

A collage of six hexagonal images showing various school activities: a softball player, a marching band, a teacher pointing at a smartboard, a football player, and a teacher with students in a classroom.

**WE ARE
LAKEWOOD**



**Replacement Educational
Programs and Operations
(EP&O) Levy**

**Capital Improvements and
Safety Levy**

April 23, 2024 Ballot



Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)

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PDC – What we can and can't do



CAN promote the levy outside of work hours and off school property

CAN share facts and figures about the levy and district needs — without including opinion — during work hours and on school property

CAN remind voters of upcoming election dates and ballot deadlines



CAN'T campaign during work hours or on school property

CAN'T use district resources to create or distribute campaign materials

CAN'T pressure or coerce employees to participate in campaign activities

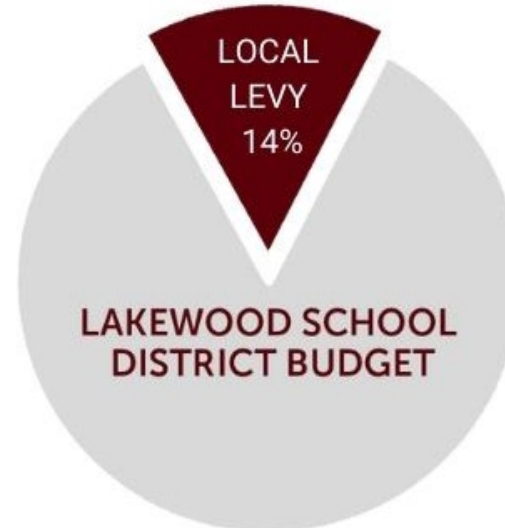
Visit www.pdc.wa.gov for more specific rules



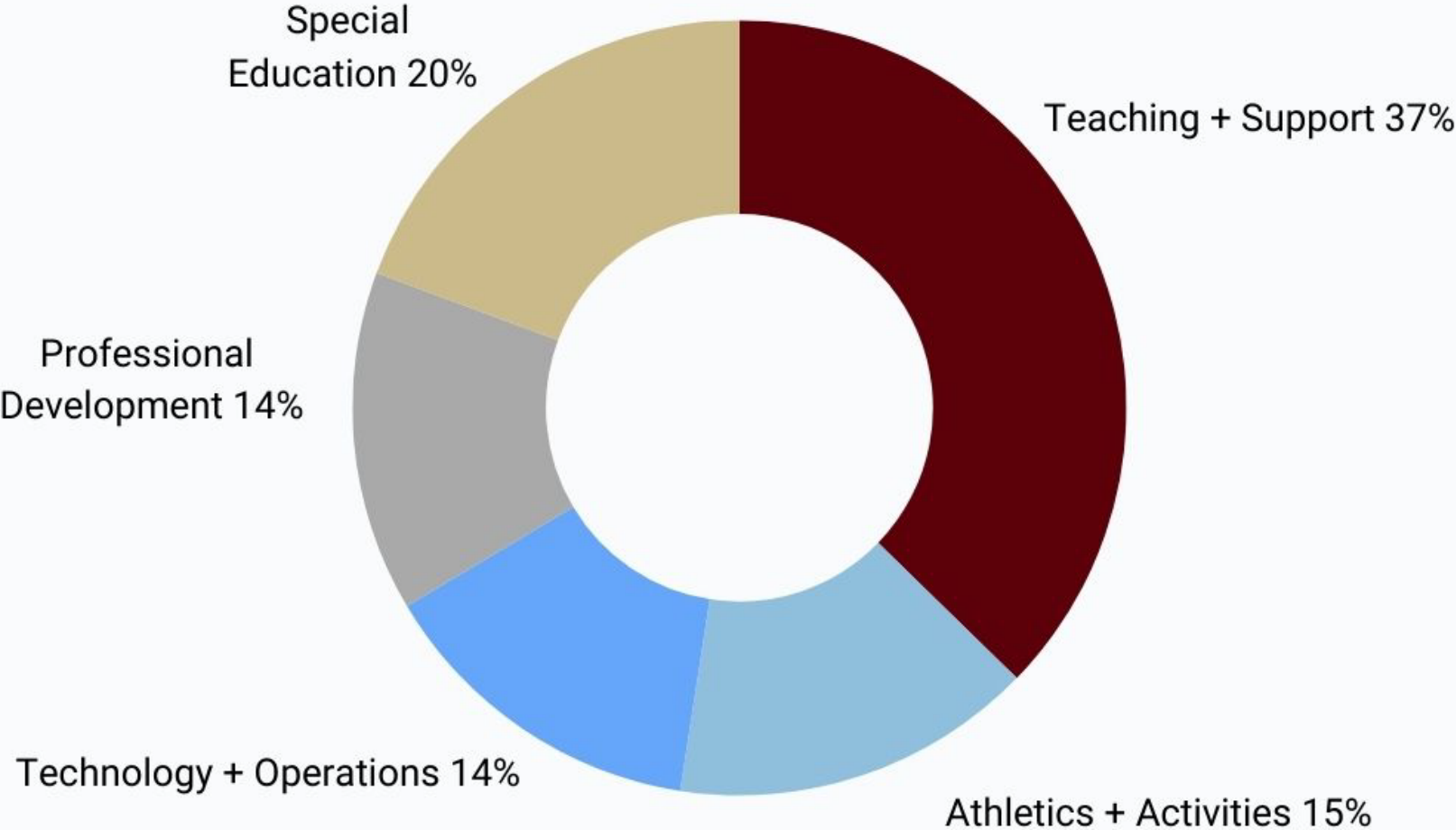
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)

