



REPLACEMENT LEVIES

 PLEASE VOTE BY FEBRUARY 8, 2022



Both the Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy and the Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements expire at the end of 2022.

These levies help fill the gap between what the state funds and what it really takes to provide a full and rich learning experience in safe and secure schools for Snohomish School District's almost 9,300 students.

Proposals to replace both expiring levies will be on the February 8, 2022 ballot.

These are not new taxes. Our community has a long history of supporting our schools and filling the gap. Like many of us, Snohomish School District is feeling the pinch of increasing costs for just about everything from cleaning supplies to textbooks. We also invest in staffing to ensure ample caring adults are in our schools keeping children safe and learning successfully.

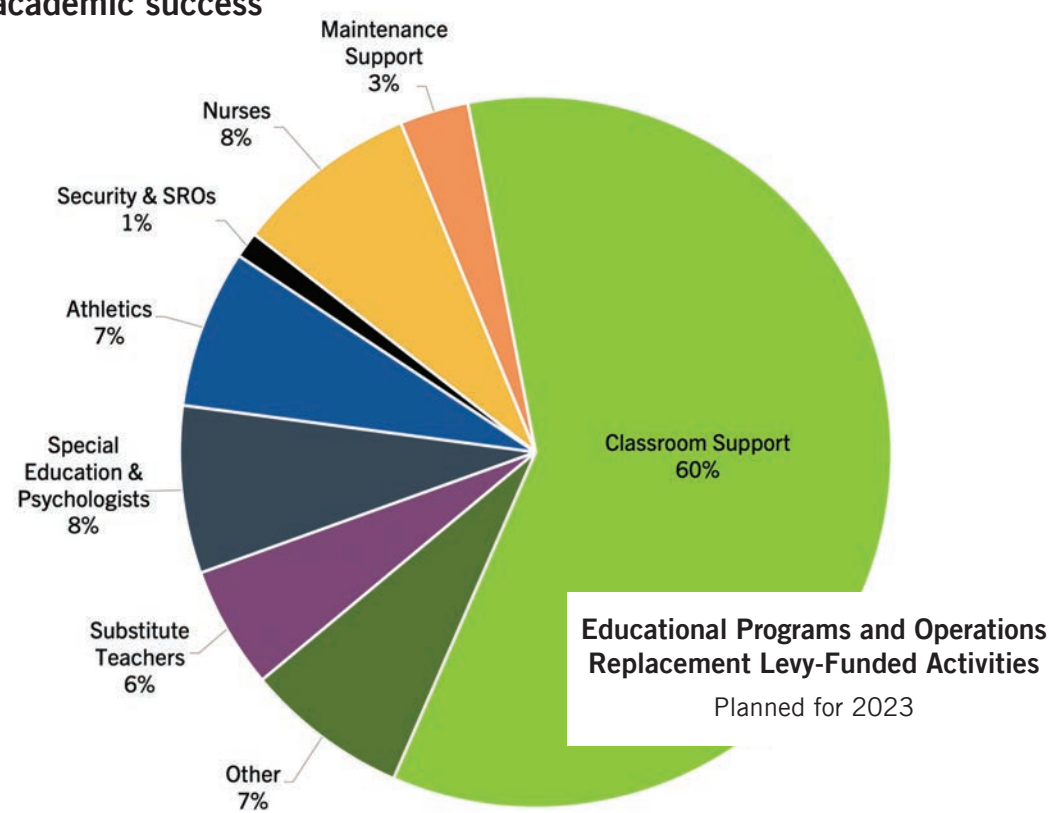
Proposition 1

Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

- Fills the 12% funding gap to support student learning with more caring adults on school campuses including counselors at every school and almost twice as many learning assistants (paraeducators) than the state provides
- Provides academic support for all students
- Helps students connect with their education through athletics, performing arts, clubs and other activities for stronger mental health and academic success

What would the proposed local Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy fund if it is approved?

The local Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy funds essential school support staff such as learning assistants (paraeducators), psychologists, nurses, substitute teachers and security, as well as athletics, performing arts, clubs, and other activities for stronger mental health and academic success of students.

