



STRONG SCHOOLS STRONGER COMMUNITY



Renewal Levy Information

On Tuesday, **February 13, 2024**, Kelso School District residents will vote on an issue affecting children in our community: a four-year **RENEWAL educational program and operations levy**.

- 1 The renewal education & operations levy is not a new tax.** It replaces the expiring levy.
- 2 This renewal levy will be on the February 2024 ballot** and, when approved, would be for four years from 2025 to 2028.
- 3 All schools in the district will benefit from this levy.**
- 4 Local levy dollars make up 12.6% of the KSD budget.**
- 5 Passage of the levy provides an additional \$3.4 million in Local Effort Assistance to Kelso School District from the State of Washington.** Receiving these funds is contingent upon the local levy passing.
- 6 The estimated average rate is \$2.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$6.87 per month increase over the expiring levy for the owner of a median-valued home.**
- 7 The levy will not be used to build new school buildings.** This levy is not a bond. Bonds build buildings, levies are for learning.
- 8 Local levies bridge the ongoing gap** between what the state funds and what it actually costs to deliver a high-quality education, safety, and resources for well-being.
- 9 This levy helps pay for staffing and operations that are unfunded, or underfunded, by the state, such as:**
 - School safety and security
 - Sports & extracurricular activities
 - Electives (visual & performing arts, music, world languages)
 - Dual credit, advanced courses
 - Early learning
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Special education
 - Nurses, counselors, and behavioral health specialists
 - Family & Community Resource Center
 - Maintenance of facilities
 - Instructional materials, technology

STAFFING FUNDED BY LEVY DOLLARS

2024-25 percentages after COVID-19 related ESSER funding ends.

100% SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY 

100% SPORTS & ACTIVITIES 

100% FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER 

48% COUNSELING & NURSING SUPPORTS



12.3% TEACHERS & INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF



YOU make a difference!

Register to vote at:
voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx

Learn more at WeAreKelso.org

Look for your ballot in the mail in late January, and please vote!