



Tiger Community:

On February 11, 2025, you will have the opportunity to vote on an Educational Programs &

Operations (EP&O) Levy for the Ephrata School District. This levy replaces our current levy and helps fund important programs and services that are not fully funded by the state.

If approved, this levy will provide funding for:

- Extracurricular activities and athletics
- Safety and security improvements
- Unfunded materials, supplies and operating costs
- College in the High School programs
- Technology updates
- Staff professional development
- Additional staffing costs not covered by state funds

This replacement levy will collect \$11,521,730 from 2026 to 2029. If approved, it also unlocks approximately \$13 million in Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding from the state during this time.

While the estimated levy rate is slightly higher than the current rate, it matches the lowest rate approved on the levy it will replace. Additionally, when combined with the existing bond and capital levy, the total rate will remain lower than historical levy rates.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about this important decision.

Ken Murray
Superintendent

**LEVY IN
2025**



**BOND
ANTICIPATED
IN 2026**

Phase 1

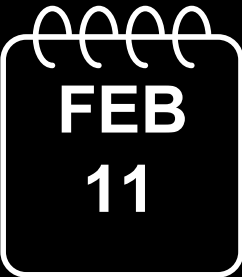
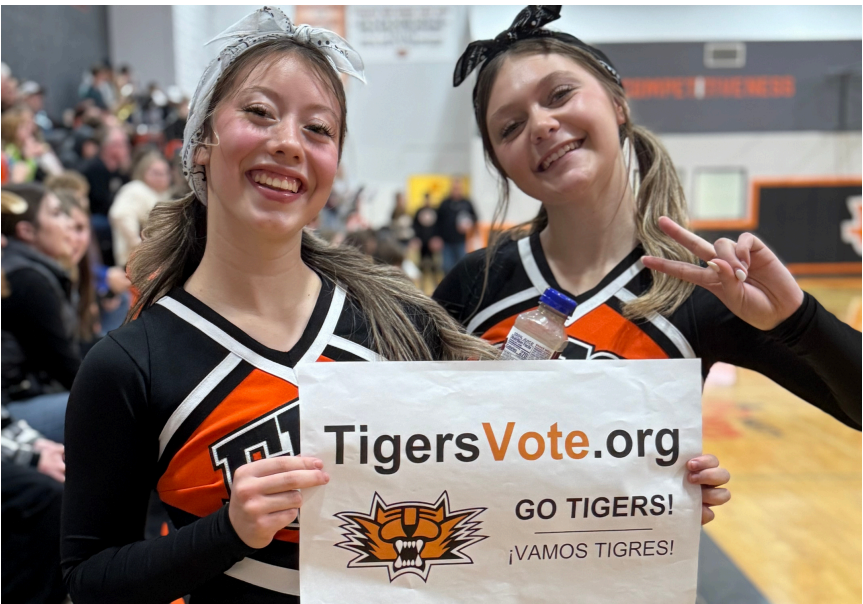
Academic Excellence for Each Student, Every Day
OPERATIONS LEVY - February 2025

Phase 2

Crucial Building Updates to Support Ephrata's Growing Population
**CAPITAL BOND
Anticipated February 2026**



Levies are for Learning - Bonds are for Building



Please vote by Feb. 11

Ballots must be postmarked by 8:00 p.m.

Low-income senior citizens and disabled adults may qualify for tax exemptions. Please contact the Grant County Assessor's Office at (509) 754-2011 or grantcounty.wa.gov/248/assessor for more information.



Ephrata School District is considered a property-poor district, making us eligible for Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding from the state. This program provides an additional \$3.2 - \$3.3 million annually in additional support, **but only if the levy passes**. That's more than we generate through local taxes.

REPLACEMENT LEVY PROPOSED COSTS

| Year | Tax Rate* | Average Monthly Cost for a \$375K Homeowner | Local Tax Amount Collected | Projected State Assistance |
|----------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2025 (current) | \$1.58** | \$49.38 | \$2,230,000 | \$3,323,592 |
| 2026 | \$1.85 | \$60.13*** | \$2,713,253 | \$3,272,029 |
| 2027 | \$1.85 | \$62.53*** | \$2,821,783 | \$3,317,456 |
| 2028 | \$1.85 | \$65.03*** | \$2,934,654 | \$3,277,482 |
| 2029 | \$1.85 | \$67.63*** | \$3,052,040 | \$3,292,615 |

*Estimated rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

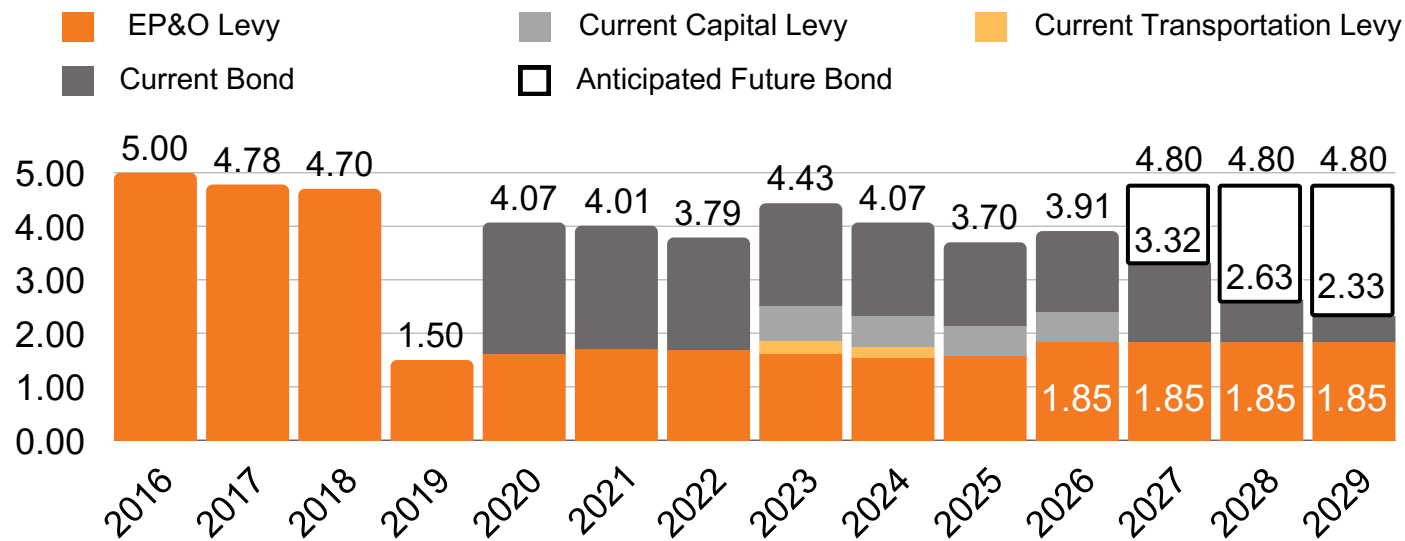
**Voters approved \$2.03 as part of the '21 EP&O Levy. Increases to assessed property values in Ephrata led taxpayers to pay just \$1.58.

***Assumes 4% increase in assessed property values per year.



Levy funds are critical to maintaining certain programs & services for more than **2,800** Ephrata students.

HISTORIC & PROJECTED LOCAL SCHOOL TAX RATES*



*Per \$1,000 assessed property value. Future tax rates are estimates. The Ephrata School District anticipates a bond in 2026 for collection in 2027.