



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS RENEWAL LEVY

Sequim School District

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Why will we be running a renewal of the current Educational Programs & Operations Levy?

The current levy expires in December 2021. In order to maintain the level of education and services provided to students and families, a renewal of the levy is essential. The estimated tax rate in the proposed 4-year replacement levy is **LOWER** than the estimated tax rate in the last levy due to an increase in assessed property tax values over the last few years. The levy amount requested each year is fixed and will not change over the life of the levy. The District continues to request a levy amount below the allowable levy ceiling set by state statute. Without local support, district-wide operations would have significantly adverse effects on our students educational experience.



4-Year Educational Programs & Operations Levy	Levy Amount	Estimated Levy Rate (per \$1,000 of assessed value)
2022—Year 1	\$7,155,000	\$1.24
2023—Year 2	\$7,338,560	\$1.24
2024—Year 3	\$7,526,780	\$1.25
2025—Year 4	\$7,718,191	\$1.26

Why do Washington schools have levies?

Washington State does not fully fund the cost of basic education nor does it fund the cost of building new schools, renovating old schools, large maintenance projects or technology needs. As a result, the State allows districts to ask local voters for funds to pay for continued basic education support and other projects that are not sufficiently funded. Voters approve operational and capital project levies with a simple majority of 50 percent plus 1.

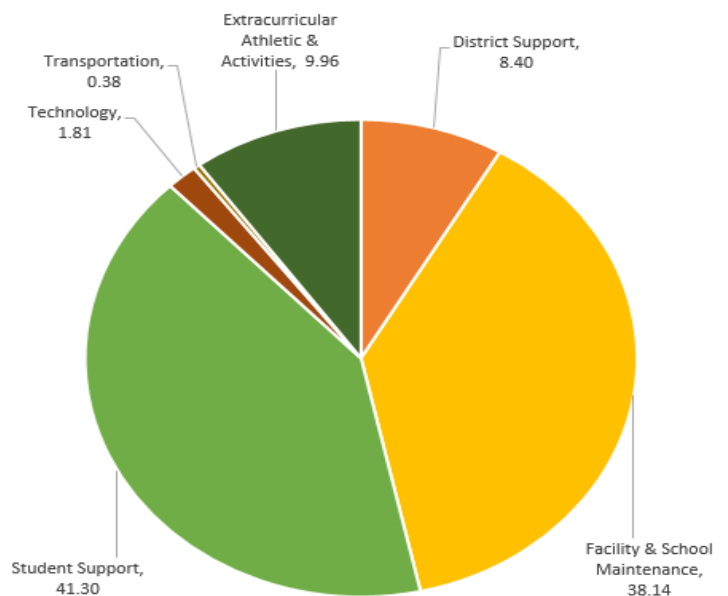


How Would Levy Dollars in Sequim School District Be Spent?

The February 9, 2021 Educational Programs and Operations Levy is a replacement levy, not a new levy. It renews the current levy which expires on December 31, 2021 and will maintain levy funding for the Sequim School District for four years, 2022-2025. The levy will provide approximately 17% of the total budget of 41 million. The funding supports student programs including:

- ◆ Funding for counselors, nursing staff
- ◆ Student Support
- ◆ Lower Class Sizes
- ◆ Highly Capable
- ◆ Extra-Curricular (Athletics, Music, Drama, Afterschool Programs, Field Trips, etc.)
- ◆ Staffing costs not funded by state

2019-2020 Levy Support



Election Date: February 9, 2021

Voter registration in person by February 9, 2021. More information about the Capital Projects Levy on reverse.



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CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

What is a Capital Projects Levy?

It is a voter-approved measure that provides funding for repurposing school buildings, and for critical safety and technology infrastructure repairs and replacements. By law, Capital Projects Levy dollars cannot be used to operate schools or programs.



4-Year Capital Projects Levy	Levy Amount	Estimated Levy Rate
2022—Year 1	\$3,639,356	\$.63
2023—Year 2	\$3,712,143	\$.63
2024—Year 3	\$3,786,386	\$.63
2025—Year 4	\$3,862,115	\$.63

EP&O AND CAPITAL LEVY COMBINED ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	Estimated EP&O Levy Rate	Estimated Capital Levy Rate	Total Levy Rate per \$1,000
2022—Year 1	\$1.24	\$.63	\$1.87
2023—Year 2	\$1.24	\$.63	\$1.87
2024—Year 3	\$1.25	\$.63	\$1.88
2025—Year 4	\$1.26	\$.63	\$1.89

Below are just a few examples of what is needed to help our district provide the quality education that our children deserve. Our local levy dollars provide funds that stay in our district and help our students.

- ◇ Video surveillance system, network system, voice system District wide.
- ◇ Replacement of roof, heating system, network upgrades and sewer connection at Greywolf Elementary.
- ◇ Installation of fire alarm system at Helen Haller Elementary.
- ◇ Replacement of roof, gym floor repair, cafeteria floor replacement at Sequim Middle School.
- ◇ Replacement of heating system, Science and CTE classroom upgrade and modernization, gym floor replacement, roof replacement among other things at Sequim High School.
- ◇ Track replacement and stadium restrooms.

For more information go to:

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