

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 RENEWAL LEVY FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Mead School District is asking its community to consider a three-year renewal levy for educational programs and operations on the Special Election ballot on February 9, 2021. This renewal levy is not a new tax, it replaces a three-year levy that will expire in 2021.

The renewal levy supports the Mead School District's commitment to learning and teaching, focuses on equity and access for all students and ensures ongoing funding for essential services that meet needs of students and teachers.

WHAT DOES THIS RENEWAL LEVY FUND?

ACADEMICS

- Elective Course Offerings
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Elementary Specialists
- Staff for Small Class Sizes

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- Band, Choir, Orchestra
- Athletics in MS and HS
- Debate and Drama
- Student Clubs

FUTURE READINESS

- Work-Based Learning
- Career-Track Opportunities
- STEM Courses
- Technology

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Nurses & Para Ed Support
- Counselors & Social Workers
- English Language Learning
- Student Intervention Support

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IS THIS A NEW TAX?

No. It is a proposed three-year renewal of the current levy that expires in 2021.

WHAT ARE LEVIES FOR?

Levies provide local funding that bridges the gap between what the state and federal governments pay and the actual costs of operating our schools. Levies make up about 11.7% of the district's total operating revenue.

School levies also activate equalization dollars from the state called Local Effort Assistance (LEA). When a levy is passed, the state provides matching dollars to enhance student access to educational enrichments.

The Mead School District has been supported by a levy for the past 40 years.

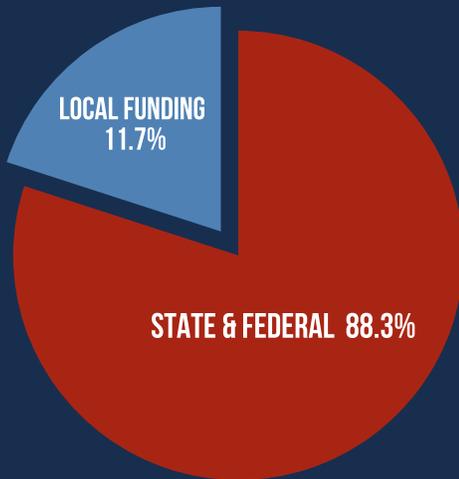


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LEVY BREAKDOWN

11.7 percent of the Mead School District's budget comes from local funding, while the other 88.3 percent comes from a combination of federal and state funding.

With state revenues down, state funding cuts are anticipated. Locally-approved funding would help fill the gap between what the state funds and what our students and teachers need to maintain success.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Jan. 22 - Ballots mailed out

Feb. 1 - Online or mail registrations must be received 8 days before elections

Feb. 9 - Deadline for in-person voter registration or updates

Feb. 9 - Election day: ballots must be postmarked by today or returned to a ballot drop box by 8 p.m.

Throughout the past year, the Mead School District conducted a combination of surveys, focus groups and community engagement meetings with staff and community members. The feedback gained has directly informed the District's strategic plan and top priorities for continuing to develop a well-rounded education. Levy resources can help fund our community-driven strategic priorities such as:

- Support for our at-risk students
- Access to mental health support for our students
- Increased emphasis on building a talent pool for local industry and beyond through partnerships
- Choice programs at the elementary level

WHAT WOULD THIS RENEWAL LEVY COST TAXPAYERS?

If approved by voters on Feb. 9, the estimated levy tax rate for Mead School District would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is lower than 2018 and prior years.

For a \$300,000 home, that equals \$600/year or \$50/month.

RECENT SCHOOL TAX RATE HISTORY

YEAR	LEVY RATE	BOND RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
2017	\$4.01	\$1.27	\$5.28
2018	\$3.68	\$1.19	\$4.87*
2019	\$1.50	1.93	\$3.43
2020	\$1.47	\$1.86	\$3.33
2021	\$1.47	\$1.86	\$3.33
2022-24	\$2.00	\$1.86	\$3.86**

*Before the Washington State "McCleary Decision" that capped school levies

** Includes this proposed Renewal Levy's estimated future tax rate

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