

One-Year (2026) Supplemental Levy for Educational Programs & Operations

Election: August 5, 2025

Dr. Susana Reyes
Superintendent

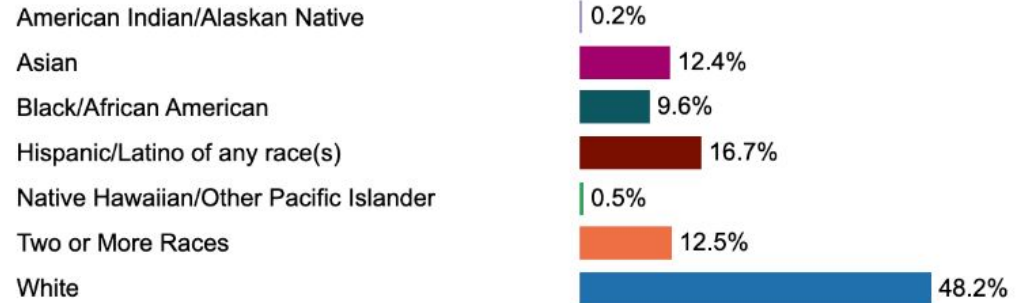


9,250+ Wonderfully Diverse K-12 Students

- 11.6% Multilingual Learners
- 33% Low Income
- 14.3% Special Education
- 10% Section 504

