



# Issaquah School District EP&O Renewal Levy 2018

## WHAT WILL THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS RENEWAL LEVY FUND?

Career & Technical Education



School Nurses



Paraeducators



Transportation



Athletics/Activities



English Language Learning (ELL)



Special Services



Mental Health Counselors



### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

- Certificated and Classified staff for Special Education, Highly Capable, and English Language Learner Programs
- Paraeducators
- Professional development for teachers including professional learning days, training, and workshops
- Substitute teachers
- Career and Technical Education/STEM
- Early Childhood Learning
- Curriculum materials and training
- Reduced class sizes

### ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

- Activities and Club Advisors
  - All extracurricular activities
  - Athletic Directors
  - Coaches
  - Sports

### OPPORTUNITIES

- High School schedules that create opportunities for acceleration, exploration, and remediation
- Elementary Dual Language
- New teacher mentoring program
- More academic guidance counselors
- Increased mental health counselors and support
- Expanded Early Learning programs
- Expanded equity initiatives

### OPERATIONS

- Transportation
- Substitute classified staff
- Maintenance staff
- Custodians

### STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Nurses
- Security Staff
- Mental Health Counselors
- Student behavior and emotional Support Coaches



**Average Annual Levy Amount Per Year: \$40.6 million (\$81.2M total over two years)**

**Our Mission:**

Our students will be prepared for and eager to accept the academic, occupational, personal, and practical challenges of life in a dynamic global environment.

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# Issaquah School District Renewal Levies



February 2018 Ballot

## 1 Two-Year Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy: Classroom Learning

**1** The two-year Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy (formerly M&O Levy) is the only locally approved ballot measure that directly pays for basic general classroom and operational needs such as special education, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and staff salaries that are not fully funded by the state. Like a subscription, local school levies must be renewed with the approval of voters or the funding will be lost. **Our current levy expires in 2018!** If renewed, the EP&O Levy will allow the District to collect \$81.2M over two years, which represents 15% of our total operating budget or 15¢ of every classroom dollar.



## 2 Renewal School Bus Levy: Health, Safety, and Efficiency

**2** If renewed, the School Bus Levy will provide \$2 million in 2019 to purchase 76 buses to enable the District's fleet to run as safely, cleanly, and efficiently as possible. The levy will allow the District to collect state funding to offset the cost of bus purchases, ensure alignment with state safety standards, and provide the most efficient buses, allowing the District to preserve more operational dollars for the classroom.

## 3 Renewal Capital Levy: Four-Year Educational Technology and Critical Repairs

**3** The four-year Capital Levy includes two components: educational technology and critical repairs for each school District-wide. If renewed, the District will collect nearly \$54 million for technology and \$14.5 million for critical repairs over the life of the levy. For technology, these dollars will fund replacement of aging computers, printers, servers, and document cameras, staff training; development of online classes/educational opportunities, school tech specialists, upgrades of wireless Internet, safety and efficiency software for school bus operations, and continued upgrades to District websites, emergency alert systems, and other e-communications. For critical repairs, the Capital Levy includes maintenance of heating and cooling systems, additional portable classroom space, safety and security upgrades.



### How Will My Taxes Be Impacted?

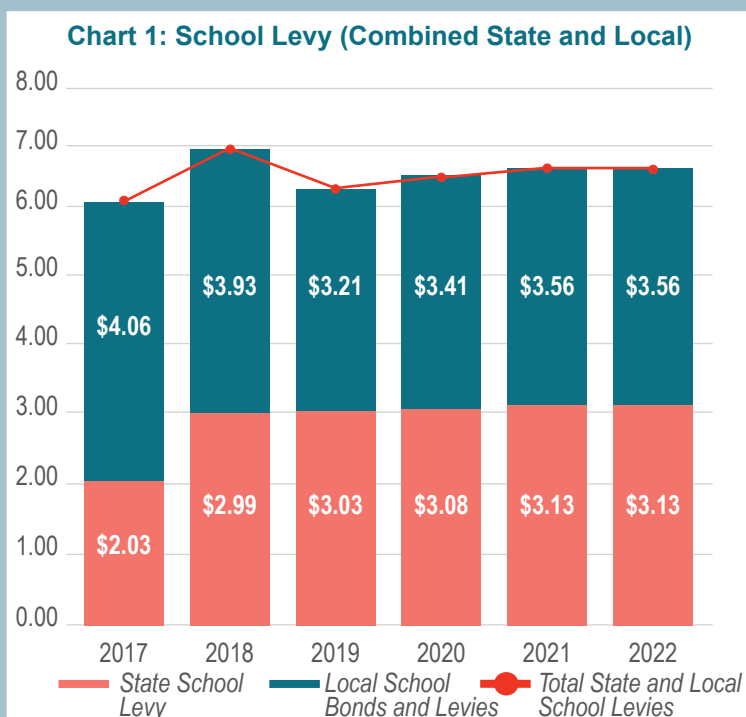


Chart #1 Shows the Total Combined Levy including all three local replacement levies, local construction bonds, and the state school levy. The higher tax rate in 2018 is the result of the new state tax and the final collection of the local levy that expires in 2018. Combined tax rates would then begin to level off from 2019-2022.

**Chart 2: State Common Schools vs. Local EP&O Levy (Rate per \$1000)**

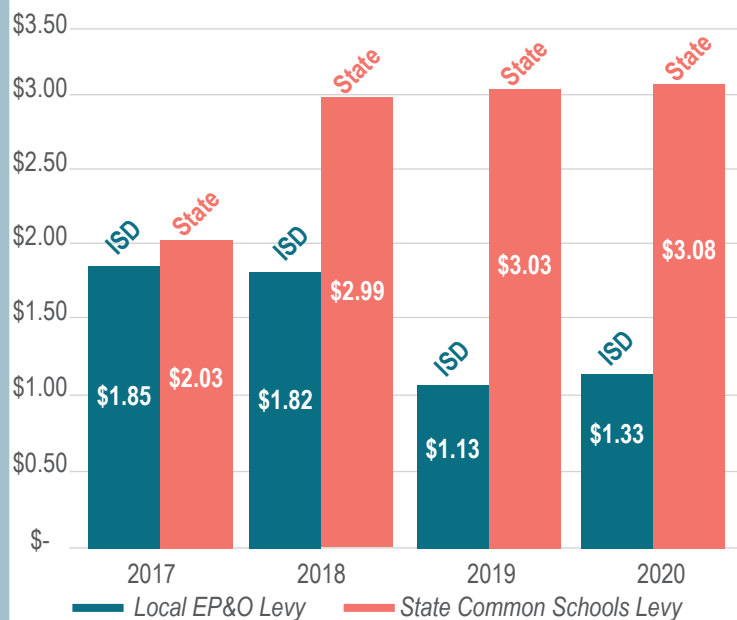


Chart #2 Focuses on the Two-Year Educational Programs and Operations Levy and reflects the shift in property taxes between state and local school levies due to the new school funding legislation enacted by Washington State in June, 2017. Beginning in 2018, the rate of the state portion of school taxes will increase by an estimated \$0.96 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The Issaquah School District's local EP&O levy rate is being reduced by an estimated \$0.69 per \$1,000 in 2019 and \$0.49 in 2020.