inflation Applied to Parts of
the Funding Formula
+\$510,982

*D4A = Data for Achievement
In total but not funded by the State

New 2018-2019 Budget Authority

\$70,846,124 –

*D4A **\$156,345**

\$70,689,779

\$1,565,363

Fully Funded Need Estimates:

2017-2018 budget
\$70,335,142

Cost increase estimates:
Contractual Obligations:
\$1,600,000
Each 1% Health Insurance:
\$64,000 x 5% = \$320,000
\$1,920,000

New general fund budget
amount needed to maintain
comprehensive programming
and staffing

\$72,255,142

OPTIONS:

- 1. An Operational Levy up to \$1,349,048 (over BASE maximum)**
 - **AND Reduce \$216,315**
 - **AND D4A of \$156,345 from reserves**

- 2. No Levy:**
 - **Reductions of \$1,565,363**
 - **AND D4A of \$156,345 from reserves**



2018-19

Elementary

100% Maximum-\$49,176,690

Voted Levy Potential \$1,349,048

\$1,349,048

Budget \$47,827,642

97.3%

**Over Base Property Tax
\$8,237,977**

Guaranteed Tax Base

*NRD

\$9,359,969 (EST)

\$0

Local Base Property
Tax= \$6,577,405 (EST)

Non-Levied Revenue
\$4,000

Special Education
\$1,499,276

**Direct State Aid
\$19,416,470**

√ Data for Achievement
\$155,883 Δ

Indian Ed for All
\$162,765

American Indian Achievement Gap
\$256,586

At Risk
\$292,019

Quality Educator
\$1,873,592

80% Base Budget \$39,589,666

Trustees Voted to Fulfill Their Oath of Office


- February 22, 2018; Unanimous decision
- Montana Constitution. Article X, Section 1, (1):
 - ***It is the goal of the people to establish a system of education which will develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state.***
- By design, the funding for public education is linked to taxes and therefore to levies.

COMMUNITY

All of us together...each doing a little...together,
we can keep the GREAT in Great Falls Public Schools.


Taxable Valued Home	\$100K	\$150K	\$200K
Per Year	\$13.28	\$19.92	\$26.56
Per Month	\$1.11	\$1.66	\$2.22

Residential Tax Calculator: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/2018-levy-calculator/>



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Parcel Numbers are now 10 characters long. MH start with MH0, PP start with 900 and RE start with 000. Example MH Parcel 1234 should be entered in as MH00001234.

Parcel Number:

Owner Name: x
(Example: LastName FirstName)

Property Address: Number Street Name City


Geo Code:
(Example: 02-1887-01-1-08-20-0000)

Subdivision:

Block Lot


Sec, Twp, Rge: Section Township Range

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Parcel Number: 0000671182

Status: Current

Receipt: 14198

2017 Owner(s): LACEY TAMMY

Mailing Address: 1500 5TH ST NW #10
GREAT FALLS, MT 59404

Levy District: 1C-1, Levy District 1C-1

2017 Values:

Market:	\$157,100
Taxable:	\$2,121

[Detail](#)

2017 Taxes:

First Half:	\$786.76	Due: 11/30/2017
Second Half:	\$786.75	Due: 5/31/2018
Total:	\$1,573.51	

[View Pie Charts](#)
[Show Current Tax Bill](#)
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2017 Payments:

First Half:	\$786.76
Second Half:	\$0.00
Total:	\$786.76

(May include penalty & interest)

2017 Legal Records:

Geo Code: 02-3015-02-2-08-18-7010 **Deed Book:** RL:323 **Page:** 150 **Date:** 1999-06-30

Property address: 1500 5TH ST NW, GREAT FALLS MT 59404
Subdivision: (RTC) RIVERVIEW TERRACE CONDO
Legal: RIVERVIEW TERRACE CONDO
Mark: UNIT 10

2017 Value:

Market: \$157,100
Taxable: \$2,121

YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION: Every property owner can figure out an estimate of what the levy could cost.