81 Languages Spoken (from Albanian to Wolof)

Race/Ethnicity



Strong Schools, Strong Community



Educational Opportunities & Experiences



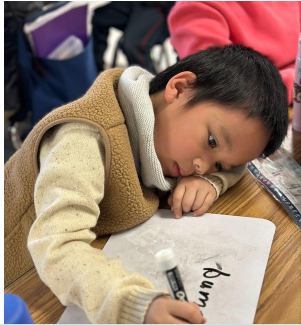
STEM



Dual Language & Multilingual Learners



Music Programs



Early Literacy



Career & Technical Education

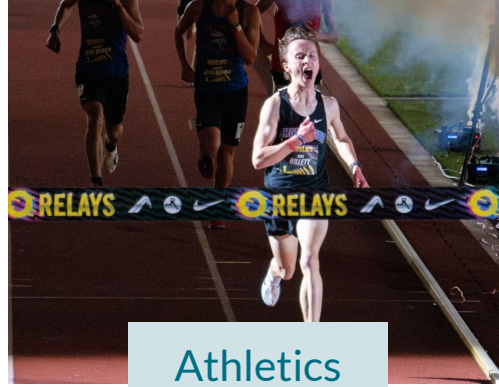


Visual Arts

Beyond the Classroom



Cultural Events



Athletics



Family Outreach



Student Clubs



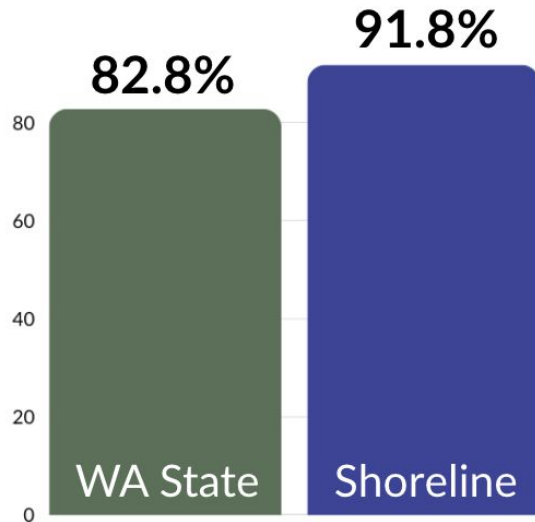
Social-Emotional Skills



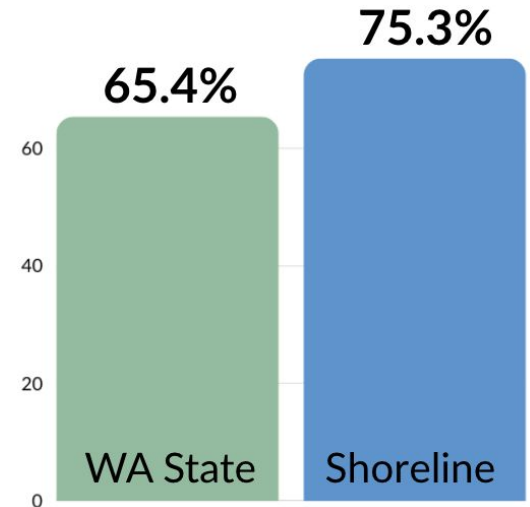
Performing Arts

Graduation Rates Surpass State Averages

2023-24 Four-Year Graduation Rate Higher than State Average!

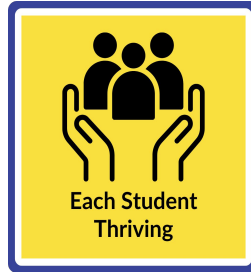


2023-24 Graduation Rate of Students Receiving Special Education Services Higher than State Average!



Envision Shoreline: Engage. Inspire. Empower.

Keep These Key Areas in Focus

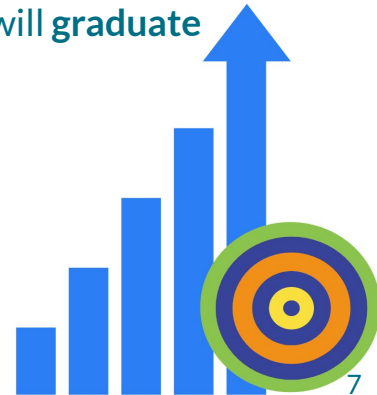


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Work Toward Our Targets

By Spring of 2029:

- 85% of Shoreline's 5th and 8th graders will **read at grade level**
- 95% of Shoreline's students will report that **they feel safe and welcome in school**
- 95% of Shoreline's students will **graduate on time**



Summary of Continued Efforts to Reduce District Expenditures

Staffing Reductions

- 18 central office staff and administrators (over the last three years)
- 41 non-classroom school-based positions reduced (library technicians, custodians, family advocates, maintenance staff)
- Strategic hiring freeze of non-classroom related positions
- Focus on reductions furthest away from students in need of the most support

Curriculum & Materials

- Pause on instructional licenses, and curriculum materials and adoptions
- Reduction of school and departmental budgets

Employee Contract Concessions

- Employee group contract provision pauses and reductions
- Furlough days and contract suspensions (administrators and central office staff)

Other Cost-Saving Measures

- Reallocated some allowable technology costs to the Technology Levy
- No General Fund vehicle and equipment purchases
- Limit professional development for non-classroom staff
- Restrict conference and travel costs for staff

The Way Forward

The supplemental levy is part of the solution while the district works toward a long-term, stable funding plan, where:

- ✦ **Our expenses are within our means**
Building a balanced, sustainable budget
- ✦ **Our unreserved fund balance is healthy**
Enabling us to weather unexpected expenses or emergencies
- ✦ **We can align our resources to our strategic plan**
Fulfilling our goals and outcomes for student success
- ✦ **We can be flexible and nimble**
Supporting students and addressing areas of greatest need
- ✦ **We have a healthy foundation for growth**
Preparing to expand services as increased revenue becomes available



Supplemental Levy 101

WA State Legislature passed ESHB 2049 in April 2025 to help with the financial challenges that districts across the state are facing.

A **levy** is a local property tax to help finance educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the state.

This legislative change allows districts to ask voters to approve a **supplemental levy**.

