



Voter Information Guide for the February 10th Election



WHAT IS... PROPOSITION NO. 1?

Proposition No. 1 will be on your ballot this February. It is:

- ✗ **Not a new tax.**
If approved, this would replace the expiring 2023–26 levy.
- ✓ **Essential funding for safe schools.**
If approved, this levy would fund digital safeguards, new student technology, and urgent repairs.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Innovate. Prepare. Repair.

Tumwater School District is asking the community to consider a replacement Safety, Technology, and Capital Improvements levy to continue providing quality opportunities for all students as we prepare them for success in our schools and after graduation.



CONTINUOUS STUDENT LEARNING IN A CARING, ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT

REPLACEMENT LEVY

Our promise: In Tumwater, every student is known by name, strength, and need and is prepared for the future they envision.

Support from the Tumwater community has created opportunities for our students, staff, and schools to thrive.

On the February 10 special election ballot, Tumwater School District is asking voters to consider a replacement levy to fund safety, technology, and capital improvements across all schools. If voters approve the levy, it will fund:

- 1 Digital safeguards and security improvements
- 2 Cutting-edge technology for future-ready graduates
- 3 Repairs and renovations at all Tumwater schools

Is this a new tax?

No. This is not a new tax. If approved by voters, the capital levy will replace the current voter-approved levy, which expires in 2026. It would extend funding through 2032.

How much would it raise?

\$49.1 million over 6 years. The replacement levy would generate \$49.1 million in support of capital needs. The State provides less than 10% of the funding for our district's capital needs.

Who does this impact?

Our school community. Levy funding would support repairs, replacements, and improvements at all 11 Tumwater schools.

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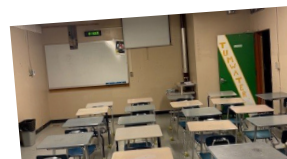
Replacement Safety, Technology, and Capital Improvements Levy

TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33

On your ballot, you'll see this statement about the Replacement Safety, Technology, and Capital Improvements Levy.

The Board of Directors of Tumwater School District No. 33 adopted Resolution No. 05-25-26, authorizing a replacement levy to continue support for capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to upgrade building systems and infrastructure, improve safety and security systems, and upgrade instructional technology equipment and infrastructure District-wide.

If approved, the levy would fund dozens of projects. This funding would help repair or replace playground equipment, classroom technology, parking lots, and more.



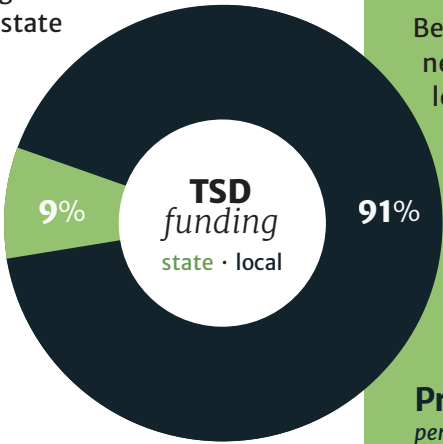
How is Tumwater School District funded?

Tumwater School District receives funding from a variety of sources, including federal and state funding. Local levies fund a portion of our budgeted revenue.

What is the funding gap?

The state provides less than 10% of the funding for the district's capital needs. This is not enough to keep our schools safe, modern, and welcoming for students and our community.

To ensure our students have what they need today and are prepared for the future they envision, local voter-approved funding helps bridge this funding gap. This local funding supports the creation of safe, secure, and modern learning spaces for our students.

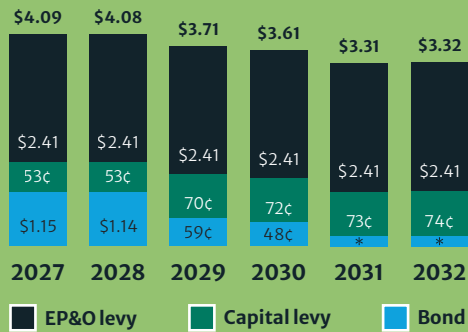


The Bottom Line

Because bond debt will lower over the next 6 years, the rate from the levy will raise to keep combined taxes stable and provide necessary funding across Tumwater schools.

Over the next 6 years, the projected rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value ranges from 53¢ in 2027 and 2028 to a maximum of 74¢ in 2032.

Projected Combined Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value



* Bond rate drops to 17¢ per \$1,000 in 2031 and 2032

What would the replacement levy mean for me?



For a ratepayer with an **average-priced home** in Tumwater, the estimated amount collected in 2027 is approximately **\$286**, which is less than the amount collected this year.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

If approved by voters, the replacement levy would fund dozens of projects across our district to help our schools thrive.

1 Digital Safeguards and Security Improvements

Funding for digital safeguards for student and staff data, security cameras to monitor campus safety, campus-to-campus communication, and improve pickup-up/drop-off areas.

2 Cutting-Edge Technology for Future-Ready Grads

Funding for one-to-one student technology, classroom audio and projectors, key instructional software tools, and network infrastructure updates.

3 Repairs and Renovations at All Tumwater Schools

Funding for major repairs and renovations on roofs, fields, playgrounds, bathrooms, parking lots, and other school and community spaces.

FAST FACTS



Tumwater School District has **11 schools**.



We serve more than **6,000 students**.



Our **814 staff** make learning happen.



Schools have served our area for **180 years**.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is the district asking us to consider a replacement levy for safety, technology and capital improvements?

A: The current voter-approved **safety, technology, and capital improvements levy** will expire in 2026. The levy supports cybersecurity, school safety, classroom technology, and urgent repairs and renovations at all 11 schools.

Q: Where do levy dollars go?

A: All funds collected from a levy **stay in our district** to support our students, staff, schools, and the Tumwater community. Capital levy dollars are kept separate from our general fund.

Q: Will this raise my property taxes?

A: Each person's tax situation is unique, but **we do not anticipate this levy to raise taxes** over current voter-approved levels. If voters approve the replacement levy, ratepayers are projected to pay less for the capital levy in 2027 than in 2026.

Q: How can I find out more information about my personal property tax history?

A: To see complete data for your personal property, view the **Thurston County Assessor's Parcel Search** at www.co.thurston.wa.us/assessor/.

Q: Who is eligible to vote?

A: All **registered voters** that live within Tumwater School District are eligible to vote on the levy.

Q: How can I register to vote?

A: Visit the **Thurston County Elections** website to learn how you can register online, by mail, or in person.

Q: Do I qualify for levy exemptions?

A: Seniors and people with disabilities **may be exempt** from all or part of levies. Visit the Thurston County Assessor's Office online or in person to learn more or fill out an application.

Q: Is there a list of projects I can review?

A: Please visit our website for more information about this replacement levy, including a **list of proposed projects**.



Their **future** is in our hands.

Want to learn more about the levy? Visit www.tumwater.k12.wa.us, give us a call at 360-709-7000, or send your questions to tsd.levy.information@tumwater.k12.wa.us.