

Bozeman

Public Schools



On behalf of the students in Bozeman Public Schools and our Board of Trustees, we encourage you to study the issues and cast your ballot.

Quality Bozeman Education!

For More Information

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Voter Information

- April 17, 2026 – Ballots mailed by Gallatin County Election Office.
- May 5, 2026 – Election Day – Ballots due by 8:00 pm.

Ballots may be returned to:

Location	Office Hours	Election Day Hours
County Election Office 311 West Main, Room 210	8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday	8:00am – 8:00pm

Ballots may be returned in person or by mail (78 cents or Forever stamp). Please allow enough time for delivery by the May 5, 2026 deadline.

What Issues Will Appear on the High School Ballot?

On May 5, voters in the Bozeman High School District will decide on a General Fund operating levy. Trustee and levy questions from local elementary districts may also appear on the ballot. This brochure addresses High School District issues only.

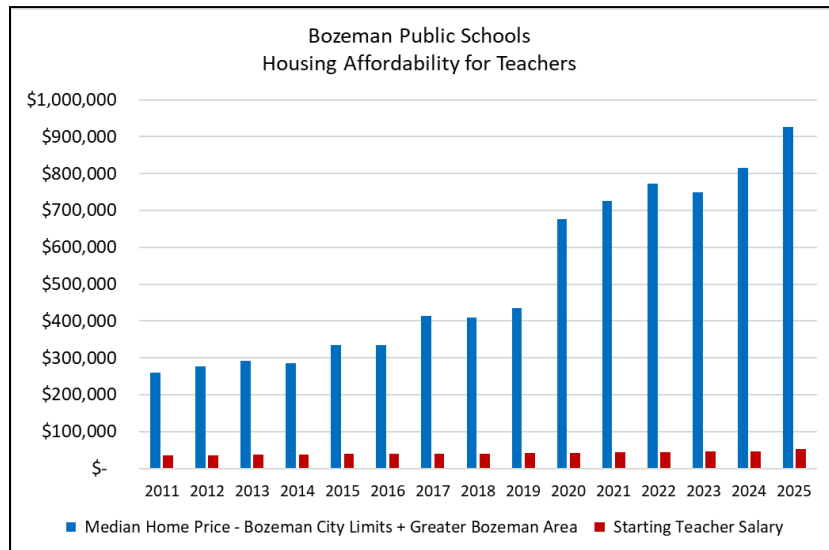
What is the Levy Request on the Ballot?

General Fund Operating Levy

Montana law requires voter approval for any increase to the amount of General Fund taxes levied. The Trustees are requesting operating levy increases to increase funding for programs and personnel. This year, the High School operating levy request is \$600,000.

Recruiting and Retaining Staff in Bozeman

Staff pay has not kept pace with the area cost of living, causing recruitment and retention challenges. A portion of the General Fund levy request will specifically be used to address employee cost of living:



Source: Southwest Montana Realtors

Estimated Tax Revenue Impact

Bonds issued in 2006 to renovate Bozeman High School will be paid off this year. When those payments end, the related Debt Service taxes will also end; they cannot continue or be used to pay operating costs.

Why this matters: the concluding bond payments offset the proposed General Fund levy and reduce the overall change in District tax revenue if the levy is approved:

<u>Issues as stated on the Ballot:</u>	<u>Annual Levy Amount</u>
High School General Fund Over-Base	\$ 600,000
<u>Offsets Not Shown on Ballot:</u>	
<u>Expiring High School Bonds</u>	<u>(\$ 1,800,000)</u>
High School General Fund Over-BASE/ Debt Service Net Revenue Change	<u>(\$ 1,200,000)</u>

Residential Property Tax Impact

By law, ballots must show the estimated annual cost of each levy for homes valued at \$100,000, \$300,000, and \$600,000. The expiring bond payments will reduce the tax impact of the proposed levies, but these offsets cannot be shown on the ballot.

Of the required home values, \$600,000 is the closest reference point for our area. **The estimated net impact of the General Fund levy request and the maturing bond payments is a \$8.87 per year savings** for owners of owner-occupied or long-term rental properties valued at \$600,000:

<u>Issues as stated on the Ballot:</u>	<u>Annual Tax Impact on a \$600,000 Owner-Occupied or Long-Term Rental Home</u>	
	<u>Est. Mills*</u>	<u>Est. Dollars</u>
High School General Fund Over-Base	1.46	\$ 7.11
<u>Offsets Not Shown on Ballot:</u>		
<u>Expiring High School Bonds</u>	<u>(3.28)</u>	<u>(\$ 15.98)</u>
Estimated Net Annual Impact	<u>(1.82)</u>	<u>(\$ 8.87)</u>

* Assumes a 0% increase in the District's Tax Base.