

LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT **EDUCATIONAL** PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS AND **TECHNOLOGY** RENEWAL LEVIES

Our levies **BRIDGE THE GAP** between what the **STATE FUNDS** and **WHAT WE PROVIDE** for our students. These are renewal measures that preserve existing programs and services—**NOT NEW TAXES.**



PLEASE REMEMBER
TO **VOTE BY FEB. 10**



What do the **LEVY RENEWALS** fund?



Health & Safety

- ▶ Full-time nurses in all schools
- ▶ Safety and security professionals and systems
- ▶ Student mental health support specialists
- ▶ Family engagement specialists
- ▶ School psychologists



Student Learning & Instruction

- ▶ Hiring 77 additional teachers and 130 paraeducators
- ▶ Providing ongoing professional learning for all staff
- ▶ Early learning programs
- ▶ Programs and resources for students of all abilities and needs



Arts, Athletics & Activities

- ▶ The EP&O levy funds 100% of our arts, athletics and activities including coaches, materials and transportation
 - ◆ We invested \$2.3 million last school year in equipment, transportation, coaches and support staff
- ▶ Lake Stevens School District Pool
- ▶ Community Education camps and classes



Operational Costs

- ▶ 20 additional custodians
- ▶ Grounds, maintenance and operations staff
- ▶ Student transportation costs
- ▶ Supplies, materials, utilities
- ▶ Insurance costs
- ▶ Ongoing facility maintenance



Special Education funding:

The State of Washington has made progress toward more sufficient Special Education funding in recent years, but the gap remains. This school year, we are still \$6.5 million short.



Student Devices, Classroom Technology & Cybersecurity

- ▶ Funds student 1:1 devices and classroom technology
- ▶ Equipment, infrastructure, and technology support personnel
- ▶ Student and staff training on new tools
- ▶ Protects student and staff data and network security
- ▶ Upgrades technology

EP&O Renewal Levy

NOT A NEW TAX

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

WHAT IT SUPPORTS



AVERAGE RATE

\$1.81

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



APPROX. 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.

Educational Programs & Operations Levy

This is called Proposition No. 1 on your ballot

If approved by voters, the renewal of the Educational Programs & Operations Levy will average \$1.81 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This will generate approximately:



For a property owner with an assessed value of \$700,000 in 2027, this equals approximately \$1,267 annually, or \$106 a month.

Technology Renewal Levy

NOT A NEW TAX

Renews funding for devices, classroom tech, network & cybersecurity

WHAT IT SUPPORTS



AVERAGE RATE

\$0.17

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



APPROX. 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.

Technology Levy

This is called Proposition No. 2 on your ballot

If approved by voters, the Technology Levy will average \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This will generate \$10 million over four years.



For a property owner with an assessed value of \$700,000, this averages approximately \$118 annually, or \$9.86 a month.

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.

Each property owner's school taxes are based on their property's assessed value and the total levy amount that voters approve. The district can collect only that voter-approved total—no more—even if overall assessed values rise. As our community grows, more residents and businesses share the levy and the cost is spread across more taxpayers.

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Current Resident



Mail your ballot

TODAY

*No postage is necessary
to return your ballot.*

OR



Drop it in the

**24-HOUR
BALLOT-BOX**

*at 1800 Main Street by 8 p.m.
on Tuesday, Feb. 10*

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senior citizen and disabled citizen exemptions.*

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RENEWAL LEVIES

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