



2024 Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy

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Replacement EP&O Levy 2024
TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT



Tumwater
School District

COMMUNITY. ENRICHMENT. ACHIEVEMENT.

The support of our Tumwater community has created opportunities for our students, staff, and schools to thrive.

On the **February 13, 2024, Special Election** ballot, Tumwater School District is asking voters to consider a replacement educational programs and operations (EP&O) levy to sustain quality educational opportunities for all Tumwater School District students.

If voters approve the levy, it will provide funding for staffing, services, and supports for all Tumwater schools.

PROPOSITION 1

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Tumwater School District No. 33 adopted Resolution No. 04-23-24, authorizing a replacement levy to continue support for educational programs.

This proposition would authorize the District to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State (including special education, nurses, counselors, safety staff, graduation readiness, STEM, athletics, extracurricular activities).

What do voters need to know? Key facts about the replacement levy

This is not a new tax. If approved by the voters, the 2024 EP&O levy would replace the current voter-approved levy, which passed in 2020 and expires in 2024. The replacement levy would generate up to \$109 million over four years (2025–28) in support of programs and services that are not fully funded by the state's basic education funding model.

What is the funding gap? State funding vs. student needs

In Washington, the state provides basic education funding to local school districts. This funding covers approximately 75% of our district's costs, which means we seek additional funding from local and federal sources to make sure our students have what they need to succeed.

Staffing

State funding pays for less than two-thirds of the staff positions we need to provide individualized student support and programs. This year, for example, the state provided our district with approximately:



10% of the funding we need to employ 100 paraprofessionals



60% of the total funding we need to employ all TSD staff



80% of the funding we need to employ 342 teachers



Levy funding

What does it pay for?

Levy funding supports essential and enrichment programs and services for all Tumwater School District students, including:



**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**



**STEM
PROGRAMS**



**HEALTH
& SAFETY**



**ENRICHMENT
& ACTIVITIES**



**ATHLETIC
PROGRAMS**



**STAFFING &
OPERATIONS**

Thanks, voters!

What did your support fund?

During the 2022–23 school year, voter-approved EP&O levy funds supported thousands of Tumwater students.



Levy funds supported more than **170 STEM classes** for students in grades K–6.

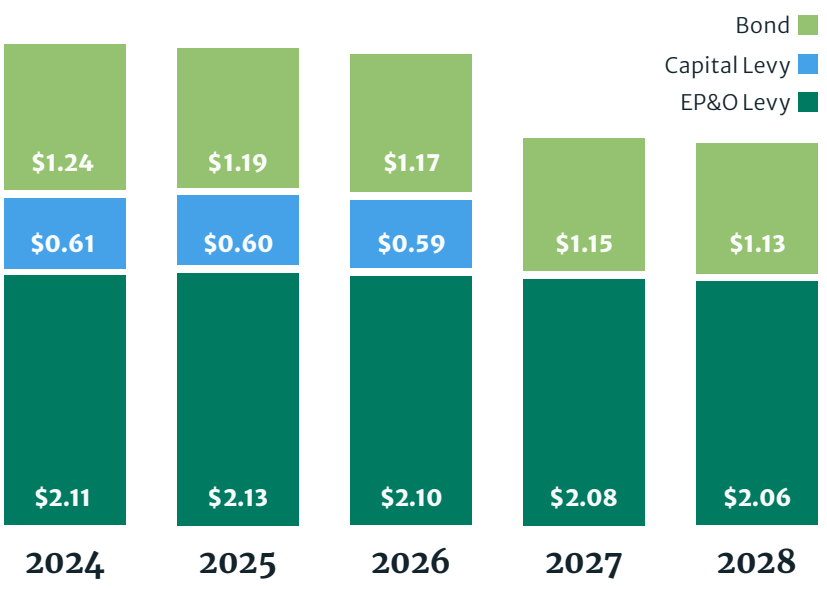


More than **1200 student athletes** in grades 6–12 participated in levy-funded athletic programs.



More than **1100 students** in grades 6–12 participated in levy-funded clubs.

PROJECTED TAX RATES



The replacement levy would allow Tumwater School District to collect approximately \$109 million in local funding through 2028.

Maintaining a stable tax rate

The maximum rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would remain the same through 2028.



A ratepayer with property worth **\$350,000** would pay a maximum of **\$875** each year for the EP&O levy.



A ratepayer with property worth **\$450,000** would pay a maximum of **\$1,125** each year for the EP&O levy.

If the levy is approved, the projected combined rate between the voter-approved capital levy, EP&O levy, and bond will lower as property values rise in our area.

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VOTE!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is Tumwater School District asking us to consider a replacement EP&O levy?

A: The current voter-approved **educational programs and operations (EP&O) levy** will expire in 2024. It supports programs and services including special education, health and safety, STEM, and extracurricular activities and athletics.

Q: Where do levy dollars go?

A: All funds collected from a levy **stay in our district** to support our students, staff, and schools.

Q: Who is eligible to vote on the levy?

A: All **registered voters** residing within Tumwater School District are eligible to vote on the levy.

Q: How can I register to vote?

A: Visit the **Thurston County Elections** website to learn how you can register online, by mail, or in person.

Q: How can I find out more information about my personal property tax history?

A: To see complete data for your personal property, view the **Thurston County Assessor's Parcel Search** at www.co.thurston.wa.us/assessor/.

Q: Do I qualify for levy exemptions?

A: Seniors and people with disabilities **m**

Their future is in our hands.

Please remember to vote by February 13, 2024.

Want to learn more about the levy? Visit www.tumwater.k12.wa.us, give us a call at 360-709-7000, or send your questions to tsd.levy.information@tumwater.k12.wa.us.

