Local levies provide funding to innovate and sustain programs as we *know*, *nurture*, and *challenge* all students to *rise*.

Remember to vote February 11, 2020!

Washougal relies on local EP&O Levy dollars to innovate and sustain educational programs.

**The EP&O Levy supports...**

- **13%** ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES
- **42%** STUDENT LEARNING & STAFFING
- **29%** OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
- **12%** INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

**INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**
- Librarians
- Secretaries
- Paraprofessionals
- Textbooks
- Curriculum

**STUDENT LEARNING & STAFFING**
- Art & Music
- Advanced Placement
- Highly Capable Program
- Professional Development & Training

**ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**
- School Athletics
- Coaches & Advisors
- Performing Arts

**OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**
- Custodians
- Grounds & Building Maintenance
- Utilities

**HEALTH & SAFETY**
- Security Staff
- Counselors

The district uses funding from a Technology Levy to maintain the infrastructure for 21st century learning.

**The Technology Levy supports...**

- The student 1:1 initiative
- Up-to-date computers & devices
- Classroom instructional technology
- Professional development & coaching
- Technology infrastructure
- Curriculum & software

School funding has changed recently.

In 2018, the Washington legislature raised state school levy rates, but put a $1.50 cap on local levy rates (known as the “McCleary fix”). Many school districts lost money under this change, and the legislature subsequently raised the cap to $2.50 in 2019. Our goal is to return to pre-McCleary funding, comparable to pre-2018 total school tax rates.

**PROPOSED LEVY AMOUNTS & RATES**

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**TOTAL EDUCATION TAX RATES, HISTORIC & PROPOSED**

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*Tax rates are per $1,000 of assessed property value. Future tax rates are estimates.

**Questions & Answers**

What is a levy? Is this a new tax?

Leye dollars are used for services and operations not fully funded by the state or federal government. Our Technology Levy pays for technological equipment and upgrades, whereas our Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy pays for most other operating expenses.

- These are replacement levies and not new taxes.
- Levy dollars make up more than 14% of the district’s budget.
- The levies will fund basic programs and services for 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Levies do not pay for new school construction.

How much will the levy cost me?

An owner of a $325,000 home (Washougal’s average) would pay about $777 per year or $65 per month for both levies. This amounts to an increase of about $4.06 per month in 2021, compared to the current rates.

To calculate your estimated taxes for the combined replacement levies, use the following formula: [assessed home value] x $2.39 + $1,000 + annual amount.

Where can I learn more about the levies?

Find more information visit www.washougal.k12.wa.us or contact Superintendent Dr. Mary Templeton, (360) 954-3000.

How do I register to vote?

Register online before February 3 at www.myvote.wa.gov or register in person no later than 8 PM the day of the election at: Clark County: 1408 Franklin, Vancouver Skamania County: 240 NW Vancouver Ave, Stevenson

Are there tax exemptions?

Disabled persons or those 61 years of age or older may be eligible for a tax exemption. For more information, contact the Assessor’s Office in Clark County (360-397-2391) or Skamania County (509-427-3720).

Please vote by February 11, 2020!

**VOTE**

**FACTS ABOUT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL LEVY FUNDING**

If the replacement EP&O Levy is approved, Washougal will be able to expand its offerings as the district knows, nurtures and challenges all students to rise.

In 2021 local levy funds will be used to:

- Develop a high school and middle school orchestra program
- Add more social/emotional and behavior supports
- Increase STEM opportunities
- Offer Dual Language Immersion
- Expand Club 8 afterschool programs to the elementary schools

What is the district’s budget?

Levy dollars pay for most other operating expenses, whereas the state pays for services and operations not fully funded by the state or federal government.