

# Friends & Neighbors



LAKESWOOD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sharing news from our schools that every community member should know....

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.

## Community Support Enables Technology Access during Covid-19

Due to the Lakewood community's support of technology through the Technology and Capital Improvements levy (approved in 2016 and expiring this year), we have been able to ensure access to continuous learning for our students during the Covid-19 closure. This technology expansion over the past four years has made the following resources possible for students to participate in distance learning:

- 1000+ Chromebooks (out of 1500 purchased) have been loaned to students since March
- 90 Wi-Fi hotspots have been signed out to students who do not have internet access at home
- Seesaw has been added as the distance learning platform for K-5 students
- Microsoft Teams was expanded as the distance learning platform for 6-12 grade students
- Direct hotline at 425-231-4280 has made tech support accessible for parents and students

Because of these resources, we have averaged 1000 unique student logins per day (86,000 total logins since May 1), indicating the high level of engagement of our students in continuous learning. None of this would have been possible without our community's support of technology expansion.

Thanks to the Lakewood community for supporting technology!



## Lakewood School District Gifts Surplus Books

On Friday, May 15th, librarians from schools across our district provided approximately 1500 surplus books to elementary school students through our Meals on the Bus stops. Our students and their parents were excited for this opportunity!



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# SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE

## Lakewood School District Revises Two Levy Proposals

On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Lakewood School District unanimously resolved to place two levy renewals before voters on the August 4, 2020 primary ballot. Proposition 1 will be a Renewal Levy for Educational Programs and Operations. Proposition 2 will be a Renewal Levy for Technology Improvements. After much deliberation, the board significantly revised the propositions from the February ballot.

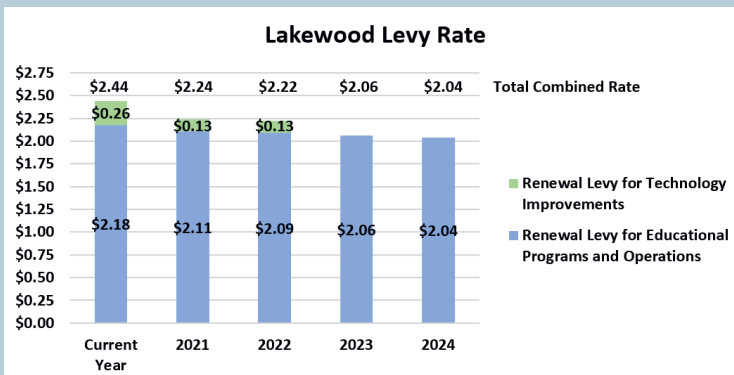
The board's decision to reduce the amount of money proposed on both measures balanced the hardships that the community is experiencing with the ongoing needs of our community's schools and students. What was proposed on the February ballot addressed a range of vital needs. However, the board recognized that the world, and the resources available to our community, have changed since that election.

While these reductions will require deferring important facility and maintenance needs, the measures being placed on the August ballot will assure that critical programs and services remain available for all Lakewood students. The school district's facility needs will wait for a future funding measure when the community is better able to make that investment. In the short-term, the district will reprioritize existing budgets to address emergency repairs that may need to be addressed.

The propositions fulfill three important goals:

- Lower taxes
- Maintain quality programs and staff
- Ensure that local funding supports local priorities

Below is a four-year project of tax rates compared to the current 2020 rate:



These propositions are both renewals of existing levies that fund programs not supported by the State of Washington.

## Chat with the Superintendent

On June 24th from 6-7 p.m. join me for a chat on Zoom. Hear the latest updates on our schools, the upcoming levy and ask me your burning questions.

You may access the link to this session directly via our district website at [www.lwsd.wednet.edu](http://www.lwsd.wednet.edu)

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