- Replaces current EP&O levy that is expiring.
- Voters would experience a flat tax rate.
- Represents about 14% of the district's operating budget.

- No tax-rate increase thanks to district's eligibility for bond refinancing in 2024.



Approximate Annual Distribution of EP&O Levy Funding



EP&O Levy: Teaching + Support (37%)

- **Funds teachers and support staff** when state funding falls short.
- Helps provide smaller **class sizes**.
- **Technology Support:** Staff to procure, maintain and troubleshoot district computers and other technology.
- **Security:** The district is exploring the possibility of hiring a School Resource Officer in partnership with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.
- **Social Emotional Learning Support:** Maintains current levels of support for counselors, psychologists, nurses and mental health services.



EP&O Levy: Special Education (20%)

- About one-fifth of the levy supports special education expenditures unfunded by state and federal apportionment.
- Occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech language pathologists, psychologists and a behavior specialist to meet student needs as outlined in individual educational plans.
- Teachers and paras beyond state funding to support students with disabilities.



EP&O Levy: Athletics + Activities (15%)

The state does not provide funding for athletics. The main source of funding for athletics and extracurricular activities is the EP&O Levy.



EP&O Levy: Athletics + Activities

- At Lakewood Middle School, students can participate in both individual and team sports as early as sixth grade.
- Lakewood High School offers 12 different varsity sports with teams at various skill levels.
- Programs such as athletics, music, art, drama, and clubs help keep students involved and engaged in school.



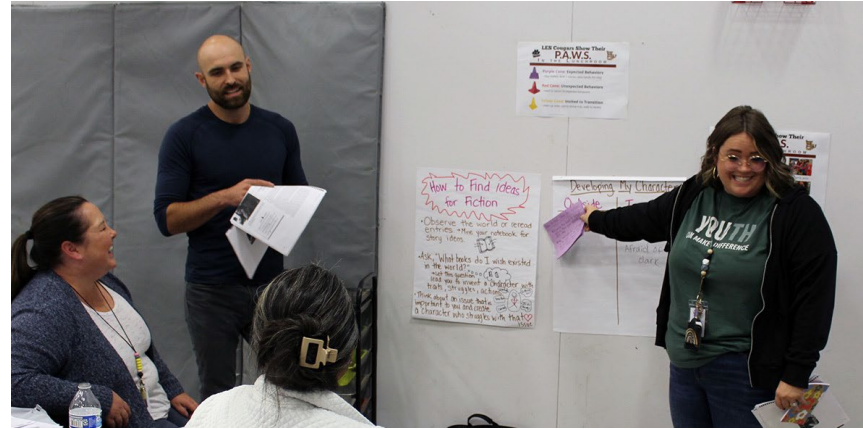
EP&O Levy: Technology + Operations (14%)

- Funds technology such as student Chromebooks, document cameras in classrooms, Boxlight interactive classroom panels, and operating software.
- Funds maintenance and repair of current devices.
- Allows access to digital curriculum and supplemental resources.
- Maintains access to state-mandated standardized testing and STAR math and reading assessments.
- Preventative maintenance and repair of facilities.
- Volunteer Management System.
- Outreach to families and community.
- Curricular resources, instructional materials, and student supplies.
- Utility, insurance and operations costs beyond state funding.