- Browse to the Cascade County iTax website: <http://itax.tylertech.com/cascademt>
- You can type in the last name of the property owner, hit search and choose the correct property parcel from the list by clicking on it (or alternatively, search by an address)
- The tax statement details will come up
- Find the "2017 Value" box
- Find the "Market:" amount

ENTER YOUR MARKET VALUE HERE (whole dollars only):

157100|

x

YOUR CALCULATED TAX INCREASE PER YEAR: \$ 20.87

CHECK OUT THE TAX HISTORY OF YOUR PROPERTY:

- Browse to the Cascade County iTax website: <http://itax.tylertech.com/cascade/>
- Find your property
- Click on the "History" button at the top of the property page page.
- You can then see the tax bill information since 2007.

Property Tax Relief Available

- **Property Tax Assistance Application**
 - Own and occupy your home for at least 7 months of the year
 - Based on Federal Adjusted Gross Income:
 - Single: \$21,607
 - Married: \$28,810
- **Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit Application (2EC)**
 - 62 years or older
 - Occupied for 6 months (own or rent)
 - Reside in Montana for 9 months
 - Gross household income less than \$45,000
 - Refundable credit up to \$1000
- Links and printables on GFPS website:
 - <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/property-tax-relief-info/#post-44936>

OPPORTUNITY

“Education is an opportunity.” *Lyndon Johnson, 36th President*

The \$1,349,048 Operational Levy will be used to:

- **Maintain** the educational opportunities Great Falls is known for.

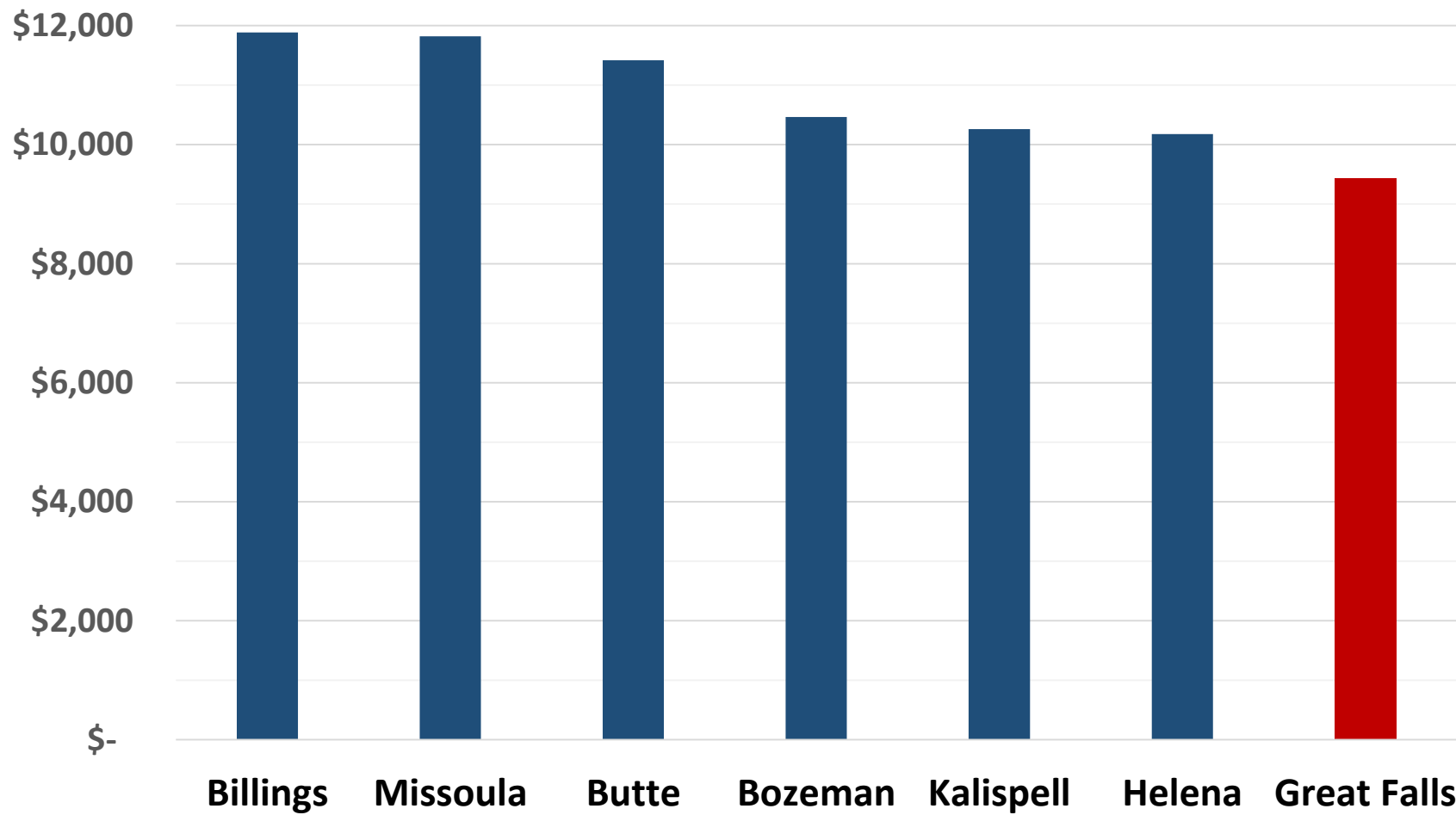
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- **Ensure** the educational opportunities in Great Falls are as good or better than other communities.

“Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state.”

Equality of Educational Opportunity?

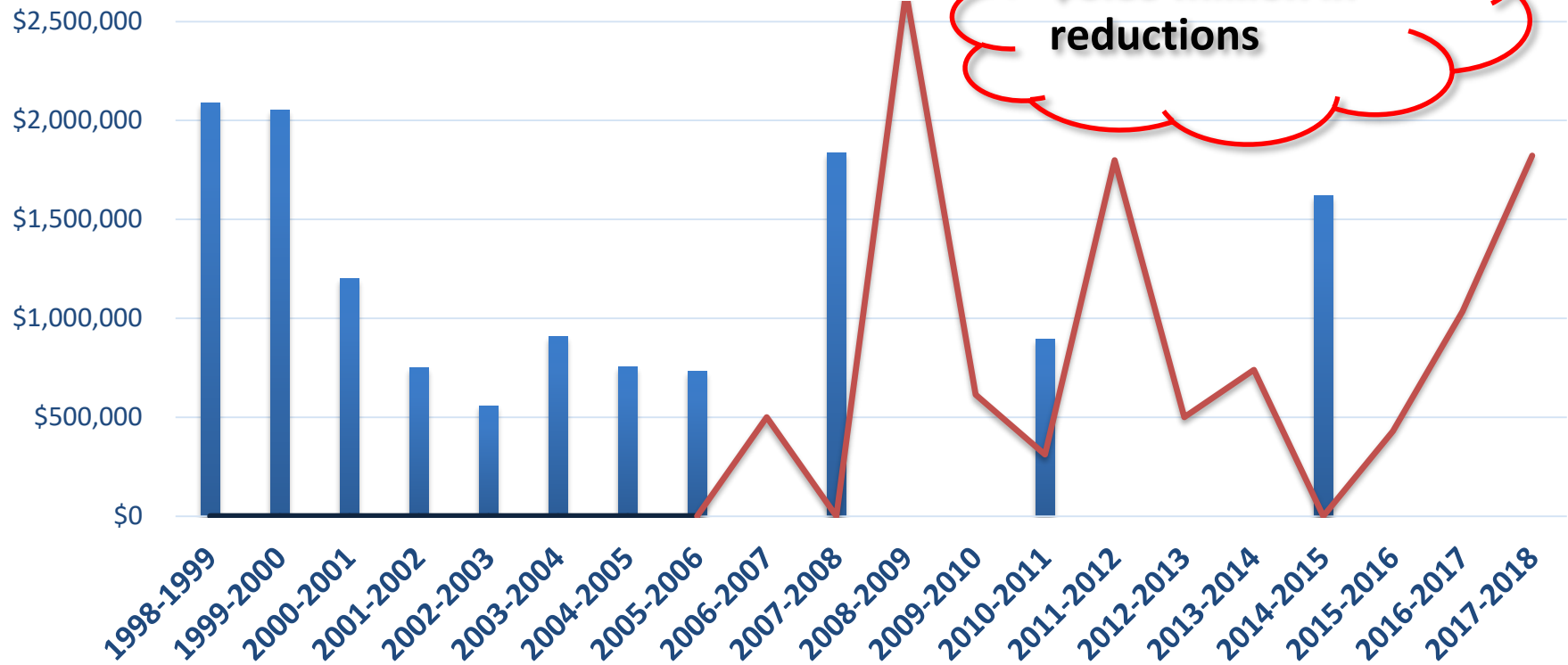
Per Student Expenditures



