

2026 Levy Information

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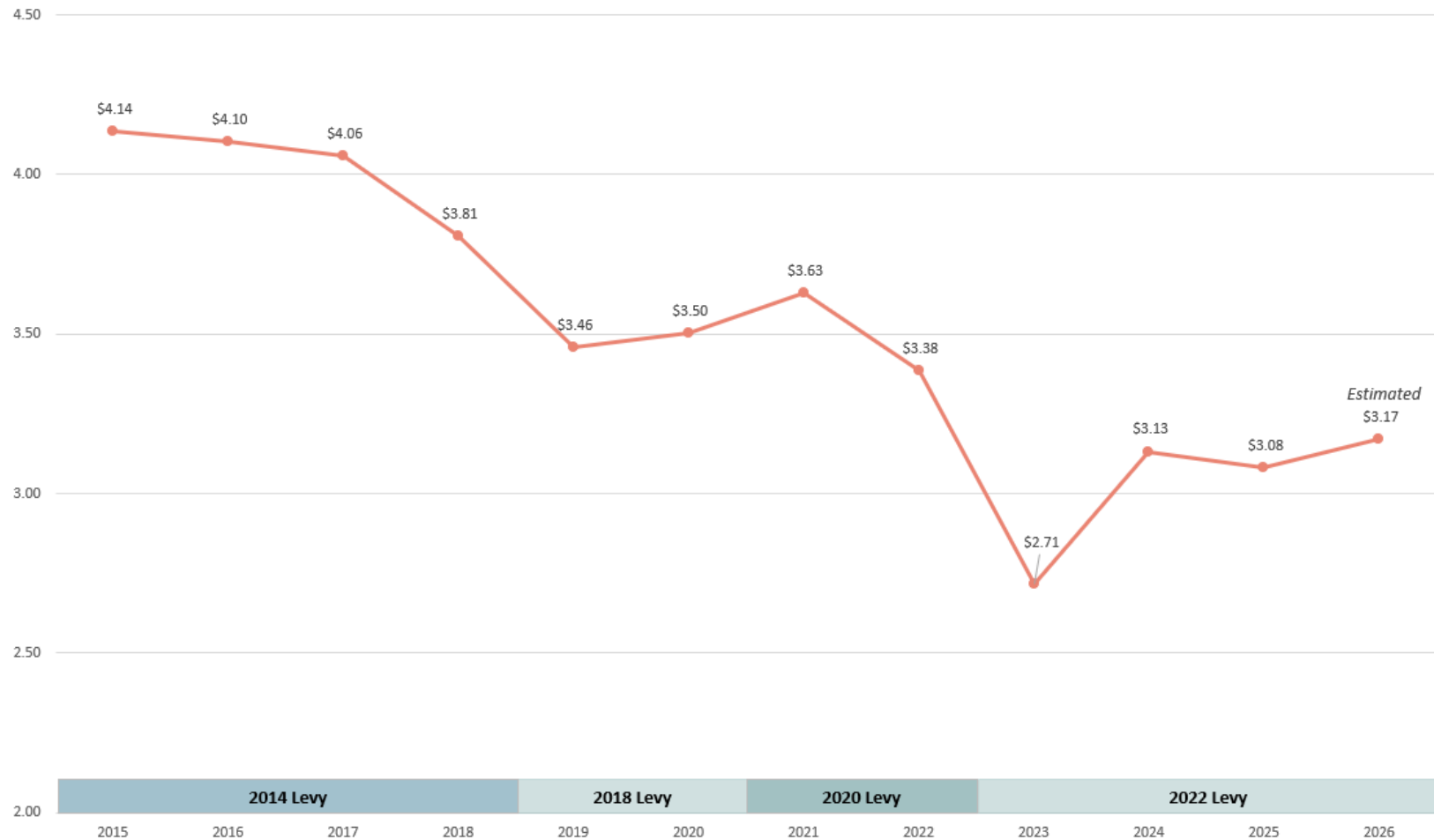
Levy History

	February 2010		February 2014		February 2018		February 2020		April 2022	
EP&O	65.70%	Pass	69.27%	Pass	51.27%	Pass	63.66%	Pass	54.59%	Pass
Capital	64.24%	Pass	70.31%	Pass	54.15%	Pass			51.67%	Pass
Transportation	65.58%	Pass	70.89%	Pass	57.31%	Pass			62.28%	Pass

- The district has typically been on a four-year levy cycle with a February ballot date
- Due to tax reforms in 2018, the district went to a temporary two-year cycle for the Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) levy
- Levies need 50% + 1 vote to pass

Tax Rate History

Combined Local School Rate (ISD Portion Only)



What's the focus in 2026?