EP&O Levy: Professional Development (14%)

- Training for staff to improve student learning and success.
- Professional development to teach the building blocks of reading for elementary students.
- Supporting the use of classroom assessments to identify and diagnose student needs.
- Strengthening the ability of teachers to provide interventions that help students learn at grade level.
- Concentrated support for new teachers.



Some examples of positions funded by the EP&O Levy that you might not think about



Funded by State of Washington Basic Education (in FTE)

Nursing staff for 2,500 students	3
Custodians for more than 400,000 sq. ft.	10
Facilities & Maintenance employees	4
Less than 1 psychologist for 2,500 students	<1
Technology Staff for 2,500 students	1
Athletic Coaches*	0

(*Actual number of positions, not FTE)



Staff working in Lakewood School District (in FTE)

5	A nurse or health aide at each school to support student health	
14	Custodians to ensure clean & healthy learning environments for students	
6	Facilities/maintenance staff for 24 structures and about 85 acres	
4	Psychologists for social/emotional support and mental health	
2	Staff to procure and maintain technology for the entire district.	
33	Athletic coaches for middle school and high school sports	



How much money can districts ask for?

Washington State law allows for taxes to be levied on the lower of the following:

- \$2.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation
- or -
- \$2,500 per student*

**Before inflation adjustment*

The proposed levy collection is less than either of the two parameters outlined by the state.



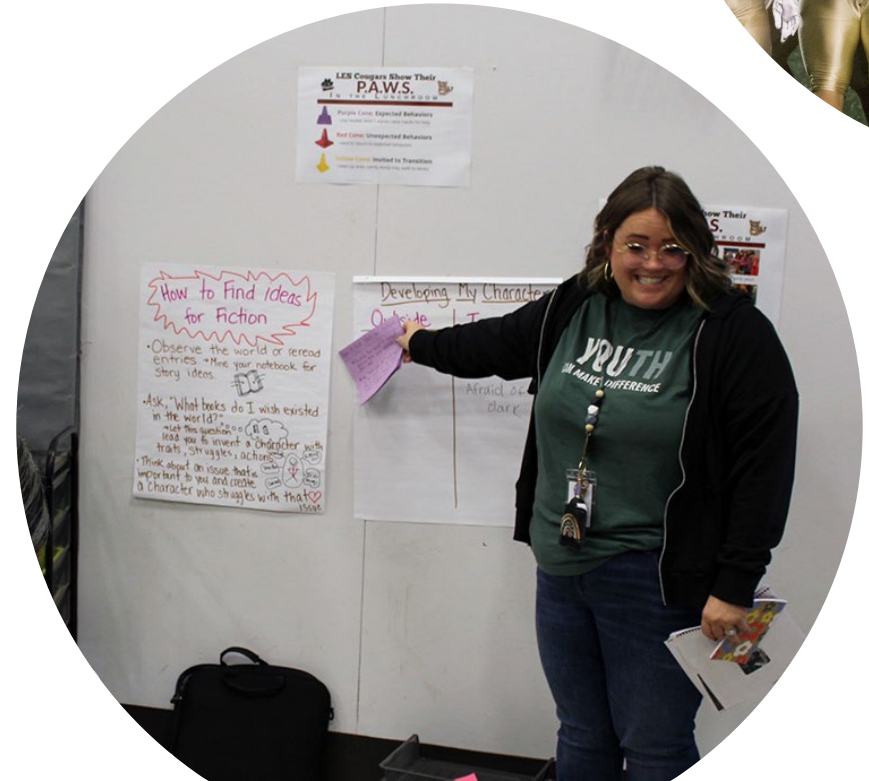
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Approval of the renewal EP&O levy will not increase the tax rate.

The refinancing of the bonds saves our taxpayers \$4.6 million over the next 9 years and impacts current voter-approved measures (Bonds/EP&O) by maintaining our current tax rate.