Shoreline School District Supplemental EP&O Levy

Key Points:

- One-year supplemental levy
- \$7.25 million collection in calendar year 2026
- Helps maintain current programs and services not fully funded by state or federal sources
- Voters who live in Shoreline and Lake Forest Park are eligible to vote
- Passes with a simple majority of votes (>50%)

Election Date: August 5, 2025



What the Supplemental Levy Would Support and Help Maintain

The levy would help to maintain services and programs not fully funded by the state, such as:

- Daily operations:
 - Instructional and support staff
 - Student transportation
- School programs:
 - Highly capable
 - Multilingual learner
- Student opportunities:
 - Middle and high school athletics
 - Extracurricular activities



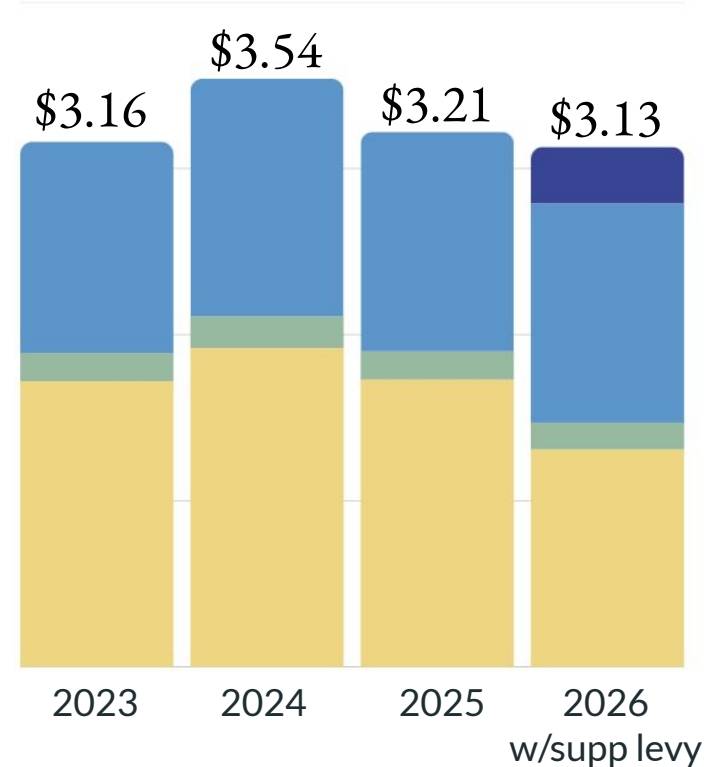
Total Local Education Taxes

Owners of property in Shoreline School District contribute to local education funding with a portion of their property taxes.

This funding for local schools goes toward both **bonds** and **levies**.

Tax rates are lower in 2026 because bond payments are decreasing and new housing construction spreads the cost across more property owners.

Amount Collected per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value in Shoreline School District