- **February 10, 2026 Ballot Date**
- **4-year Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy**
 - Safeguard essential student services, enrichment and safety beyond state and federal funding
 - Consider expanding student well-being supports and broadening academic opportunities
- **4-year Capital Levy (Technology and Critical Repairs)**
 - Delivers up-to-date classroom technology, applications, device support and network infrastructure
 - Addresses urgent safety needs, prioritizing the highest-impact repairs to buildings and systems
- **1-year Transportation Levy**
 - Advances safe, sustainable, and reliable transportation while managing maintenance costs through fleet modernization, including adding electric buses and expanding charging infrastructure.
- **Strengthen community voice through structured Levy Advisory Committee process**

Educational Programs & Operations Levy

- **Funding and Cycle**
 - Authority limited by per pupil amount - currently at \$3,851 per student; increases annually
 - Provides approximately **16.6%** of General Fund revenue
 - Four-year renewal levy
- **Requirements and Opportunities**
 - Restricted to “enrichment” and supplemental to basic education - minimum instructional offerings, staffing ratios and program components
 - While sustaining access to enrichment, strengthens core and critical student supports, safety & security, academic programs, special education and staffing for operations, transportation and facilities
 - Consider enhancing student well-being and safety, and broaden programs to align with Board’s work on the Portrait of a Learner including mental health services, security, and dual- and new language offerings
- **Supports multiple Operational Expectations: OE-12 Instructional Program, OE-13 Facilities, OE-16 Equity and OE-17 Sustainability**

EP&O Levy Strategic Plan Connection

Educational Programs & Operations

- Sustains essential enrichment programs, safety, and student support
 - **Student Well-Being** – supporting mental health, safety, and engagement.
 - **Academic Opportunities** – maintaining a breadth of programs including advanced coursework, career and technical education, and the arts.
 - **Diverse Talent** – investing in the recruitment, retention, and development of highly qualified staff.
 - **Authentic Engagement** – fostering strong connections with families and the community through programs that reflect student and community needs.
 - **Organizational Effectiveness** – maintaining fiscal stability and transparency while delivering programs that meet the needs of all learners.

Capital Levy – Technology and Critical Repairs

- **Funding Cycle**
 - Four-year renewal levy
 - Protect district assets while ensuring efficient and responsible use of taxpayer funds
- **Technology Opportunities**
 - Invest in student and staff devices, high-speed network infrastructure, instructional software, professional development and technology pay, digital citizenship, video security and cybersecurity
 - Future expansion may speed up device refreshes, broaden professional development, advance digital equity and boost cybersecurity based on funding and cost considerations
- **Critical Repair Opportunities**
 - Addresses urgent safety needs, preserves building systems and enhances learning environments by prioritizing the highest-impact facilities projects: vestibules, repairs to roofs, HVAC, fire/life safety alarms and sport fields; no new construction
- **Supports OE-12 Instructional Program, OE-13 Facilities, OE-15 Technology and OE-17 Sustainability**

Capital Levy Strategic Plan Connection

Technology

- Enables innovation, access, and cybersecurity
 - **Student Well-Being** – providing safe, secure, and reliable digital tools that support learning, communication, and access to well-being resources.
 - **Academic Opportunities** – ensuring equitable access to technology that supports mastery of academic milestones and readiness for postsecondary pathways.
 - **Diverse Talent** – equipping staff with modern tools and training to engage and support a diverse student population effectively.
 - **Authentic Engagement** – enabling transparent, accessible communication and collaboration with students, families, and community partners.
 - **Organizational Effectiveness** – strengthening district systems, data use, and resource allocation through secure, efficient, and scalable technology platforms.

Capital Levy Strategic Plan Connection

Critical Repairs

- Aligns with safe, equitable learning environments
 - **Student Well-Being** – ensuring facilities are safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments.
 - **Academic Opportunities** – maintaining functional spaces that support quality instruction and diverse program offerings.
 - **Organizational Effectiveness** – preserving capital assets and maximizing the efficient use of taxpayer resources.

