

School Funding and Levies in North Kitsap

*Community Meetings
October 2025*



School Funding and Levies in NKSD

Tonight's meeting will cover:

- School Funding Basics
- Educational Programs & Operations Levy Priorities
- Capital Projects Levy Priorities
- Discussion
- Questions

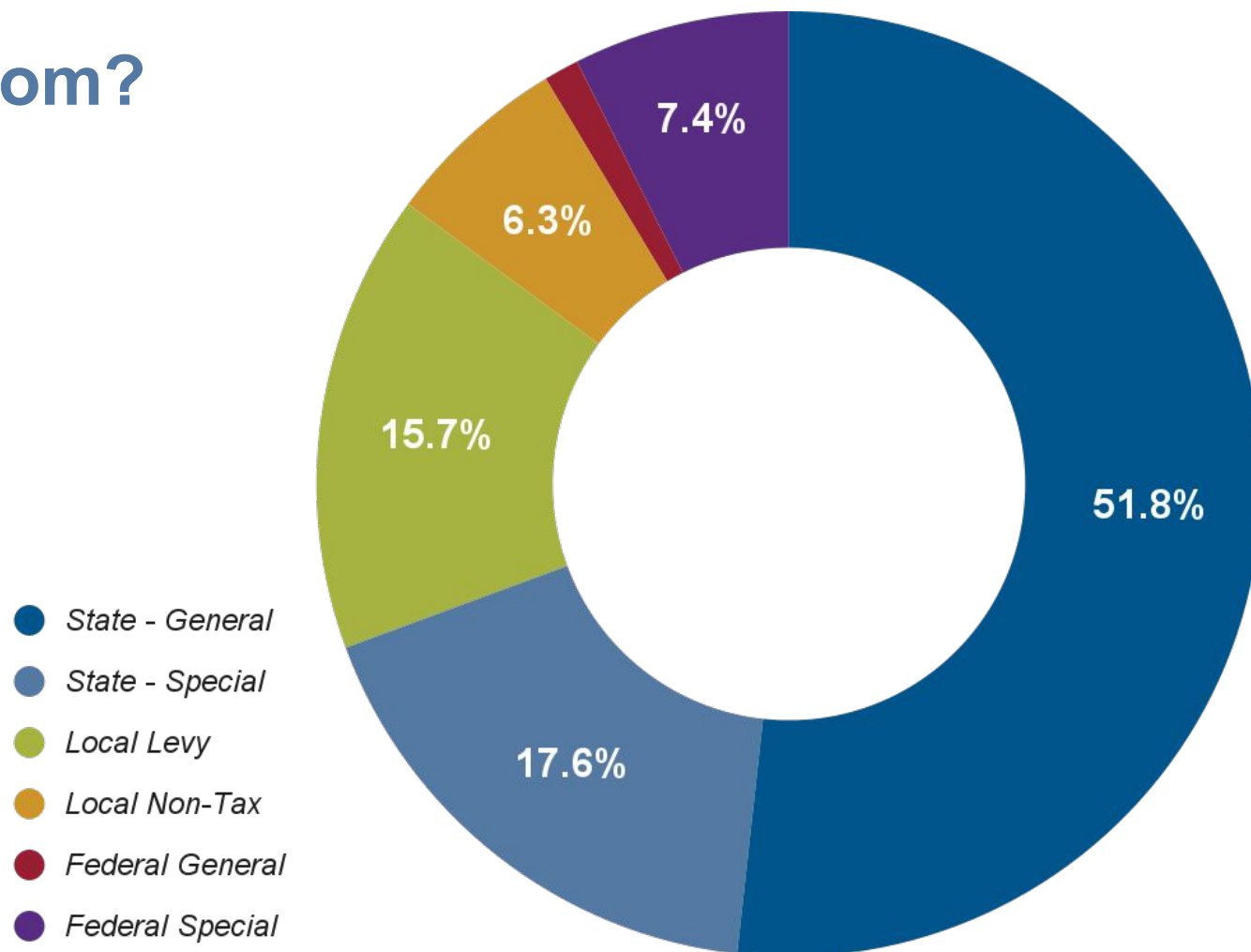


School Funding Basics

School Funding and Basics

Where does the money come from?