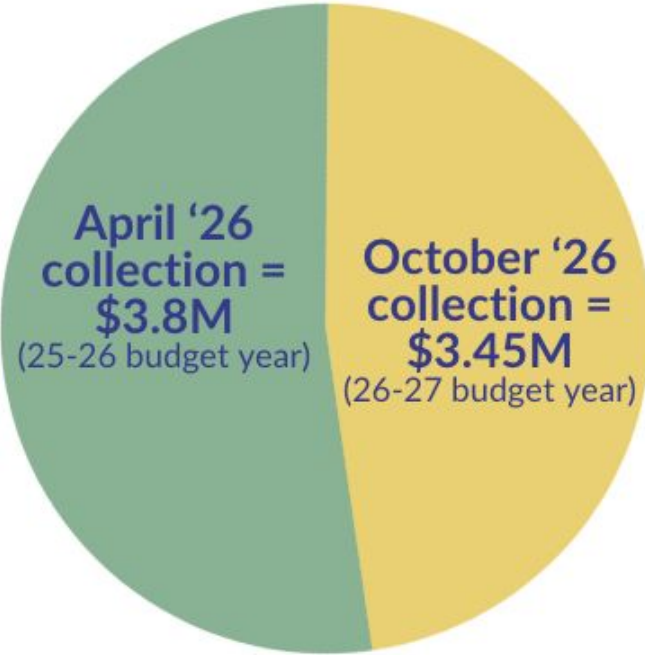


2025 to 2026 Reduction to Local Education Taxes

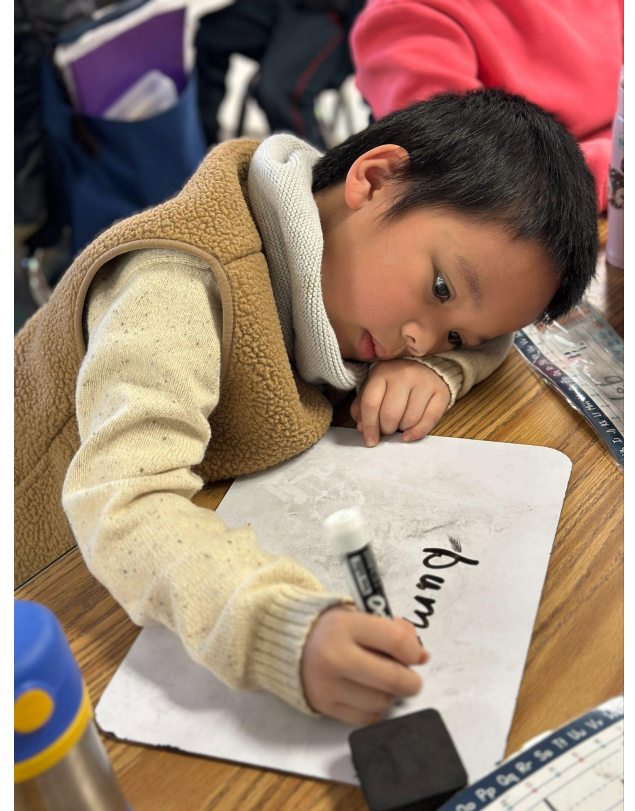
Home Value	Estimated Local School Taxes	
	2025	2026 with Supplemental Levy
\$750K Home	\$2,408	\$2,348
\$1M Home	\$3,210	\$3,130
\$1.5M Home	\$4,815	\$4,695

The table illustrates the 2025 vs. 2026 taxes for sample assessed home values. Although estimated tax rates will decrease, the assessed values of homes can still go up or down, which may affect the total amount of taxes owed.

2026 Supplemental Levy Collections Happen Over Two Budget Years



\$7.25 million to be collected in two parts



Impact on School District 2025-26 Financials

Cost savings efforts, recent legislation that adds revenue, and the possibility of the supplemental levy would help maintain many current programs and services for one year.

\$6.5M Projected Budget Deficit (as of 11/2024)	Reductions	Revenue Increases
	- \$1.5M Reduced Educational Program (REP)	+ \$1.02M Legislative Funding (<i>early estimates</i>) (<i>Sp Ed = \$685K, MSOC = \$336K</i>) + \$3.8M Supplemental EP&O Levy

*Increasing costs that need to be incorporated into the budget plan for 2025-26, are not included in the \$6.5M projected deficit.

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What happens after 2026?

Current levies expire December 2026

This includes:

- Technology Levy
- Current EP&O Levy
- Supplemental EP&O Levy (if passed)



Replacement levies start January 2027

The district plans to propose replacement levies for collection in years 2027-2030.

On February 2026 ballot

Supplemental Levy on the August 5 Ballot

Shoreline School District No. 412

Proposition No. 1

One-Year Supplemental Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution 2025-7, concerning supplemental funding for educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would, subject to recent legislative changes taking effect, authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes for one year, on all taxable property within the District, to supplement the final year of the existing educational programs and operations levy that expires at the end of 2026:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Supplemental Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$0.34	\$7,250,000

all as provided in Resolution 2025-7. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Key Election Dates

July 15: Voters' pamphlets mailed

July 16: Ballots mailed and vote centers open*

July 17: Ballot drop boxes open*

July 28: Last day for mail-in and online voter registration

August 5: Last day for in-person voter registration, until 8:00 pm

August 5, 2025: ELECTION DAY

Ballots must be postmarked or returned to a ballot drop box no later than 8:00 pm.



*Vote centers and drop boxes will be listed about 30 days prior to election day at: kingcounty.gov/elections

Upcoming Community Information Sessions

Monday, July 21, 7 - 8:00 pm

[Attend via Zoom](#)

- Webinar ID: 828 1544 3384
- Passcode: 339789

Wednesday, July 30, Noon - 1:00 pm

[Attend via Zoom](#)

- Webinar ID: 860 5475 2939
- Passcode: 966849

Dial-In Phone Numbers for either session above:
1-253-215-8782 or 1-669-900-6833

Want to learn
more?

