

## Lake Washington School District

# **NOVEMBER 2024 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION LEVY**

Excellent schools are part of excellent communities.

Lake Washington School District is committed to ensuring every student has access to safe and modern learning spaces that meet their educational needs.



This levy would fund Phase 2 of our Building Excellence Plan by ensuring our oldest facilities meet the 21st century health, safety, technology and learning standards to support our students.

This measure authorizes a six-year levy totaling \$676.9 million or \$112.8 million per year for six years. Levy collection would begin in 2026.

## THE LEVY WOULD INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS BY:

- · Rebuilding & enlarging:
  - Alcott Elementary
  - Evergreen Middle School
  - Kamiakin Middle School •
  - Smith Elementary



**ELECTION** November 5, 2024



• Upgrading & modernizing:

**Community Pool at** 

Juanita High School

Fieldhouse and



When students and staff are in a building that supports their physical needs, they can focus on learning. The levy addresses the health and safety of our students and staff:

- School safety enhancements like secure entryways
- Updated heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) systems
- Modernize and add restrooms

## **STUDENT** CAPACITY

Our oldest schools are overcrowded. The levy will:

- Catch up with enrollment growth and overcrowding
- Provide capacity for changing enrollment and learning needs



### **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY NEEDS/ MODERNIZATIONS**

To support every student and ensure they have access to the programs and learning spaces that support their futures, the levy will modernize our schools by adding:

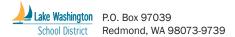
- · Capacity for updated technology and learning supports
- Flexible learning spaces to accommodate small groups and personalized supports

## **SUSTAINABILITY & EFFICIENCY**



Newer systems that meet 21st century standards will increase building efficiency, lowering the cost of operations. The levy will ensure that we:

- Design for sustainable construction and updated energy standards
- Maximize natural lighting
- Lower operating costs



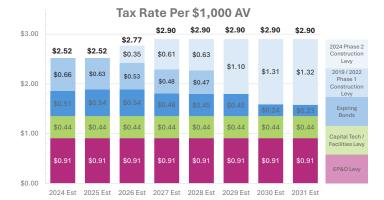
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# **CONSTRUCTION LEVY REPLACES EXPIRING BONDS AND LEVIES**





The chart above shows that the construction levy rate is designed to replace past bonds and levies. The majority of the levy rate will be offset as old bonds are paid off and previous construction levies expire.

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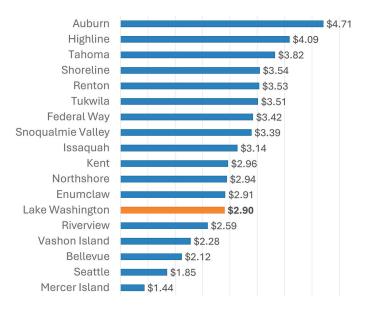
# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

#### Is there a tax break for senior citizens?

Yes. Seniors and the disabled may be eligible to receive a reduction in property taxes based on income. More information is available on the King County website at <u>https://senior-exemption.</u> <u>kingcounty.gov/intro</u>.

# How does the LWSD tax rate compare to neighboring districts?

LWSD's total tax rate is and will continue to be low compared to other neighboring King County school districts.





For more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit: <u>lwsd.org/2024-levy</u>.

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