The projected replacement EP&O rate \$1.73 (along with the bonds) would not change the current tax rate.

A failure to pass the EP&O levy in April would result in the district needing to cut \$3.96 M - \$4.4 M in the 24-25 SY.



If property values go up, do schools get more funding? No...and you'll likely pay less



Property values may change, but the district only collects the total amount approved by voters. When district assessed property taxes go up or when new construction occurs (adding to district property value) the levy rate goes down.



Capital Improvements and Safety Levy

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Capital Improvements and Safety Levy

This levy funds facility needs not funded by the state, helping to ensure that our learning environments are healthy and safe. The focus of the Capital Improvements and Safety Levy is maintenance and preservation of district facilities and safety and security improvements.



The roof at LMS needs to be replaced to prevent water leaks. (Black patches show previous repair work to extend the life of the existing roof.)

Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee (February-October 2023)



- In 2023, a district Citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee, comprised of parents, staff, and community volunteers, visited schools in the district to develop short- and long-term recommendations for capital improvements.
- For its short-term recommendations, the committee focused on:
 1. Maintenance and preservation
 2. Safety and security projects across the district

CFAC short-term recommendations: Maintenance/preservation and safety

Lakewood Middle School

	Bldg 100 Bldg D, Main Office & Gym 1967, 1970	Bldg 300, Bldg B 1970	Bldg 400, Bldg C 2002	Bldg 500, Bldg A 1994, 2002 add'n
Foundations	90	90	90	90
Slabs on Grade	90	90	90	90
Water and Gas Mitigation	90	90	90	90
Superstructure	90	90	90	90
Exterior Vertical Enclosures	76	54	90	90
Exterior Horizontal Enclosures	90	31	90	90
Interior Construction	90	90	90	90
Interior Finishes	62	90	90	90
Plumbing	51	62	90	90
HVAC	76	90	83	93
Fire Protection	90	90	90	81
Electrical	62	62	90	62
Communications	61	61	61	61
Electronic Safety and Security	62	62	71	61
Integrated Automation	90	90	90	90
Equipment	90			
Furnishings	90	62	90	95
Overall Weighted ICOS Score	74.1	77.3	87.7	84.9



Lakewood Middle School

- Reconfigure cafeteria to increase capacity and functionality
- Access control system with lockdown functionality
- Replace outdated electrical equipment
- Communication infrastructure improvements (intercom system and master clock system)
- Replace outdated fire alarm control panel
- Replace aging roof on Cougar Hall
- Improve site security with fencing
- Install additional security cameras
- Improve energy efficiency by replacing fluorescent lights with LEDs to reduce utility costs and comply with Green Buildings (HB1257) requirements
- Sidewalk repairs and ADA accessibility improvements



CFAC short-term recommendations: Lakewood Middle School



Replace fire alarm control panel



Replace outdated electrical equipment



Update light fixtures to energy-efficient LEDs



Add security cameras



CFAC short-term recommendations: Lakewood Middle School



Access control system with lockdown functionality



Communication infrastructure improvements (intercom system, right, and master clock system, above)



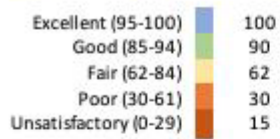
Reconfigure cafeteria

ADA accessibility improvements



CFAC short-term recommendations: Maintenance/preservation and safety

Lakewood Elementary



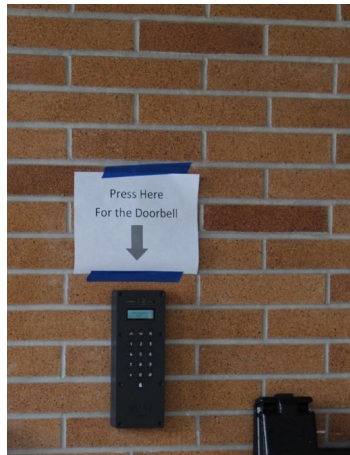
	Building A 1964	Building C 1961	Building D 1968	Main Building 1958, 1997 & 2003	Covered Play 2003
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Slabs on Grade	90	90	90	90	90
Water and Gas Mitigation	90	90	90	90	
Superstructure	62	90	90	90	90
Exterior Vertical Enclosures	69	75	68	83	
Exterior Horizontal Enclosures	90	90	90	62	90
Interior Construction	90	68	75	90	
Interior Finishes	83	83	90	83	90
Plumbing	51	51	51	81	
HVAC	61	51	51	90	
Fire Protection	90	90	90	90	
Electrical	51	51	51	51	90
Communications	90	90	90	90	90
Electronic Safety and Security	76	76	76	81	90
Integrated Automation	62	62	62	90	
Equipment				83	90
Furnishings	90	90	90	90	90
Overall Weighted ICOS Score	67.5	63.4	65.4	80.6	90.0