Visit: ssd412.org/SuppLevy25



Thank you!



Supplemental Levy FAQ

Why will there be a supplemental levy on the August 5 ballot?

In April 2025, the Washington State Legislature passed a bill that raises school districts' levy authority, allowing them to collect \$500 more per pupil each year starting in 2026. Shoreline School District is eligible to propose a supplemental EP&O levy to voters for the final year of the existing levy (2026).

What is the purpose of the supplemental levy?

Residents of Shoreline School District will consider a one-year supplemental EP&O levy to provide \$7.25 million during the 2026 calendar year to fund educational programs and district operations that are not funded by state or federal dollars.

How will the funds generated be used?

The levy funds will go toward instructional and support staff, staff pay and training, transportation, and programs such as special education, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.

How long will the supplemental levy be in effect?

The supplemental levy will be in effect for the calendar year 2026, which is the final year of the existing four-year EP&O levy, which was approved by voters in February 2022 for collections in 2023-2026.

Aren't we voting on levies again in February 2026?

Yes, the existing EP&O and Tech levies and the supplemental levy will expire in December 2026. The district plans to propose replacement levies for the ongoing investment to the school district for years 2027-2030.

What happens if the levy fails?

If the supplemental levy fails, the district will continue the ongoing work to reduce expenditures, as costs continue to outpace revenues. This may result in increased class sizes, limited athletics and extracurricular activities, and reduced instructional and support staff and services available in our schools.

What current levies and bonds is the district collecting taxes on?

Year	Bonds	Technology Levy	EP&O Levy	Total Tax Amounts Collected by Shoreline Schools
		EP&O and Tech Levy passed in 2022 Collected in 2023-2026		
2023	\$35,384,000	\$3,521,000	\$26,152,000	\$65,057,000
2024	\$35,821,000	\$3,515,000	\$26,619,000	\$65,955,000
2025	\$36,186,000	\$3,518,000	\$27,638,000	\$67,342,000
2026	\$28,385,000	\$3,500,000	\$28,750,000	\$60,635,000
2026 w/supp. levy			+ \$7,250,000 = \$36,000,000	\$67,885,000

Levies expire December 2026

What other considerations are there for ongoing budget planning?

- Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) was 1.9%, now it is 2.5%
 - These additional costs need to be incorporated into the 2025-26 budget
- Increasing costs for stormwater fees need to be incorporated into the 25-26 budget plan
- Unknowns (i.e. additional staff, collective bargaining, etc)
- To the extent possible, address top priorities (i.e. class size, curriculum, etc.)
- Legislative session has concluded, but not all impacts are yet known
 - Board report is planned for the June 3 board meeting
- Potential changes to federal revenue are unknown
- Still below 4-5% minimum unreserved fund balance

Are there any homeowners who don't pay local education taxes?

State law provides two tax benefit programs for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. They include property tax exemptions and property tax deferrals. With exemptions, you pay less taxes or none at all. With deferrals, you are able to pay your taxes at a later date.

Deferrals

You may qualify for a deferral of your property tax liability if:

- You are 60 or older, or retired because of physical disability.
- You own the home in which you live and occupy it at least nine months a year.
- Your household income for 2024 was \$88,998 or less.
- You meet equity requirements.

Deferrals and interest become a lien on your property until you repay the total amount.

Exemptions

Income limit (based on 2024 earnings)

- Your annual income must be under \$84,000, including Social Security and other sources

Age and/or disability (at least one)

- At least age 62 the first year you apply
- Disabled or a veteran with a service-connected evaluation of at least 80% total disability rating

Ownership and occupancy

- You own the residence as of December 31 of the prior year of the property tax year
- You occupy the residence for at least 6 months each year (for tax years 2022 and 2021)
- You occupy the residence for at least 9 months each year (for tax year 2020)

If you qualify, the exemption continues as long as you are eligible.