

## What is Prop H 2026?

- Prop H 2026 is a zero-rate-change levy transfer that will appear on the August 4, 2026, ballot.
- It is different from the 2022 Prop H, which was a bond issue.

## Proposition H 2026 does not raise taxes.

- It simply reallocates existing funds by moving a portion of the current levy from debt service to operations.
- **The total tax rate stays exactly the same** for residents and businesses.
- The proposal helps the district **continue operating effectively** despite reduced funding from the state and other sources.

## What Proposition H Does

- Proposition H allows the district to **transfer \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed valuation** from the Debt Service Fund to the Operating Fund.
- The **Debt Service Levy decreases by \$0.30.**
- The **Operating Levy increases by \$0.30.**

**There is zero tax change and zero new taxes.**

# Hazelwood School District

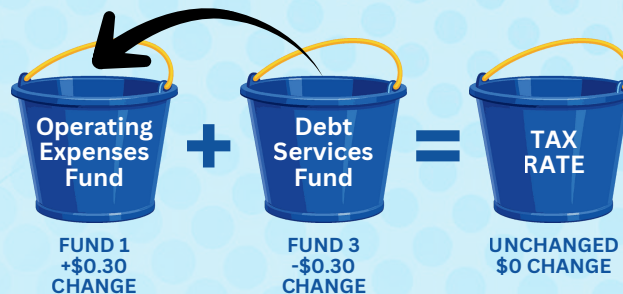


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## PROP H 2026

## ZERO-RATE-CHANGE LEVY TRANSFER ON THE AUGUST 4, 2026 BALLOT



## Why the District Is Asking for This Zero-Rate-Change

- The district is facing ongoing budget pressures due to:
  - Reduced state funding
  - Decreased local revenue, including impacts from the senior tax freeze
  - Increased student transportation costs
- Proposition H 2026 helps the district better align existing resources with today's operational needs.
- The transfer is estimated to provide approximately \$8,000,000 annually for operating purposes.

## What will the district need to consider if Prop H 2026 does not pass?

- Reductions in staffing
- Deferred facility maintenance
- Budget cuts for all schools and departments
- Cuts to programs and services

## How Proposition H 2026 Supports Students and Schools

- The additional operating funds help:
  - Maintain classroom instruction
  - Support student programs & extracurricular activities
  - Cover day-to-day operational costs (materials, utilities & transportation)

## Addressing Taxpayer Concerns

- Residents will not pay more in taxes if Proposition H 2026 passes.
- The district will continue to meet bond & debt obligations.
- Financial projections show the remaining debt service levy is sufficient to cover all payments.

## Levy vs. Bond

- A levy supports daily school operations, such as instruction & student services.
- A bond funds long-term capital projects, like building improvements.
- Bond funds cannot be used for salaries or operational expenses.
- Proposition H does not affect bond projects or repayment schedules.

## What happened with Prop H

- **Prop H (2022)** was a zero-rate-change bond initiative. It generated \$130 million to support capital projects such as secure entries, HVAC replacements, LED lighting, roof replacements and more.
- **Prop H (2026)** is a zero-rate-change LEVY TRANSFER. It will transfer \$0.30 of every \$100 in assessed valuation from the Debt Levy Fund into the Operating Fund. These funds are already collected.

**Prop H 2026 will allow the district to use the funds in a different way.**

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## Lottery and Gambling Funds Clarification

- Lottery and gambling revenues are not additional funding for schools.
- These funds replace a portion of state funding rather than increasing total education revenue.
- Proposition H helps address the resulting funding gap using existing local resources.

## Election Information to Share

- Election Day: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
- Voter registration deadline: July 8, 2026
- All residents within Hazelwood School District's boundaries are eligible to vote on Proposition H.

## Breaking Down School Funds

School Districts generally receive funding through the following four funds:

- **Fund 1** - Operating Fund (General Expenses)
- **Fund 2** - Teachers Fund (All Teacher-Related Costs)
- **Fund 3** - Debt Levy Fund (To Pay Debt & Bonds)
- **Fund 4** - Capital Fund (Buildings & Construction)

Prop H would simply transfer money from Fund 3 to Fund 1.