Lakewood Elementary School

- Replace outdated boiler
- HVAC improvements to improve indoor air quality
- Access control system with lockdown functionality
- Install additional security cameras
- Replace outdated electrical panels
- Flooring Update



CFAC short-term recommendations: Lakewood Elementary School



Access control system with lockdown functionality on exterior doors



Replace outdated electrical panels (panel in photo is 65 years old)

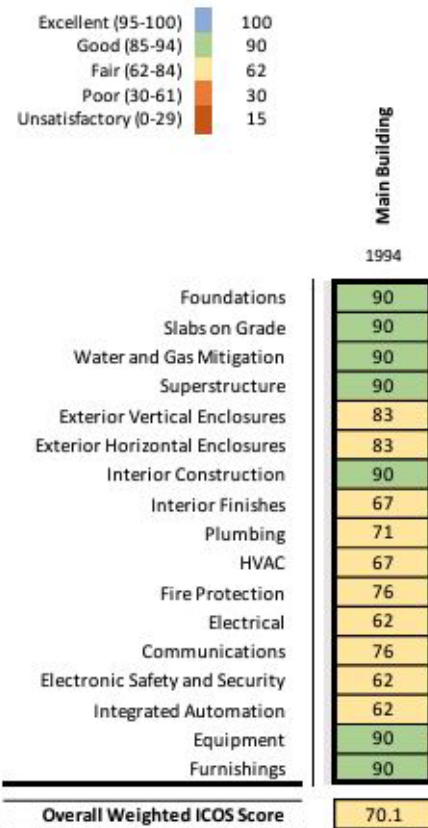


Replace outdated boiler system



CFAC short-term recommendations: Maintenance/preservation and safety

English Crossing Elementary



English Crossing Elementary

- Communication infrastructure improvements (intercom system)
- Replace fire alarm system
- Repair or replace water source heat pumps and domestic hot water system
- Access control system with lockdown functionality
- Improve site security with fencing
- Install additional security cameras
- Flooring update
- Replace fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient LED lights to reduce utility costs and comply with Green Building Law (HB1257) requirements



CFAC short-term recommendations: English Crossing Elementary



Access control system with lockdown functionality on exterior doors



Energy-efficient light fixtures



Update intercom system for improved communication



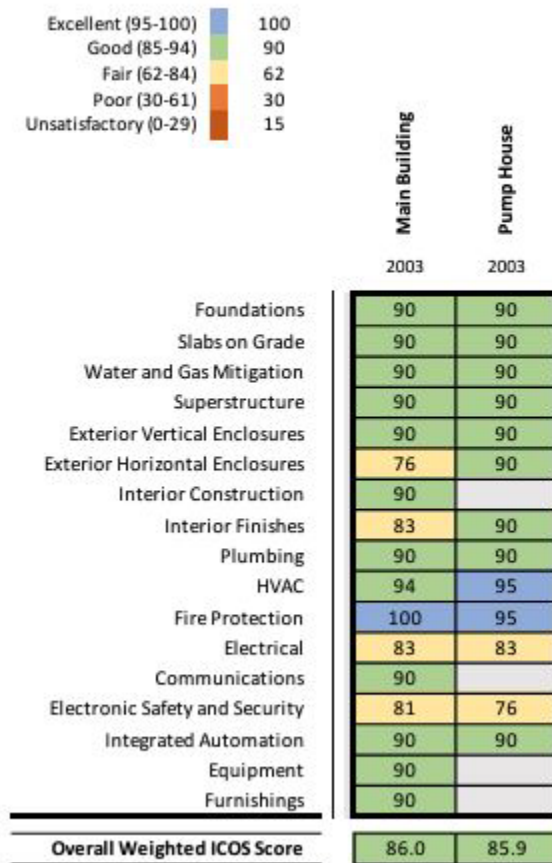
Improve site safety/security with fencing



