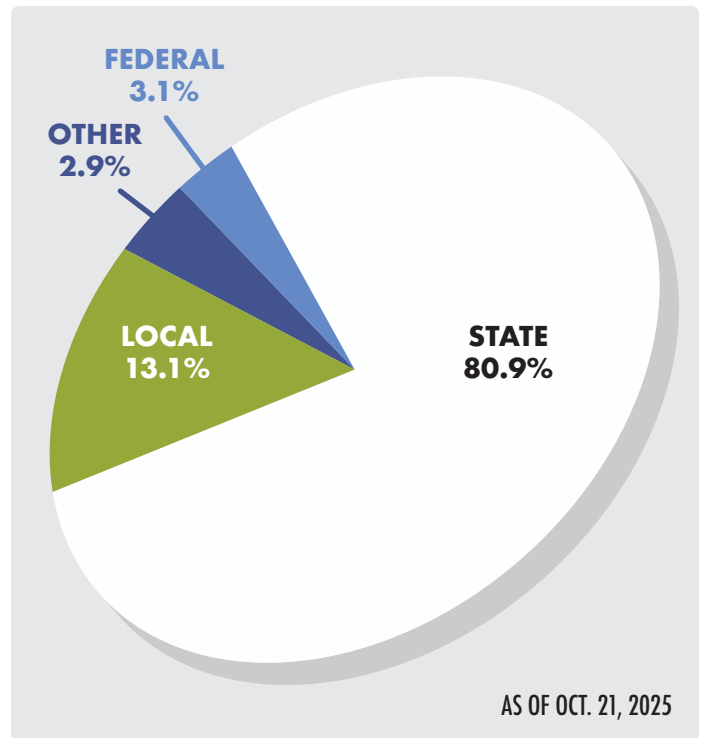


BASICS OF SCHOOL FUNDING IN LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School districts throughout Washington receive funding through four main sources:

- ◇ **80.9%** The state government
- ◆ **13.1%** Local funding measures (levies, grants, school meal sales, gifts/donations and fees)
- ◆ **2.9%** Other sources such as out-of-district cooperatives, ECEAP and long-term financing
- ◆ **3.1%** The federal government



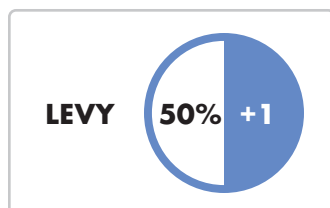
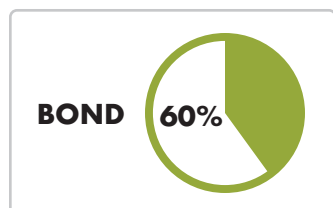
LOCAL FUNDING MEASURES INCLUDE:

Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O):			Technology Levy:	Bond:
Staff	Extracurriculars	Student Learning	Technology	Buildings

FACTS ABOUT LOCAL FUNDING MEASURES

Bonds and levies must be approved by voters in our community. For a bond to pass, we need 60% approval. For a levy to pass, we need 50% +1 approval.

- Bonds and levies are the only taxes that stay in our community to support our students.
- Levy funding helps bridge the gap for basic education funding: staff, academic programs, technology and student supports.



FACTS ABOUT BONDS

- Bonds provide a one-time, upfront investment for the district, allowing us to complete bigger construction projects.
- Bond projects are identified with the help of our Community Facilities Needs Advisory Committee.
- The state does not provide funding for the maintenance and/or rebuilding of our schools.



Visit our school funding page to learn more:
www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/funding

LEVIES & BONDS IN LSSD



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS LEVY (EP&O)

The EP&O levy accounts for 10.9 percent of our total budget. Our community approved a four-year EP&O levy in 2022. It continues funding for:

- Award-winning extracurricular activities such as drama, athletics, robotics and clubs.
- CTE programs that serve seventh- through 12th-graders in five program areas.
- Staff! Our nurses, student mental health support specialists, librarians, paraeducators, additional teachers and other essential staff.
- Summer programs for students and the LSSD Pool.

TECHNOLOGY LEVY

- Maintains a 1:1 Chromebook Program throughout our district.
- Funds the technology infrastructure for modern classroom learning, providing students with skills for their future.



BONDS

School construction bonds represent the primary funding source for significant school building maintenance and construction projects.

In 2016, our community approved a school construction bond. Funding from the bond allowed us to build a new elementary school and early learning center, modernize and expand Lake Stevens High School, and provide updates to safety and security and infrastructure systems at all schools.

2016



2025 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND

Thanks to our incredible community, a school construction bond was approved in February 2025. This investment in our schools will bring much-needed improvements, new learning spaces, and enhanced safety across the district. This work is a continuation of our long-range facilities plan. It builds on the work completed through past bonds, including the 2005 bond, which was paid off in 2025.

Learn more at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond