

*What's on the*  
**FEB. 10 BALLOT**  
*for Lake Stevens schools?*

A renewal of the Educational Programs  
and Operations (EP&O) levy and a  
renewal of the Technology Levy.

Learn more about these measures and  
what they fund for our students at:

[www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/levy](http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/levy)



# What's the difference between **levies** and **bonds**?

## LEVIES FUND:



*Classroom support*



*Student programs*



*Safety and security*



*Regular ongoing maintenance of facilities*



*Nurses and mental health professionals*



*Transportation*



***Levies require 50%+1 approval to pass***

## BONDS FUND:



*Bonds are financed over a long period of time—15, 20, 25 & 30 years*



*Bonds cannot pay for programs or day-to-day support/expenses*



*Construction, maintenance and updates*



***Bonds require 60% approval to pass***

# Renewal of the EP&O Levy Supports



***Student success***



***Student health  
and safety***



***Student programs  
and opportunities***

# WHO DO OUR LEVIES FUND?

Local funding pays for essential staff positions to support student achievement, safety and well-being.

POSITION	STATE FUNDED	DISTRICT BUDGET	DIFFERENCE = LEVY
<i>SROs &amp; Safety Personnel</i>	1.87	5.00	3.13
<i>Teachers</i>	476.70	554.40	77.70
<i>Paraeducators</i>	27.23	157.39	130.16
<i>Psychologists</i>	3.42	14.00	10.58
<i>Custodians</i>	39.20	60.00	20.80
<i>Technology support</i>	5.60	14.42	8.82

All figures are full-time equivalent

# Extracurricular Activities

The state **DOES NOT FUND** athletics, clubs, or activities.



We invested **\$2.3 MILLION** last school year in equipment, transportation, coaches and support staff so students have these opportunities.