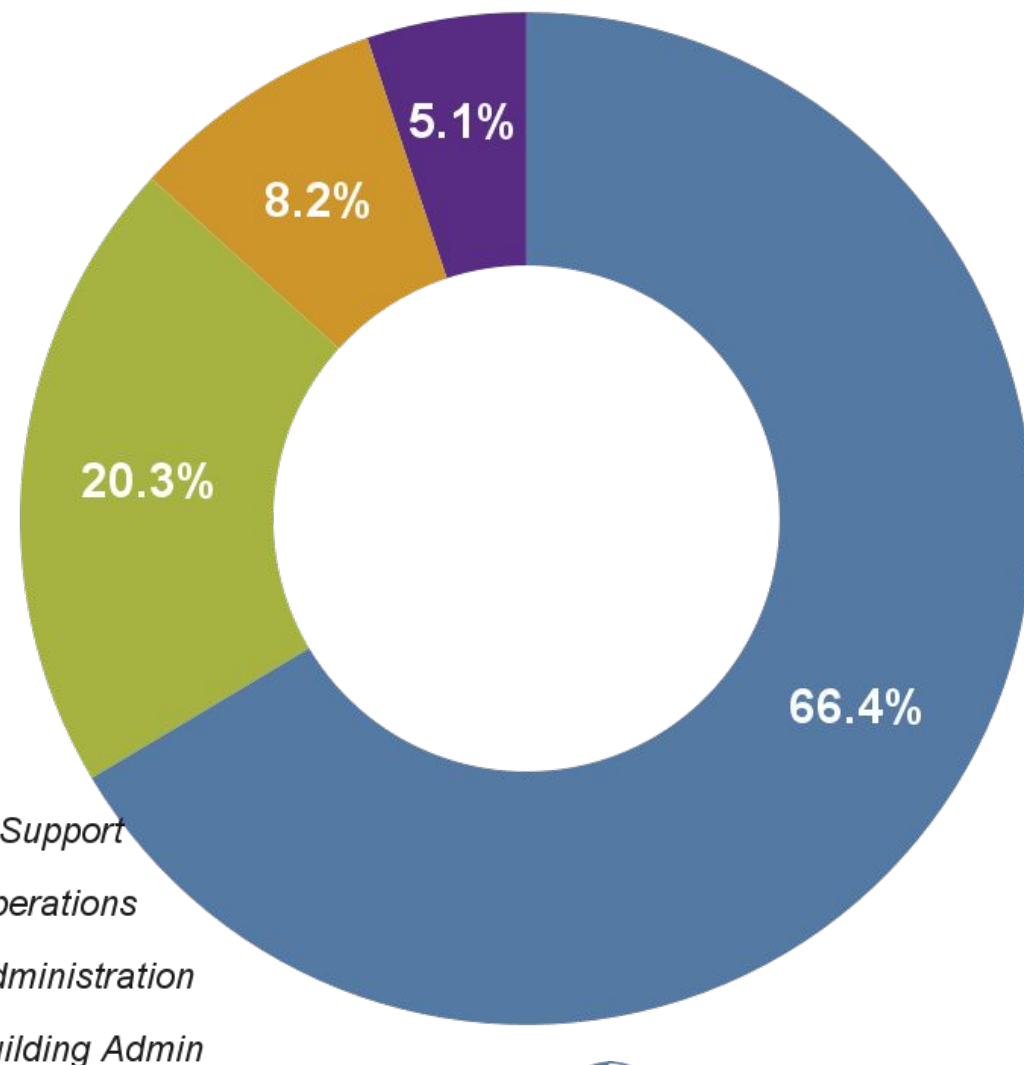
- State General Purpose: 51.8%
- State Special Purpose: 17.6%
- Local EP&O Levy: 15.7%
- Local non-tax: 6.3%
- Federal General Purpose: 1.2%
- Federal Special Purpose: 7.4%



School Funding and Basics

Where is the money spent?

- Teaching and Support: 66.5%
Teachers, paraeducators, supplies, student services, curriculum, etc.
- School Operations: 20.3%
Maintenance, transportation, nutrition, security, insurance, utilities, etc.
- District Administration: 8.2%
HR, business office, payroll, office staff, program administrators, etc.
- School building Administration: 5.1%
Principals, school office staff, etc.