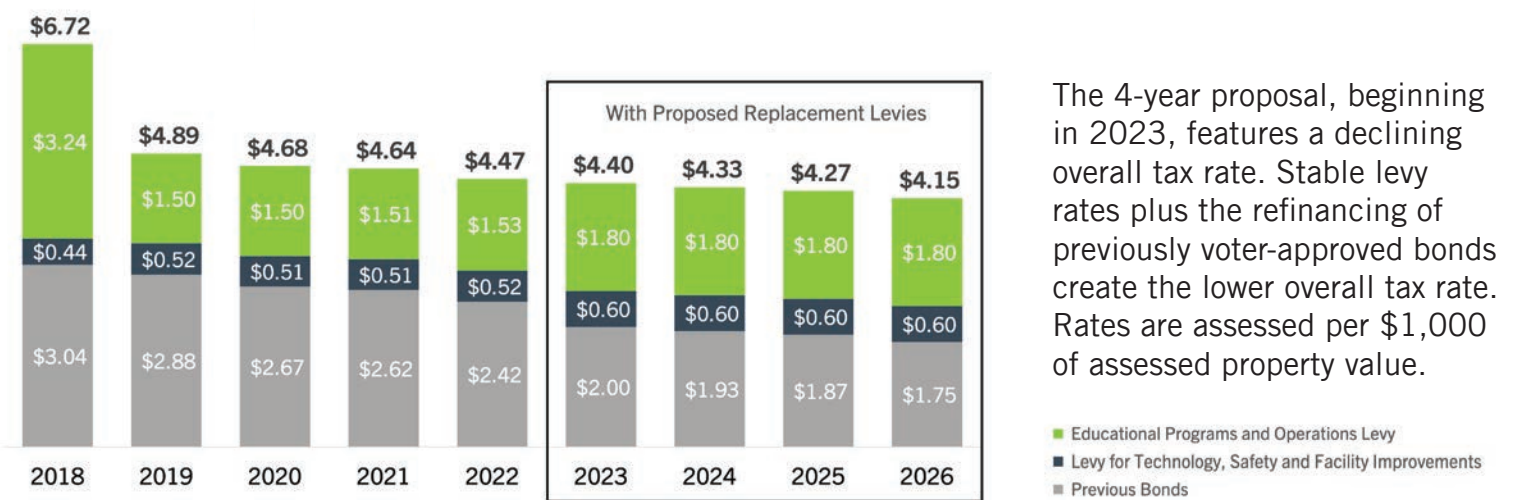


Quick Facts

- Maintains programs and services not fully funded by the state
- Pays for overdue improvements to roofing, heating and ventilation systems and security systems
- Not a new tax — replaces two existing levies
- Lower combined tax rate
- 4-year levies: 2023-26

We are committed to openness and transparency. Please call 360-563-7263 or send an email to communications@sno.wednet.edu with any questions you may have about these proposals.

What do the proposed replacement levies cost?



The 4-year proposal, beginning in 2023, features a declining overall tax rate. Stable levy rates plus the refinancing of previously voter-approved bonds create the lower overall tax rate. Rates are assessed per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Proposed Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

Tax Year	Estimated Annual Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.80	\$24,545,000
2024	\$1.80	\$26,999,000
2025	\$1.80	\$29,698,000
2026	\$1.80	\$32,668,000

Proposed Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvement

Tax Year	Estimated Annual Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.60	\$8,183,000
2024	\$0.60	\$9,001,000
2025	\$0.60	\$9,901,000
2026	\$0.60	\$10,891,000

Property Tax Exemptions

Some senior and disabled homeowners may be eligible for a property tax exemption, based on income. For details call the Snohomish County Assessor's Office at 425-388-3540 or visit their website at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/328/Property-Tax-Exemptions>.

Election Information

Residents can register to vote online up to a week before the February 8, 2022 Election Day or in person up to Election Day. For more information, visit the Snohomish County website at <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3972/Register-to-Vote-or-Update-Registration>.

Proposition 2

Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements

- Maintains school buildings and support facilities including replacing roofs, siding and upgrading heating and ventilation (HVAC) systems
- Improves safety including acquiring and upgrading security cameras, and improving school parking lots, elementary play areas and portable classrooms
- Continues local dollars for the technology our students need to be successful in school and on whatever path they choose to follow after graduation



What would the Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements fund if it is replaced?

Even with the most meticulous attention to regular maintenance and prompt repairs, every homeowner understands that over time parts of their home begin to wear out. That is no different with public schools.

Overdue facility improvements

Unfortunately, failure of the 2020 bond proposal has put replacing and restoring worn out systems and infrastructure on the back burner. Older systems such as roofs, heating and ventilation systems, and siding are at or nearing the end of their useful life. At this time, more than 50 projects are under consideration and include each school and support facility in the district.

Improved safety and security

Safety is always foremost in the minds of Snohomish school leaders. They constantly assess school buildings and grounds for student safety.

Security of those buildings is also important to ensure the community's investment in its schools is protected. If the proposed Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements is approved, new security cameras will be installed or upgraded at every school. The proposal also includes improvements to parking lots, playgrounds and portable classrooms.

Tools for student success

Children today must reach higher expectations to successfully enter the workforce. To prepare them for their future, Snohomish schools must have the tools in place to meet those expectations. Technology is one of those areas where skill expectations are high. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding the purchase of computers, online curriculum and technical support for students and their teachers. As the pandemic continues, these tools continue to be a lifeline for students.