# EP&O Renewal Levy **NOT A NEW TAX**

*Renews the funding for day-to-day school operations and student supports*

## WHAT IT SUPPORTS



*Safety*



*Academics*



*Student supports*



*Increased staff*



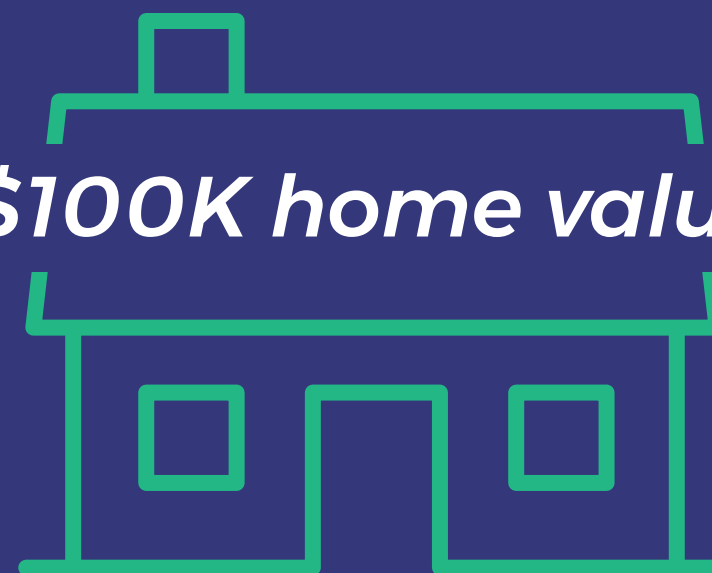
*Athletics & activities*

AVERAGE RATE

**\$1.81**

*per \$1,000 of assessed value  
(2025 rate is \$1.82)*

*\$100K home value*



APPROXIMATE AMOUNT

**\$181**

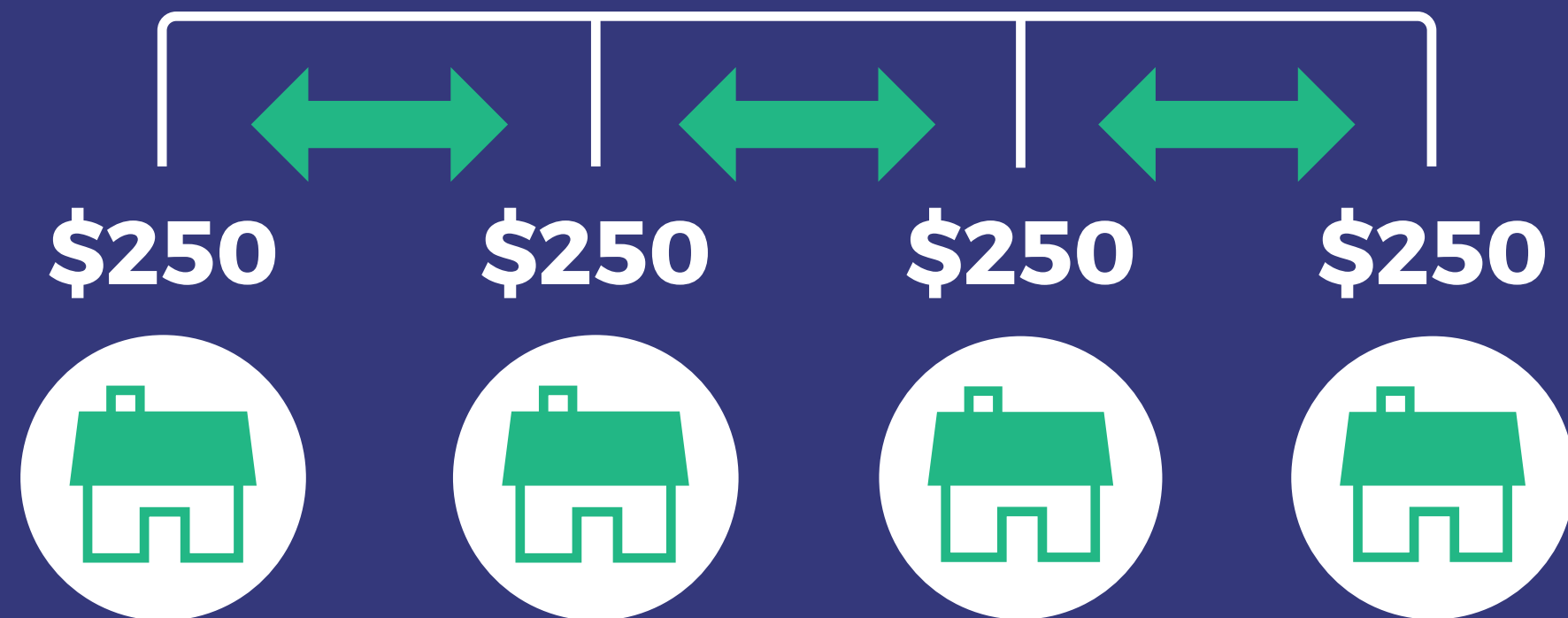
*a year per \$100,000 of  
assessed value*

**\$5 savings:** *If your property is assessed at \$700,000, you'd pay approximately \$1,267 in 2026 with the EP&O renewal—down from about \$1,272 today.*