Transportation Levy

- **Funding Cycle**
 - One-year renewal levy
 - Launches a community requested fleet modernization plan that blends electric and diesel buses to prioritize sustainability, ensure reliable service, and align with infrastructure and funding readiness.
- **Transportation Requirements and Opportunities**
 - Levy proceeds can only purchase buses and charging infrastructure; they cannot fund daily bus operations
 - Four-year plan blends diesel fleet with expanding electric fleet in phases while maintaining operational reliability, matching infrastructure readiness and staying within funding limits
 - State funded depreciation payments cover approximately 40% to 60% of purchase of traditional diesel bus; we currently have 3 electric buses in our fleet
 - Installs charging stations to support current and future electric bus operations, enabling a responsible transition to zero-emission transportation
- **Supports OE-13 Facilities and OE-17 Sustainability**

Transportation Levy Strategic Plan Connection

Transportation

- Sustainable operations, reliable access and lower maintenance costs
 - **Student Well-Being** – ensuring students have safe and reliable transportation from home to school.
 - **Organizational Effectiveness** – building infrastructure for future of electric fleet of buses; fleet modernization keeps maintenance costs manageable. Reduction of carbon footprint in alignment with the district's Sustainability policy (OE17).

Alignment of Levy Items to Strategic Plan Priority Areas and Results/OE's

Priority Area	Levy Item	Results	OE's
Student Well-Being (Sharine Carver)	Mental Health Counseling Services	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE16
	School Nurses and Nursing Support	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE16
	Behavior Support/MTSS	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE13 OE16
	Additional Guidance Counseling Services	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE16
	School Security Officers and Director of Safety/Security	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE13 OE16
	Clubs, Sports and Activities	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE13 OE16
	VOICE Mentors	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE16
	Family Partnerships/Equity	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE2 OE16

Alignment of Levy Items to Strategic Plan Priority Areas and Results/OE's

Priority Area	Levy Item	Results	OE's
Academic Opportunities (Rich Mellish)	Dual Language	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE14
	7th Period High School Day	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE10 OE12 OE14
	Gibson EK (Competency Based High School)	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE10 OE12 OE13 OE14 OE15 OE16
	Secondary Interventions	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE11 OE12 OE14 OE15 OE16
	Summer School	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE11 OE12 OE14 OE15 OE16
	Delivering Legally Required Special Education Services	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE11 OE12 OE14 OE15 OE16
	Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs – based on actuals	R1 R2 R3 R4	OE12 OE14

Alignment of Levy Items to Strategic Plan Priority Areas and Results/OE's

Priority Area	Levy Item	Results	OE's
Organizational Effectiveness (Martin Turney)	Additional Teacher Responsibility/Comp above formula		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Additional Teacher Work Days		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Sick Leave Buy Back		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Substitute Teachers		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Substitute Classified Employees		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Custodial and Maintenance Staff Costs		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE16
	Transportation		OE3 OE4 OE5 OE17

Levy Advisory Committee Overview

- Over 55 members - including students, staff, parents, community members and administrators from across the district
- Meets weekly in September and October 2025
- Reviews funding needs, project lists, and community feedback
- Helps shape final levy package and communication strategy

Timeline

August

- Board work study sessions and presentations for strategic direction
- Selection of levy committee members
- Review feedback from staff critical repairs survey

Timeline

September

- Levy committee meetings
 - Meeting #1 Sept. 9
 - Meeting #2 Sept. 16
 - Meeting #3 Sept. 23
 - Meeting #4 Sept. 30
- Board meetings updates

October

- Levy committee meetings
 - Meeting #5 Oct. 7
 - Meeting #6 Oct. 14
- Board meetings updates
- Levy resolution approval (tentative)

Timeline

November

- Community engagement (through February election)
- OPSI proposal submission
- Board meeting updates

December

- Pro/con statements due
- Board meeting updates

Timeline

January

- Ballots and voter's pamphlets mailed January 21
- Ballot drop boxes open January 22

February

- Deadline to register February 2
- Election Day February 10
- Election results certified February 20

Recap

These are Renewal Levies – Not New Taxes

- Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) → *4-year levy*
- Capital Projects (Technology, Critical Repairs) → *4-year levy*
- Transportation → *1-year levy*

- » Levies support programs, repairs, and tools not fully funded by the state
- » Passing levies protects continuity of learning and safe operations

Election Date: **February 10, 2026**

Required to Pass: 50% + 1 vote

Questions

Board Guidance