



MONROE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND & RENEWAL EDUCATION LEVY



Monroe School District has two measures on the **February 2026 Special Election ballot**. Each measure addresses different needs related to student learning, health and safety, school facilities, and daily school operations.

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BOND**



**& EDUCATION
LEVY**



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PROPOSITION 1



SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND

The proposed bond would fund projects to address facility needs and improve the safety and functionality of schools for students and the community, including:



Safety and security improvements at schools district-wide



Major maintenance projects district-wide



Modernization and expansion of the Wagner Center to serve as a new school for Sky Valley Education Center



Modernization of the original two-story wing at Frank Wagner Elementary and the addition of a new gym



Modernization and expansion of the original gym/music building at Salem Woods Elementary



Facility updates to support Special Education programming needs



Early learning facility updates at all elementary schools



Improvements to four existing outdoor athletic fields for community use

Almost all of these projects were recommended to the School Board by the Facility Advisory Committee, a group of 26 parents, staff, and community members who reviewed district facility needs.

The state does not provide funding for major construction, renovation, or major facility maintenance projects. School districts must rely on voter-approved bonds or capital levies to address these types of needs. District operating budgets are dedicated to staffing, supplies, and day-to-day expenses and cannot be used to fund construction or major facility work.

PROPOSITION 2

RENEWAL EDUCATION LEVY



The current four-year **Education Levy**, which expires at the end of 2026, makes up about 16% of the district's budget and helps fill the gap between what the state funds and the actual cost of the programs, services, staff, and operations that support students each day.

This levy would not be a new tax; it would continue the existing local funding that supports day-to-day operations, essential staff, and student programs the state does not fully fund, including:



Athletics and extracurricular activities



Student transportation



Instructional materials & curriculum updates



Additional teachers to keep class sizes low



Additional support staff, including health room staff, counselors, paraeducators, custodians, mental health support, and safety & security staff



Classroom technology and student device updates

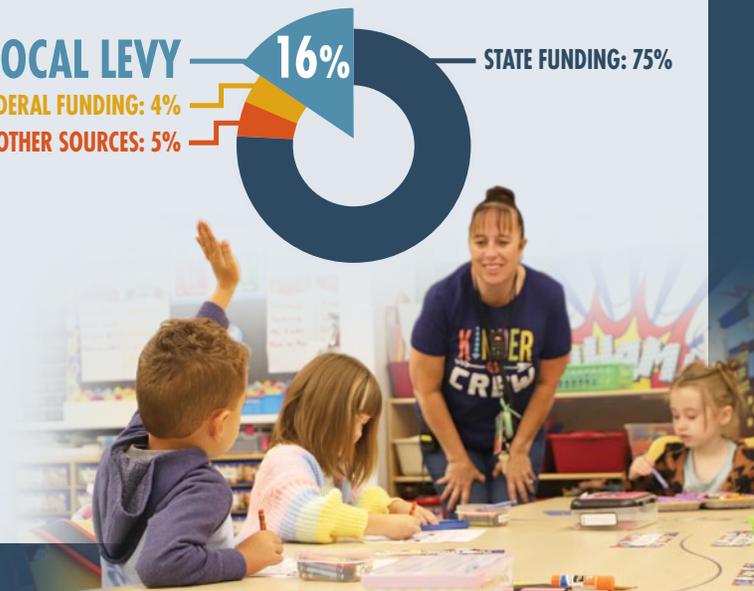
LOCAL LEVY

16%

FEDERAL FUNDING: 4%

OTHER SOURCES: 5%

STATE FUNDING: 75%



Monroe School District understands that continuing to invest in our schools and students is an important decision for our community. We take this responsibility seriously and remain committed to requesting only what is needed to maintain safe, well-cared-for buildings and the staff, services, and programs that help students learn and thrive.

In 2022, voters approved a four-year Education Levy at an estimated rate of \$1.71 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The actual rate averaged \$1.48. That levy is expiring. The district is asking voters to consider renewing the levy for another four years at an **average estimated rate of \$1.69** per \$1,000 to collect a **maximum** of \$23,120,511 in 2027, \$24,369,039 in 2028, \$25,672,800 in 2029, and \$26,944,399 in 2030.

By law, education levy funds are limited to educational programs and day-to-day operations and cannot be used for construction, renovation, or major facility maintenance.

Voters are also being asked to consider a School Construction Bond that would authorize a **maximum** of \$152,048,846 in school construction and facility improvements by issuing bonds that would be repaid over a 21-year period. Bond repayment, including principal and interest, would be funded through local property taxes. The bond is currently **estimated to cost \$0.62** per \$1,000 of assessed property value, though actual rates may vary over time due to changes in property values, interest rates and bond timing.

The district may not spend more than the total amount approved by voters on construction and facility improvements. If construction costs change, project scopes may be adjusted to remain within the approved bond amount. Any bond funds must be used only for voter-approved capital purposes, such as construction, renovation, expansion, or major facility maintenance, and may not be used for day-to-day operating costs.

If both the Bond and the Levy renewal are approved on February 10, the combined projected tax rate for Monroe schools is expected to remain below the district's 10-year average, as shown in the chart.

TOTAL LOCAL MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES

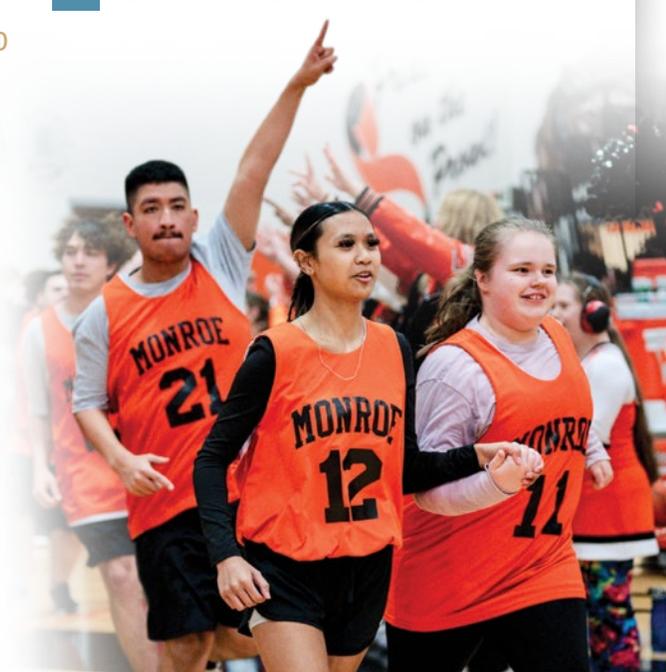
**Estimated rates shown for 2027 and beyond*



HOW DOES OUR TAX RATE COMPARE?

DISTRICT	TOTAL LOCAL SCHOOL TAX RATE*
Snohomish School District	\$4.10
Everett Public Schools	\$3.65
Lake Stevens School District	\$3.10
Northshore School District	\$2.97
Sultan School District	\$2.47
Monroe School District	\$2.18

*2025 rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value. All school districts listed also have two or more measures on the February ballot.





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TWO WAYS TO RETURN BALLOTS



By Mail

No stamp needed.
Must be postmarked by
Tuesday, February 10.



By Drop Box

Must be deposited
by 8:00 p.m.,
February 10.

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