

EP&O RENEWAL LEVY 2026

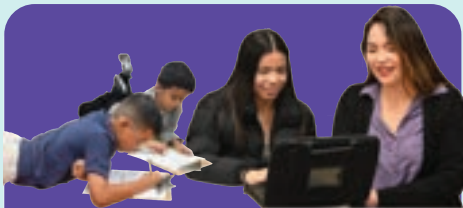
Pasco School District (PSD) is asking voters to renew local funding that bridges the gap between what the state provides and what is actually needed to run the school district.



The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy is **not a new tax**. It is a renewal of an existing community-approved levy, which expires in December 2026.

Local levy funding accounts for 10% of the PSD budget and helps maintain programs, services, staffing, and daily operations that are unfunded or not fully funded by the state.

THE EP&O RENEWAL LEVY PAYS FOR:



Academics

Advanced Placement, Highly Capable, Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Programs, College and Career Readiness, and Library Aids and Services.



Activities

Art, music, theater, band, performances, and 100% of athletics, athletic competitions, intramural, staff, coaching, transportation, and supervision.



Staffing

Classroom (teachers, substitute teachers, and paraeducators), Special Education, Health and Safety (nurses, security, School Resource Officers, counselors, mental health staff, etc.).



Operations

The day-to-day services that keep our schools running, which includes transportation, utilities, maintenance, and custodians.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY DOES PSD NEED AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS (EP&O) LEVY?

- Washington funds schools through a state and local levy model. The state covers "basic education," but not the full cost of operating schools, so districts are allowed to run local levies as part of the funding system.

WHAT ARE VOTERS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE?

- Voters are asked to approve a fixed dollar amount — with an estimated tax rate of \$2.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This would replace the district's current levy that expires in 2026.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LEVY DOES NOT PASS?

- **The district would lose nearly \$50 million per year** in local levy funding and Local Effort Assistance. As a result, PSD would need to make reductions to staffing, student programs, and daily operations across the district.



Learn more at: www.psd1.org/levy2026

For Questions:
Email: publicaffairs@psd1.org
Call: 509-546-2686

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LEVY AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED

The total combined estimated tax rate is expected to remain steady over the next four years.

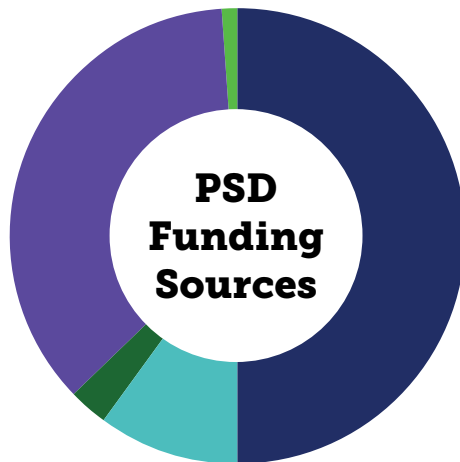
Year	EP&O Renewal Total Collection	Estimated Tax Rate
2027	\$35,500,000	\$2.08
2028	\$37,150,000	\$2.08
2029	\$39,375,000	\$2.08
2030	\$41,740,000	\$2.08

**Estimated rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value.*

As more homes are built within Pasco School District boundaries the total levy amount collected does not change. Instead, the levy amount is shared among more property owners.

BASICS OF SCHOOL FUNDING IN PSD

Pasco School District receives funding through the following sources:



- State: 50%**
(based on student enrollment)
- Local Levy: 10%**
(dollars are local and stay local)
- Local Effort Assistance (LEA): 3%**
(received only if there is an approved levy)
- State & Federal Programs: 36%**
(academic and support programs)
- Other: 1%**
(grants)

13%
of total budget

VOTER INFORMATION

Register to vote by scanning the QR code and be sure to vote by Tuesday, April 28th.



VOTE BY APRIL 28!

TWO WAYS TO RETURN BALLOTS:

by Drop Box

Must be deposited by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 28th.

by Mail

No stamp needed. Must be mailed by Monday, April 20th.

Learn more, register and track your ballot: VoteWA.gov

SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED PERSON TAX RELIEF

Qualifying senior citizens and persons with disabilities may be exempt from paying school levies.

Contact the **Franklin County Assessor's office at 509-545-3506** for more information.



Election Day is Tuesday, April 28

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