

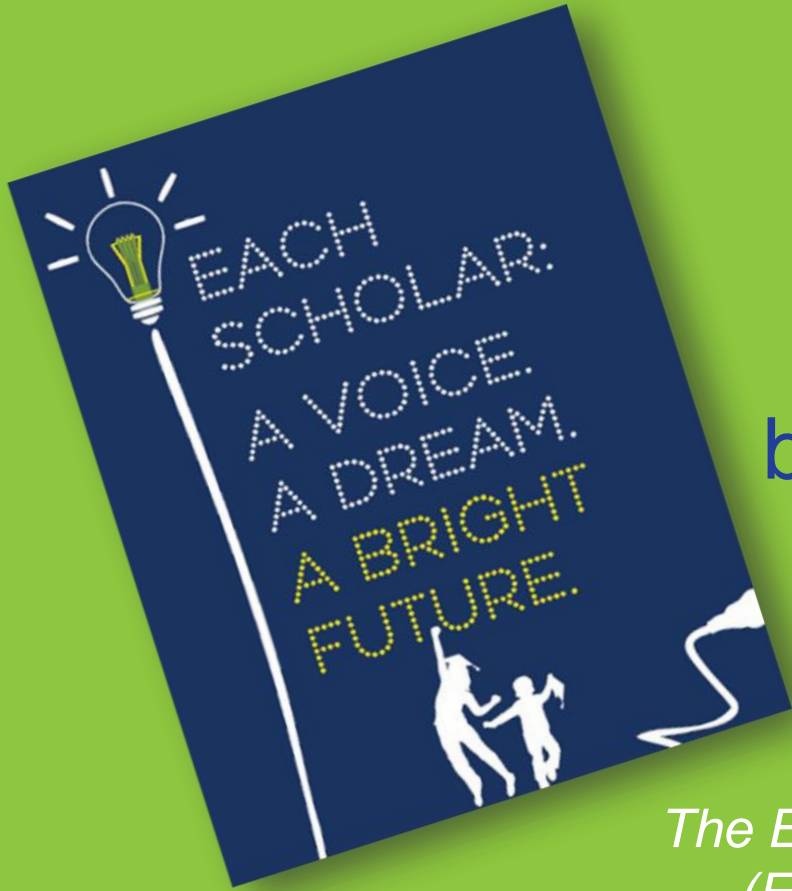


Federal Way Public Schools



Replacement EP&O Levy Informational Overview

December 2017/January 2018



In Federal Way Public Schools, we have a strategic plan with five big, bold goals that journey from the early years and persist to graduation.

The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy supports all five goals.



Bonds are for Buildings. Levies are for Learning.



Bonds are for new construction and rebuilding of schools.

Levies pay for the learning that takes place **inside** the schools like teaching staff, nurses, security staff, utilities, and extracurricular activities.



Federal Way Public Schools: Who Are We?



19.8%
English Language
Learners (ELL)

**13.9% Special
Education**

**38
Schools**

118 Languages

60.8%
Free/Reduced
Rate

23,322 Scholars

FWPS Replacement EP&O Levy Facts



- This replacement levy is not a new tax.
- Voters have continuously supported the EP&O Levy since 1980.

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- FWPS is asking for less, and local property owners will experience a significant tax decrease.
- This 4-year EP&O Levy replaces the current levy that will expire in 2018.



SIGNIFICANT TAX DECREASE:

The replacement EP&O Levy results in a significant tax decrease – a 37% decrease from the current levy – for local property owners beginning in 2019 and beyond.





SAVINGS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS:

This levy reduces taxes by \$20 million each year. This means the average homeowner will pay \$570 LESS starting in 2019.





What does the
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This levy is 10 percent of the overall budget and funds approximately 300 staff positions beyond what the state provides.



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classroom teachers



nurses



security staff



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- *Special education and English Language Learners (ELL) services*
- *Music offerings*
- *Athletics and after school programs*



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For nurse positions in FWPS:

State
funds

3.5

EP&O
Levy
funds

19



For security positions in FWPS:

State
funds

4

EP&O
Levy
funds

12



Asking for Less



FWPS EP&O Levy collection per year *Estimated rate per thousand of assessed value*

2018	\$53 million	\$3.58
2019	\$33 million	\$1.50
2020	\$33 million	\$1.50
2021	\$33 million	\$1.50
2022	\$33 million	\$1.50

Important Voting Information



- The EP&O Levy measure will be presented on the February 13, 2018 special election ballot and requires a simple majority vote of 50% plus one voter approval.
- The levy will continue to provide essential educational programs, support staff, and equitable opportunities for all scholars.
- Please remember to vote in the special election by February 13, 2018.



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Remember to
vote by
February 13,
2018