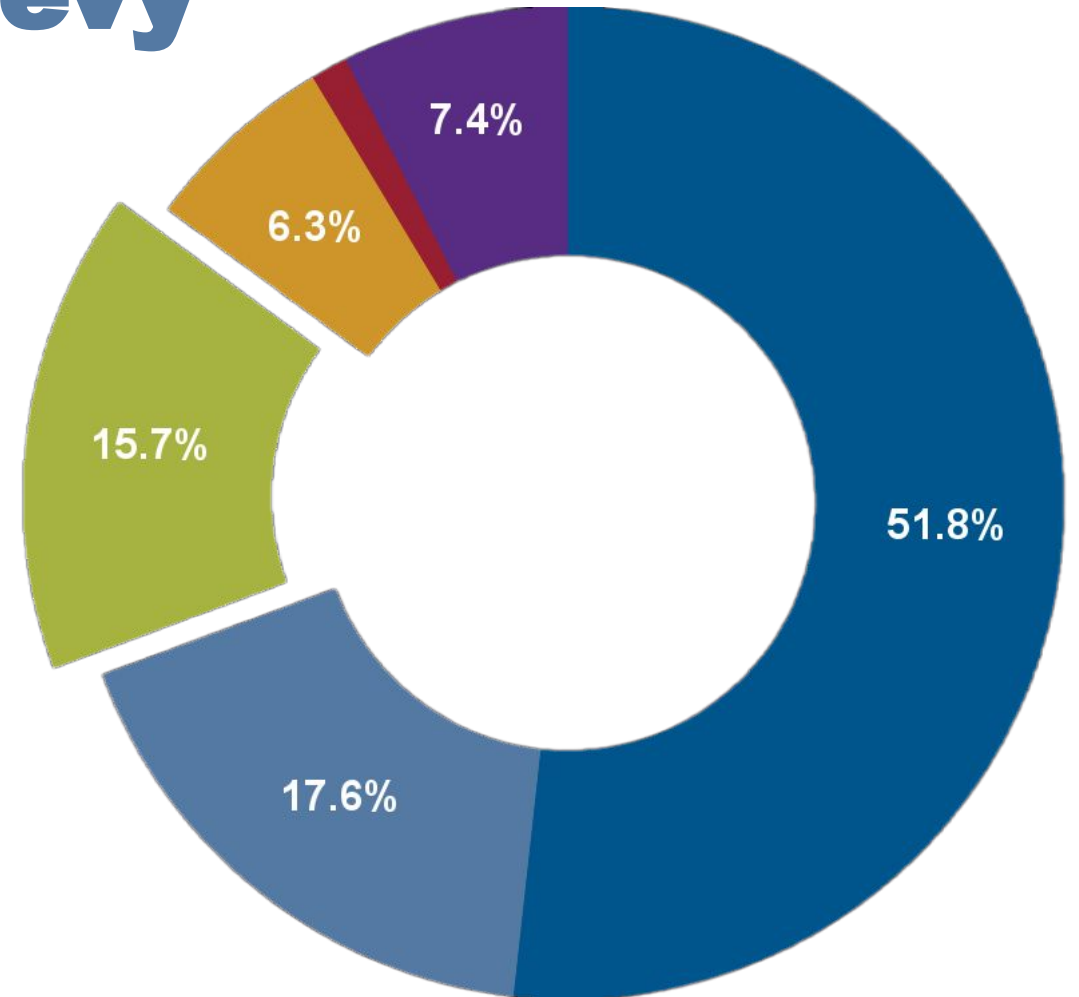


Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

- The State **does not** fully fund schools
- EP&O Levy **makes up nearly 16%** of Operating Budget
- **Fills the gap** to provide well-rounded education
- Approved by voters **50% +1 vote**
- **Renewed** every four years
- Local **tax dollars stay local** in your school district



Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

What does the EP&O Levy Fund?



STUDENT LEARNING



STUDENT SUPPORT



OPERATIONAL COSTS



TECHNOLOGY &
CYBERSECURITY



STAFFING &
COMPENSATION

Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

What does the EP&O Levy Fund?



STUDENT LEARNING

Includes curriculum, resources, and programs that support students of all abilities and needs. It also helps to fund professional development for our staff to help strengthen their instructional practices.



STUDENT SUPPORT

Includes health services staff, counselors and psychologists - our students require services and support in these areas beyond what the state provides. **100% of Athletics and Extracurricular activities.**



OPERATIONAL COSTS

State allocation is not keeping up with inflation so local levy dollars make up the difference in materials and supplies, utilities, insurance costs, day to day maintenance, and makes up the difference in transportation and food and nutrition costs.



TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY

Local levy funds support classroom technology, secure systems for both students and staff, and the people in our IT department that help keep us up and running.



