

WHAT IS AN EP&O LEVY?

Educational Programs and Operations Levy

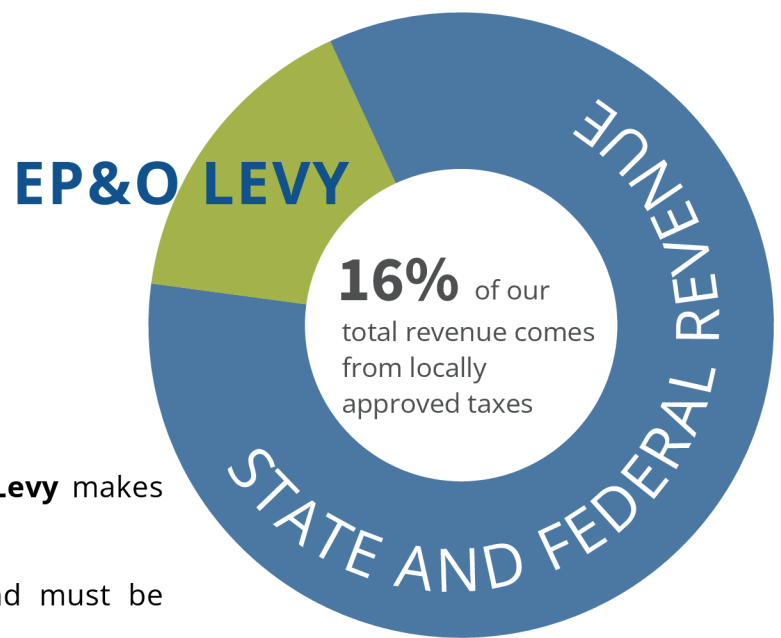
The Educational Programs and Operations (**EP&O**) Levy makes up about **16% of North Kitsap's operating budget**.

It has been **approved by voters for decades** and must be renewed every four years.

Voters most recently **approved it in 2022**, and it runs through **2026**.

The State does not fully fund schools. Local levies **fill the gap** so students can learn in safe, supportive schools with access to a **well-rounded education**.

Without this levy, NKSD would lose millions each year, resulting in reductions in staffing, programs, and student opportunities.



What does the EP&O Levy pay for?



STUDENT LEARNING

- Programs, resources and curriculum for students of all abilities and needs
- Classroom technology
- Professional development to strengthen instructional practices



STAFFING & COMPENSATION

- Staff positions not fully covered by State funding including custodial, maintenance, technology, office staff, admin
- Competitive wages for teachers, paraeducators and support staff



STUDENT SUPPORT

- Health Services Staff
- Counselors, Psychologists
- 100% of the district budget for Athletics and Extracurricular Activities



OPERATIONAL COSTS

- Materials, supplies
- Utilities, insurance
- Facility maintenance
- Transportation Services
- Food and Nutrition Services
- Security systems

GOOD TO KNOW

- Levy funds **stay local** in your schools
- **Fills the gap** between what the state funds and what students need
- **Tax exemptions may apply** for seniors & people with disabilities

Scan to learn more!



By the Numbers: EP&O Levy Funding

Levy rates are shown per **\$1,000 of assessed property value**, as determined by the county.

The district can only collect the total dollar amount approved by voters. Actual tax rates may vary slightly each year based on changes in assessed value and community growth, but the approved amount does not change.

Renewing the EP&O Levy **keeps local funding in place for the programs, staff, and services our community has supported for decades.**

Collection Year	Levy Amount	Estimated Rate per \$1,000 AV
2027	\$21,010,031	\$1.43
2028	\$21,834,134	\$1.43
2029	\$22,549,886	\$1.42
2030	\$23,966,542	\$1.45

Without this funding, the district's operating **budget would be reduced by roughly 16%**, impacting every school and department.

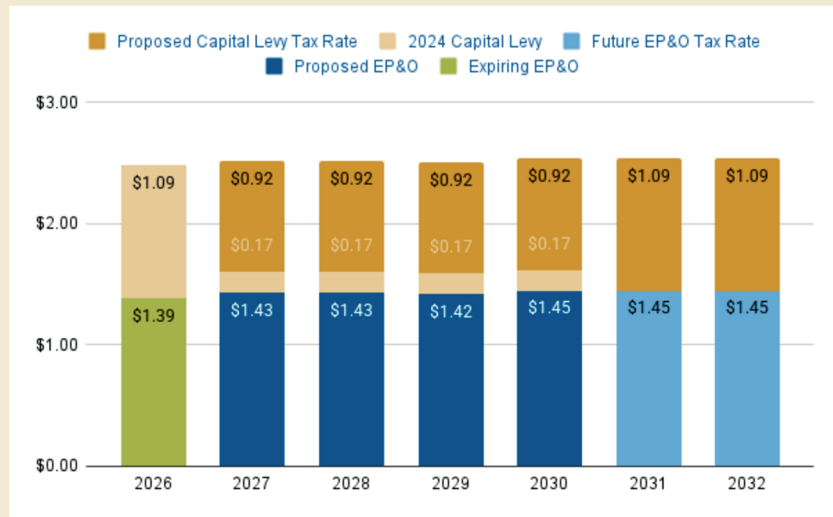
Each year, the district reviews levy-funded programs to ensure they remain efficient, effective, and aligned with student needs.

Estimated total Local School Tax rates

Our goal is to maintain a stable local school tax rate.

The current EP&O Levy ends in December 2026. The 2024 Capital Levy continues through 2030 but shifts to a smaller technology and maintenance amount after 2026.

If both levy replacements are approved, the cost increase for the owner of a \$600k home is estimated to be about **two dollars per month for 2027.**



Learn More!



- For Details on Proposition 1: Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy and Proposition 2: Replacement Facilities and Technology Capital Projects Levy, visit nkschools.org/2026levy



- Join us at a Community Levy Presentation

Mon. 1/12 at 6:00pm
Hilder Pearson Elementary

Tue. 1/20 at 6:00pm
Kingston Middle School

Tue. 1/27 at 6:00pm
Hilder Pearson Elementary



- Got Questions? View our FAQ page! nkschools.org/2026-levy-faq

Remember to Vote on February 10, 2026