K-8 & High School Average of All Budgeted Funds

Lack of Levies Taking Its Toll...

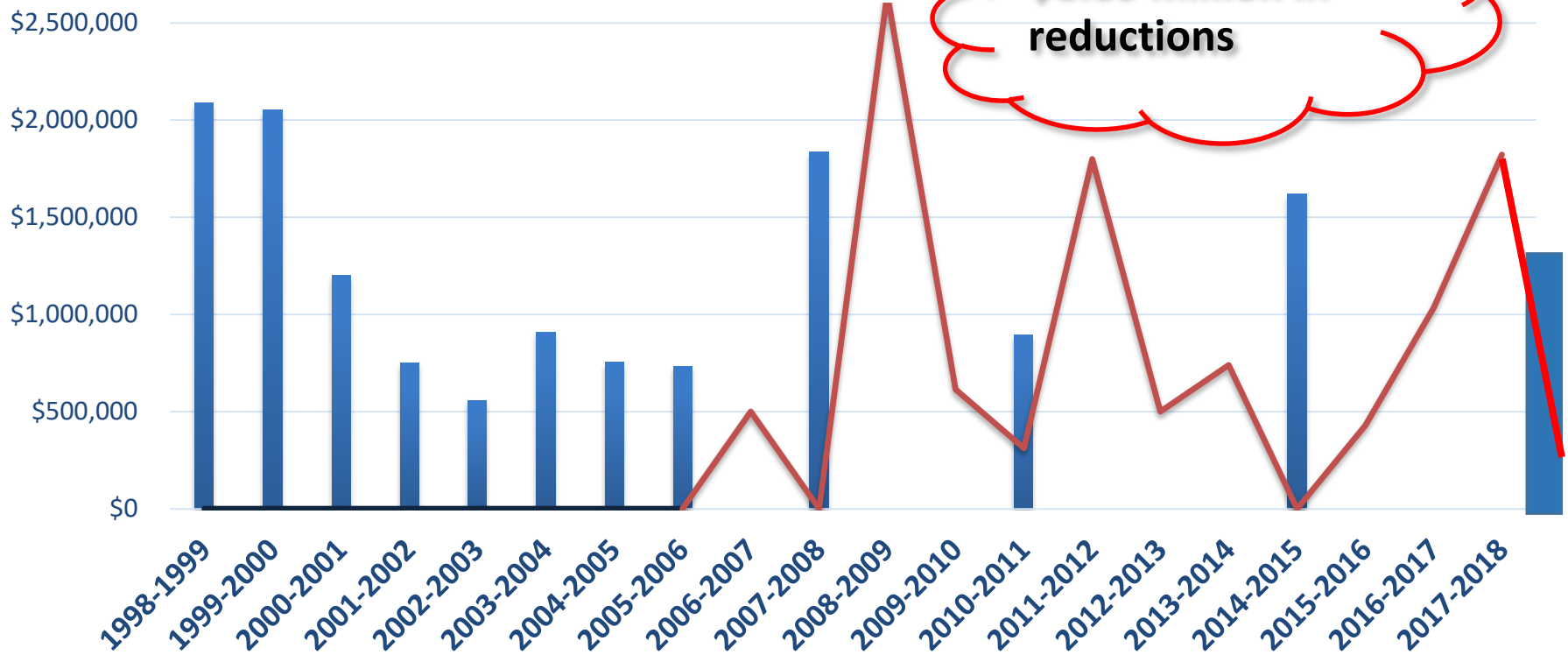
Levy Passage (Blue) vs. Budget Reductions &/or
Use of Reserves Over Time (Red)