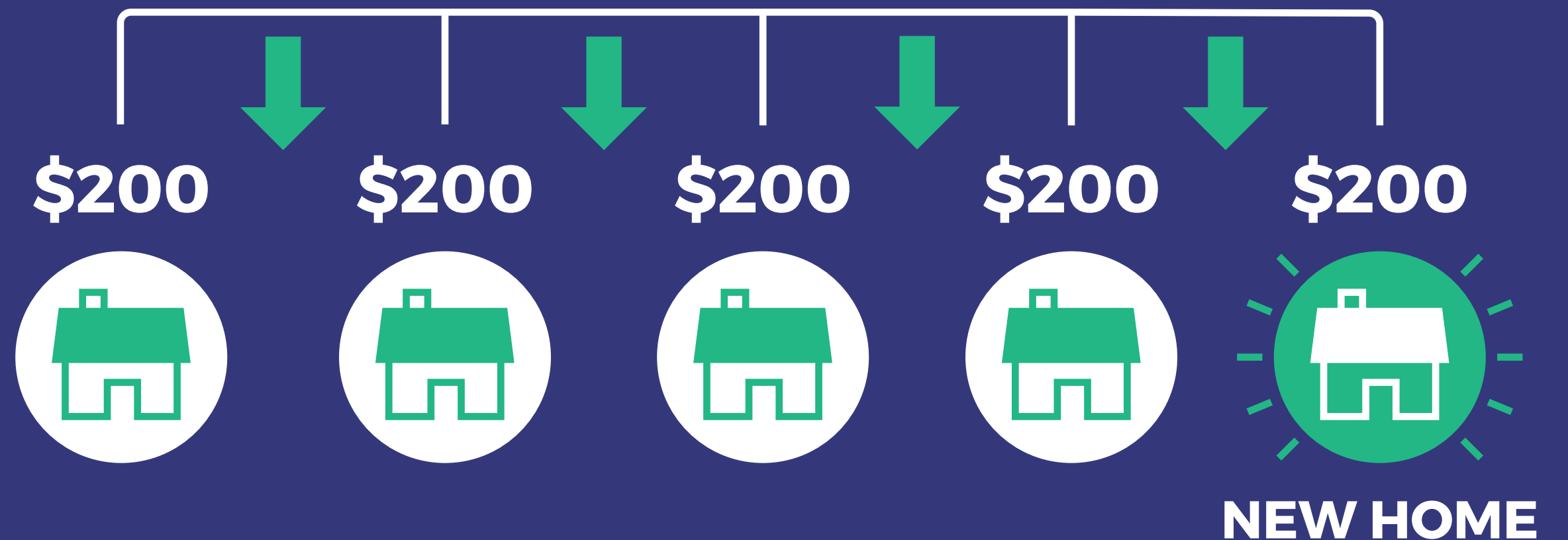
# Understanding School Taxes

*As property values increase, the tax rate decreases.  
More neighbors + businesses = lower tax amount per home.*

**\$1,000 School Levy**  
SHARED TAX AMOUNT



**\$1,000 School Levy**  
LOWER TAX AMOUNT



*Lake Stevens School District can only collect the **amount approved** by voters—no matter how much property values increase.*

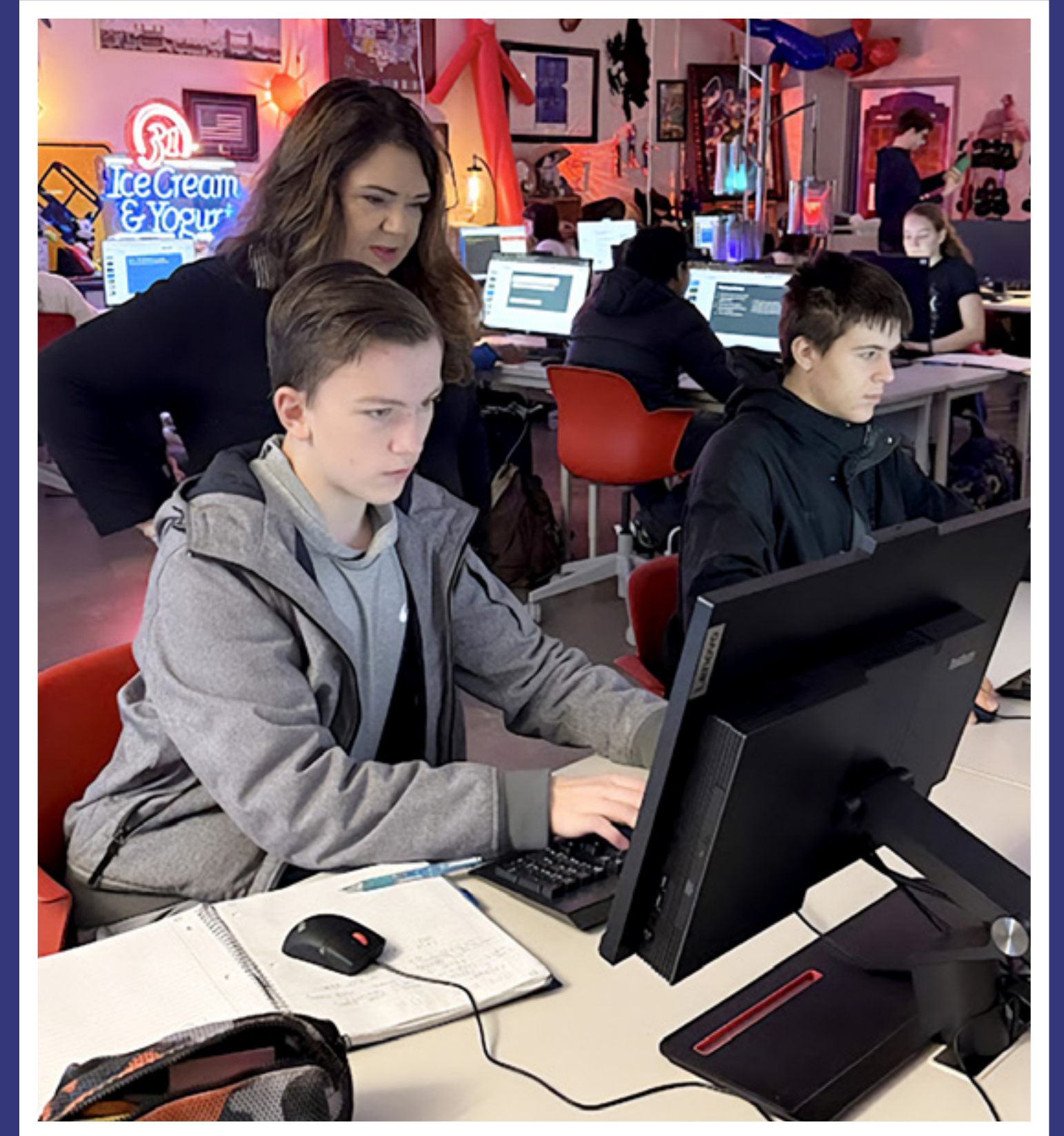
# Renewal of the Technology Levy Supports



