



**HIGHLINE**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## HIGHLINE EDUCATION LEVY

RENEWAL FOR  
Educational Programs  
and Operation Levy

### ABOUT HIGHLINE'S PROPOSITION 1

The levy provides funding to fill the gap between what the state provides and the cost to fund educational programs, services and staff.

Return  
Your Ballot by  
**November  
4!**

# Our local **Highline Education Levy** is on the ballot



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#### OUR PROMISE:

Every student in Highline Public Schools is known by name, strength and need, and graduates prepared for the future they choose.



**The levy makes up  
15% of  
Highline's budget.**

## Highline's Prop. 1 is not a new tax.

It is a renewal of a local levy voters approved in 2021.

### LEVY COLLECTION AMOUNTS & TAX RATES

Tax rates are expected to remain stable—with an adjustment each year to keep up with inflation. **If approved, these are the maximum amounts Highline is allowed to collect.**

These numbers are projections.

Year	Levy Amount	Projected Tax Rate
2027	\$74.5 million	\$2.07
2028	\$80.3 million	\$2.09
2029	\$86.2 million	\$2.10
2030	\$92.8 million	\$2.11

Levy amounts are set using projections that reflect the maximum number of students Highline anticipates.

The actual amount collected is calculated each year based on the number of students. When enrollment is lower, collections are less than the approved amount, just as it has been for several years.



### Did You Know?

**Highline is underfunded in special education by approximately \$19 million this school year. In the past, we used levy dollars to fill that gap for students receiving special education services.**

Special education services include speech therapy, classroom aides, modified curriculum and behavioral support.

A new state rule does not allow us to use local levy funds for special education. **The proposed 2025 levy will now fill the underfunding gap across all areas.**

[highlineschools.org/  
specialeducation](https://highlineschools.org/specialeducation)



# What Does the Levy Renewal Fund?

Highline's Proposition 1 levy continues local funding for programs and services not fully funded by the state, such as:



## Student Learning

Programs and resources for students of all abilities and needs.



## College and Career Readiness

**100% of College & Career Readiness programs** like career fairs, job shadowing, internships and college planning.



## Student Support

**82 Health Services staff**, including counselors, psychologists and social workers.



## Safety and Security

Safety improvements and **42 of 45 safety staff**, including bus monitors and Safety and Security department staff.



## Operational Costs

Materials, supplies, utilities, insurance and facility maintenance.



## Staffing and Compensation

Funding to pay the difference for negotiated staff salaries.



## Technology and Cybersecurity

Classroom technology, software and cybersecurity systems.



## Athletics

**100% of athletic programs**, including coaches and support staff.



More information:  
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Highline Public Schools serves  
more than 17,500 students in  
Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park,  
SeaTac and White Center.

# Highline Public Schools placed a levy renewal on the Nov. 4 ballot.

**Return Your Ballot by November 4!**

**Two ways to return ballots:**



**by Mail**

No stamp needed.  
Must be postmarked by  
Tuesday, November 4.



**by Drop Box**

Must be deposited  
by 8:00 p.m.,  
November 4.

Learn more, register and track your ballot:  
**[VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)**



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