- 80 teaching positions: elementary, science, math, industrial technology, English, music, art, medical prep, world languages, health/physical education, library, and family consumer science
- 2 Cabinet-level administrators & other support staff
- HS guidance counselors
- Custodians
- Summer school & after school tutoring programs
- Professional development
- Educational supplies
- Textbooks
- Technology purchases

We need to put another blue bar on this chart!

Levy Passage (Blue) vs. Budget Reductions &/or
Use of Reserves Over Time (Red)



Regardless, still have to reduce
\$216,315

- Cost shifts to outside agencies
- Admin/Supervisor staff position changes
- Staff reductions (8 FTE: library, English, math, HPE, MS Related Arts)

Without the levy...



More and serious reductions of GF expenditures!

\$1,565,363 worth of...

Inclusive of the previous \$216,315...

Administration	\$ 35,000	1 less supervisor position: duties reassigned
Classified Support Staff	\$ 103,745	6 people
Professional/Teaching Staff	\$ 743,193	*13 people
Shifts to Other Sources	\$ 492,000	2 people; special ed \$; Foundation; year-end
10% HS Budget	\$ 80,000	
Supplies	\$ 111,425	
Total	\$1,565,363	

*Includes a program elimination:

Environmental Hands-On Educational Program

Also reduces Gifted (ECS) Education Teacher Staffing (5 staff to 3)

If it doesn't pass, what should we do next year?

- High school teachers and staff?
 - “Back to the basics”
 - Lessen graduation requirements?
 - Eliminate electives?
 - Increase class sizes?
- Elementary teachers and staff?
 - Increase class sizes more?
 - Eliminate “special” teachers?
- Administrators?
 - Which ones?
 - Risk non-accreditation?
 - Risk increased liabilities?
- Programs?
 - Which ones?



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Administrators:

- 1 Superintendent
- 6 Cabinet:
 - 2 Assistant Superintendents, Business Director, HR Director, [Federal/Special Ed Director](#), Technology Director
- 28 Principals and Associate Principals:
 - 15 elementary; 2 middle school principals, 2 middle school associate principals, 2 high school principals, [1 high school/adult education principal](#), [6 high school associate principals](#)
- 6 Supervisors:
 - [Food Service & Assistant](#), Buildings/Grounds & Assistant, Data Processing, ~~Print Center~~
- 9 Coordinators:
 - [Preschool](#), [Title 1](#), [Special Education \(2\)](#), Curriculum (2), ~~HPE~~ & Athletics, Music/Art, [Indian Education](#)

50...not all paid from general fund

[Blue indicates partially or completely paid outside the General Fund](#)

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Reminders...

- **Register to vote if you aren't already; and**
- **Return your ballot on or before May 8 after you receive it on April 24.**



Trustee Election Too!

- 2 seats up for election:
 - A 2-year term
 - Barbara Going
 - Jacob Griffith
 - Kim Skornogoski
 - A 3-year term
 - Teresa Schreiner
 - Judy Tankink
 - Laura Wight.
- *School board members are a representatives of their community, leaders of their district, stewards of the district's children and its tax dollars, and advocates of public education and an educated public.*
- Trustees matter.



COMMUNITY

Strong and comprehensive public schools are the backbone of a strong and vibrant community.

UNITY

By coming together as a community we can keep the GREAT in Great Falls.

OPPORTUNITY

“Education is not a problem.
Education is an opportunity.” Lyndon Johnson



- Levy Website:
<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/school-elections-2018/>
- Website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us
- Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday (sign up at GFPS website)
- Facebook: Great Falls Public Schools
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