***Student Devices  
& Lifecycles***



***Secure & Reliable  
Systems***



***Support, Training  
& Innovation***

# Technology Renewal Levy **NOT A NEW TAX**

*Renews funding for devices, classroom tech, network & cybersecurity*

## WHAT IT SUPPORTS



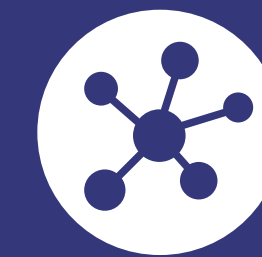
*1:1 Devices*



*Classroom  
tech*



*Cybersecurity  
support*



*Network*

AVERAGE RATE

**\$0.17**

*per \$1,000 of assessed value  
(2025 rate is \$0.21)*

*\$100K home value*



APPROXIMATE AMOUNT

**\$17**

*a year per \$100,000 of  
assessed value*

**\$17 savings:** *If your property is assessed at \$700,000, you'd pay about \$118 with the renewed Technology Levy—down from about \$135 today.*

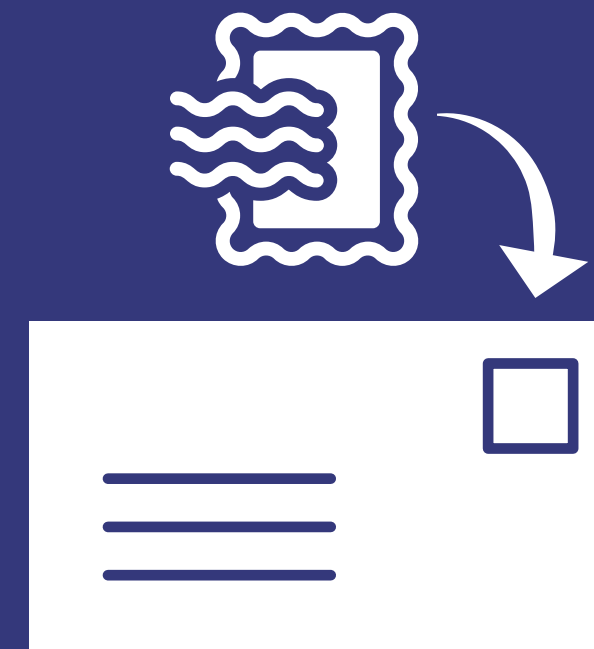
# Voting Details



***All-mail election***



***Ballot mailed Jan. 23***



***Must be postmarked  
by Feb. 10***

- ▶ 24-hour secure ballot drop box at 1800 Main Street by the boat launch***
- ▶ Register to vote or update your registration***

# WHAT YOU CAN DO



***Share the facts!***

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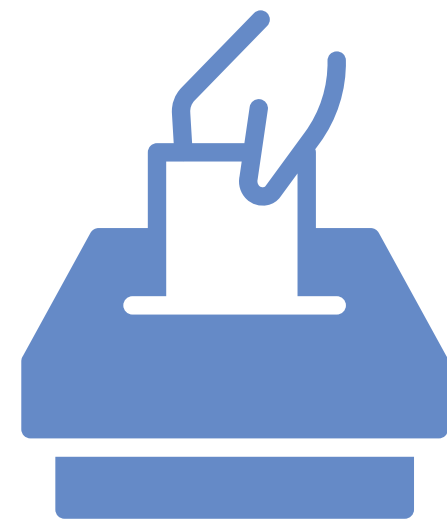
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***Ask questions!***

*[tellus@lkstevens.wednet.edu](mailto:tellus@lkstevens.wednet.edu) or 425-335-1501*

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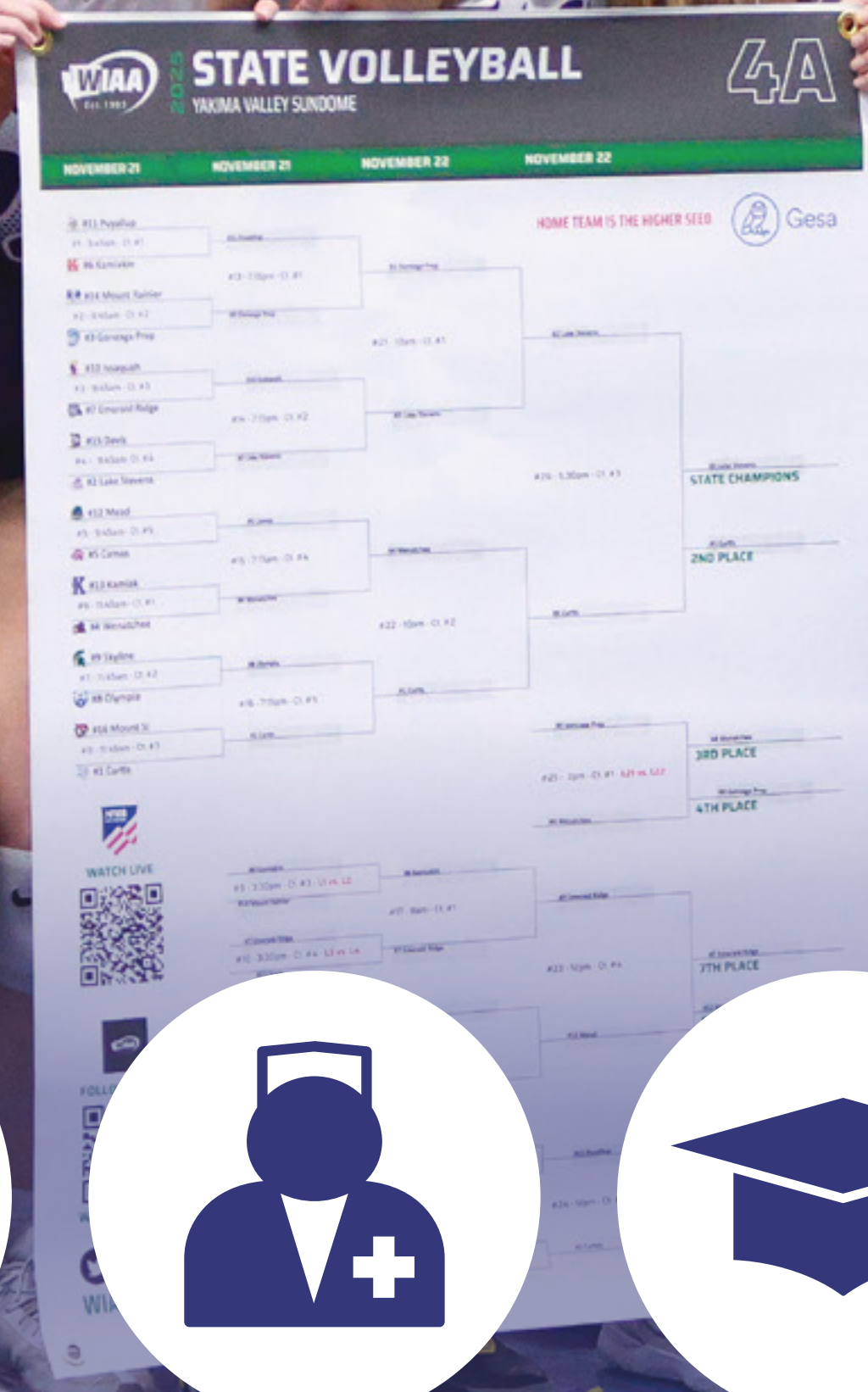
***Vote by Tuesday, Feb. 10!***

*And encourage others to return their ballots*



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LAKE STEVENS  
STATE



LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**LEVY RENEWALS**  
VOTE by Feb. 10, 2026