STAFFING & COMPENSATION

Includes positions that are not fully covered by state allocations and competitive wages for teachers, paraeducators, and support staff.

Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

Current (2022 -2026) Levy Amount - *will expire at the end of 2026*

Collection Amount:

Estimated Tax Rate:

Tax Year 2026: \$19,558,500

Tax Year 2026: \$1.36



Levy Funding - EP&O Levy

Proposed (2026 - 20230) Levy Amount

Potential Collection Amounts:		Estimated Tax Rate:	
Tax Year 2027:	\$21,010,031	Tax Year 2027:	\$1.41
Tax Year 2028:	\$21,834,134	Tax Year 2028:	\$1.41
Tax Year 2029:	\$22,549,886	Tax Year 2029:	\$1.40
Tax Year 2030:	\$23,966,542	Tax year 2030:	\$1.43



Levy Funding - Capital Projects Levy

Local Property Taxes

Levy Funding - Capital Projects Levy

In 2024, **Voters approved** the following improvements

- **Safety and Security Upgrades**

Secure entries, perimeter fencing, bus and vehicle circulation, drop off/pick-up improvements

- **Building Systems Improvements**

HVACs, mechanical systems, exterior painting/sealing, parking lots

- **Accessibility Improvements**

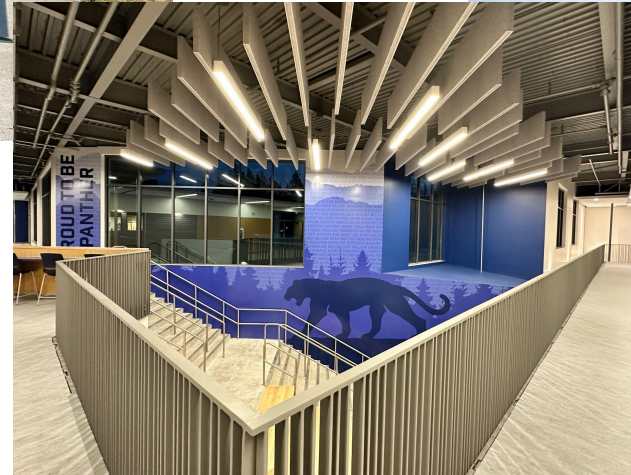
Pearson Elementary gym, classroom renovations at Suquamish Elementary, accessible pathways, Athletics improvements, student playground/gathering spaces

- **Technology**

Device replacements, Infrastructure improvements, software



Levy Funding - Capital Projects Levy



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What's Next? Facilities Advisory Committee has recommended the following to the District, based on School Board Priorities:

Six - Year Capital Projects Levy to Fund:



REPLACE HILDER
PEARSON ELEMENTARY



IMPROVE BUILDING
OPERATIONS



SAFETY AND SECURITY



MAINTAIN COMMUNITY
ASSETS

Levy Funding - Capital Projects Levy



Replace Hilder Pearson Elementary

Built in 1951 - more than 70 years old; mechanical systems beyond end of life, costly to maintain. Replacement planned on the same site, south end where new gym will be built.



Improve Building Operations

HVAC replacements, bell & paging and technology upgrades, maintenance equipment upgrades, transportation equipment upgrades, central kitchen improvement



Safety and Security

Fire alarm replacements, perimeter fencing, accessible routes, PMS elevator



Maintain Community Assets

Demolish old and unused portables and structures, painting and sealing, roof replacements, flooring replacements, parking/asphalt repairs

Levy Funding - Capital Projects Levy

Six - Year Capital Projects Levy

- **Collection Years: 2027 - 2032**
- **Collection Amount: \$95.5 Million**
Total over 6 years
- **Maintain Current Rate**
- **Continues Focus on Current Need**

It's Your Turn!

Small group discussions

Small Group Discussion - 15 Minutes

In small groups use the following to help guide your conversations:

- Which EP&O areas stand out as most important?
- Which Capital Project areas stand out as the highest priorities?
- Are there any areas that don't feel as important?
- Is there anything missing you would like us to consider as we finalize our recommendations?

Make sure everyone has a chance to share their thoughts.

Choose one person to share a few highlights from your group.

Timeline



- Now: Gathering feedback
- Oct. 23: School Board update
- Nov. 13: Resolution to School Board for approval
- Dec. 12: Ballot Resolution due to the County
- Jan. 23: Ballots in mailboxes
- Feb. 10: Election Day

Questions?

Thank you!

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