



# WE ARE LAKEWOOD

## LAKEWOOD LEVY INFORMATION



VOTE BY APRIL 23, 2024

# Local education levies would support learning, safety and healthy schools for 2,560 students

### PROP. 1 - Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy



**TEACHING + SUPPORT:**  
Helps fill funding gap to provide smaller class sizes, electives, nurses, security staff, and more.



**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** About 20% of this levy funds teachers, paraeducators and therapists for students with disabilities.



**ATHLETICS + ACTIVITIES:**  
Programs such as athletics, music, art, drama, and clubs help keep students involved and engaged.



**TECHNOLOGY + OPERATIONS:**  
Funds student computers, classroom technology and networks.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**  
Funds training for staff to improve student learning and success in school and in life.

### PROP. 2 - Capital Improvements and Safety Levy



**Protects community's investments:**  
Funds maintenance and preservation of district facilities, and safety and security improvements, to ensure students are safe, warm and dry.



#### MAINTENANCE & PRESERVATION

- Replace aging roof, boiler, electrical panels and flooring.
- HVAC improvements for better indoor air quality.
- Replace fluorescent light fixtures with energy-efficient LED lights.



#### SAFETY & SECURITY

- Install access control system with lockdown functionality on exterior doors.
- Improve site safety/security with fencing.
- Replace outdated fire alarm control panels.

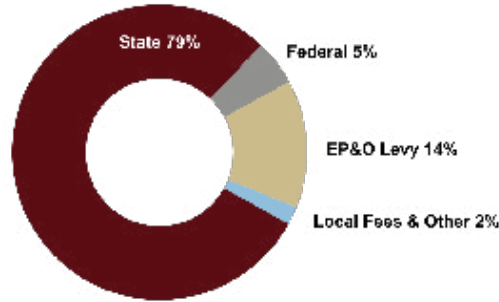
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## Replacement EP&O Levy

### NOT A NEW TAX

Lakewood community members already support an Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which expires in 2024. This is a four-year replacement levy with an estimated tax rate of \$1.73 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**Approval of this levy will not change the current tax rate.**



**Q. What happens if this replacement levy doesn't pass?**

A. If the EP&O levy doesn't pass, Lakewood will need to reduce its budget about \$3.96 million for the 2024-25 school year.

The EP&O Levy makes up 14% of our budget and is our second-largest source of funding.

The replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy funds staff positions such as **nurses, psychologists, paraeducators, custodians, teachers** beyond what the state funds, and a **future school resource officer (SRO)**. It also funds **athletics, extracurricular activities, technology** upgrades and support of existing technology. The state does not provide any funding for athletics.

Funded by State of Washington Basic Education (in FTE)	Staff working in LWSD (in FTE)
3	5
10	14
4	6
<1	4
1	2
0*	33*

\*Actual number of positions, not FTE

## Capital Improvements and Safety Levy

This new levy will fund improvements to district facilities.

Examples of safety improvements include:

- Automatic locks and keyless entry on all exterior doors. Students who are in portable classrooms will be able to easily access a bathroom in another building while keeping exterior doors locked.

- Fencing will help direct visitors to the main office, increasing security.

Lakewood staff maintain 24 structures and 400,000 square feet. Some building systems have reached the end of their useful life. *Improved building systems in this levy include:*

- Boiler at Lakewood Elementary
- Fire alarm control panels at English Crossing and Lakewood Middle School

- Electrical panels at Lakewood Middle School
- Roof at Lakewood Middle School
- Heat pumps at English Crossing Elementary
- Flooring at Cougar Creek

Year	Prop 2: Capital Improvements and Safety Levy (per \$1,000 assessed value)
2025	\$0.87
2026	\$0.91
2027	\$0.95
2028	\$0.99

The owner of a home with an assessed value of \$500,000 would pay \$435 in 2025 for the new Capital Improvements and Safety Levy.

**FUNDS GENERATED**  
**\$17 million**  
 over four years for urgent school improvements

### EXEMPTIONS FOR SENIORS/DISABLED

Some senior citizens and people with disabilities qualify for reduced property tax rates or exemptions. Income thresholds for these programs changed in 2024. Learn more by contacting the Snohomish County Assessor at (425) 388-3540 or visit: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/328/Property-Tax-Exemptions>.



LWSD Levies

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