Update Fire Alarm Control Panel

CFAC short-term recommendations: Maintenance/preservation and safety

Cougar Creek Elementary



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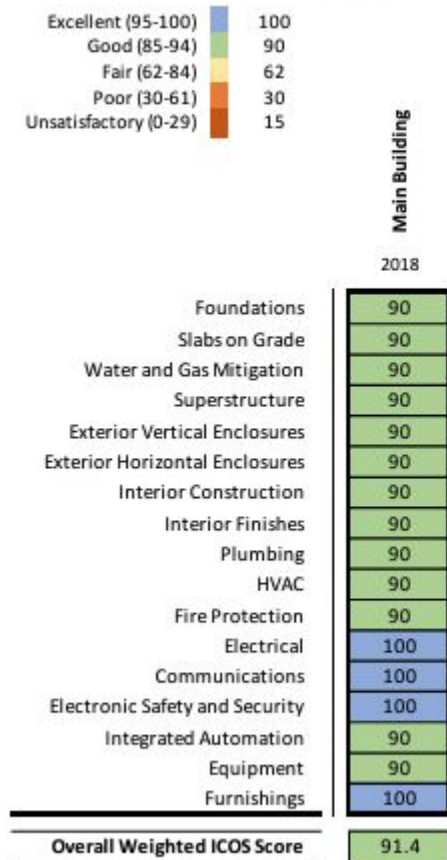
- Access control system with lockdown functionality
- Install additional security cameras
- Flooring update
- Replace fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient LED lights to reduce utility costs and comply with Green Building Law (HB1257) requirements
- Sidewalk repairs and ADA accessibility improvements



CFAC short-term recommendations: Maintenance and preservation

Lakewood High School

Building is performing well



CFAC short-term recommendations: Districtwide improvements

- Access control systems with lockdown functionality
- Improve site security with fencing
- Improve student drop-off/pickup traffic flow
- Sidewalk repairs and ADA accessibility improvements
- Additional security cameras

Access control system with lockdown functionality on exterior doors



Improved ADA accessibility



Additional Security Cameras



Improve site security and navigation with fencing



Capital Improvements and Safety Levy

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

COLLECTION YEAR	EST. TAX RATE	AMOUNT OF LEVY \$
2025	\$0.87	\$3,800,000
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2027	\$0.95	\$4,400,000
2028	\$0.99	\$4,700,000
Total levy amount: \$17 million		

To maintain a consistent total tax rate, the levy amount adjusts as existing bonds are paid off.



Tax impact analysis

The estimated 2025 total tax rate increase for the new Capital Improvements and Safety Levy is \$0.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value. That's \$435 per year for a home with an assessed value of \$500,000. That equates to about 17 cents per student.

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Lakewood School District No. 306		
TAX IMPACT ANALYSIS		
Estimated 2025 Total Tax Rate Increase over 2024 Total Tax Rate (per \$1,000 assessed value):		
		\$0.87
Assessed Value of Property	Annual Gross Property Tax Increase	Monthly Gross Property Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$87.00	\$7.25
150,000	131.00	10.92
200,000	174.00	14.50
250,000	218.00	18.17
300,000	261.00	21.75
350,000	305.00	25.42
400,000	348.00	29.00
450,000	392.00	32.67
500,000	435.00	36.25
550,000	479.00	39.92
600,000	522.00	43.50
650,000	566.00	47.17
700,000	609.00	50.75
750,000	653.00	54.42
<p>Qualified homeowners may apply for a senior exemption. Contact the Snohomish County Assessor at (425) 388-3433 with questions.</p>		



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How to register to vote

<http://votewa.gov/>

16- and 17-year-olds may pre-register to receive a voter registration card on their 18th birthday.



Update your registration if:

- You are new to Washington State
- You have recently moved
- You have a new mailing address
- You changed your name

Senior Exemptions

Some senior (61+) and disabled homeowners may be eligible for reduced property tax rates or exemptions. Income thresholds for these programs changed in 2024 and vary from \$54,000 to \$75,000. Learn more by contacting the Snohomish County Assessor.



What questions do you have?

