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2024 LEVY
RENEWAL



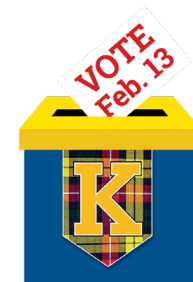
Levy RENEWAL



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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.

**ALL schools in the district
will benefit from this levy.**



Top 2 PRIORITIES



1. Ensure each and every Kelso student is provided the resources for optimal academic success and well-being.
2. Deliver a high-quality education while sustaining fiscal responsibility and accountability to our local tax payers.



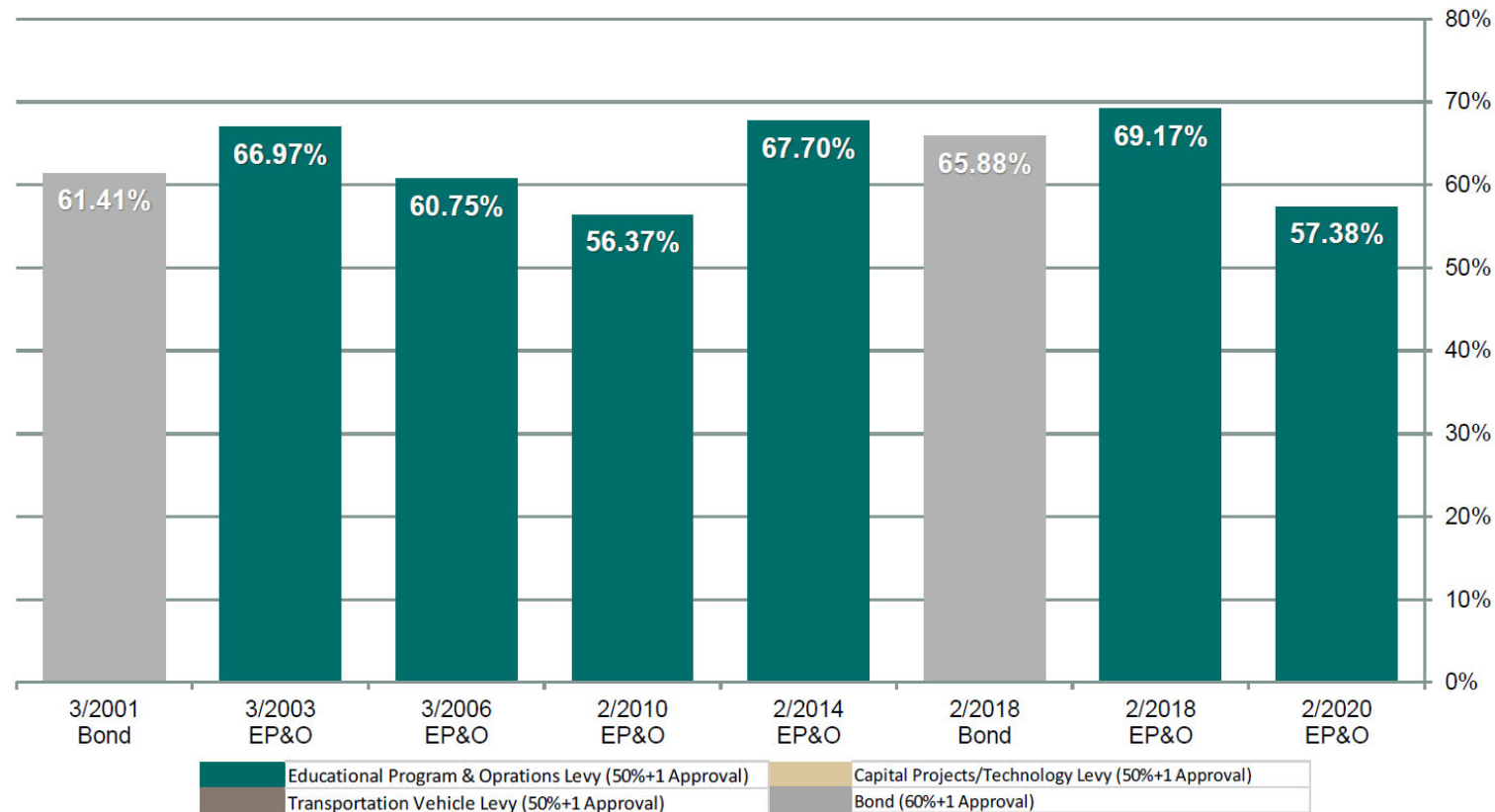
Long History of Levy & Bond Passage



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Levy and Bond Overview

Kelso School District
Election Passage Rate History



Source: OSPI 1463-GF, 1463-BI

Levy FACTS



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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.

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Levy FACTS



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4 Local levy dollars make up **12.6%** of the KSD budget.

5 Passage of the levy provides an additional \$3.4M in Local Effort Assistance from Washington State. **Receiving these state 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.

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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 not funded, or underfunded, by the state, such as:

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9 helps pay for:

- School safety, security
- Sports, extracurricular activities
- Electives (visual & performing arts, music, world languages)
- Early learning

9 helps pay for:

- Dual credit, advanced courses
- Smaller class sizes
- Special education
- Nurses, counselors, behavioral health specialists

9 helps pay for:

- Family & Community Resource Center
- Maintenance of facilities
- Instructional materials and technology

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100%

SPORTS &
ACTIVITIES



100%

SCHOOL
SAFETY
& SECURITY



100%

FAMILY &
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER



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48%

COUNSELING
& NURSING
SUPPORTS



12.3%

TEACHERS &
INSTRUCTIONAL
SUPPORT STAFF



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Proposed Levy AMOUNTS



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COLLECTION YEAR	ESTIMATED RATE*	LEVY AMOUNT
2025	\$1.91	\$8,500,000
2026	\$2.03	\$9,500,000
2027	\$2.14	\$10,500,000
2028	\$2.23	\$11,500,000

* per \$1,000 assessed value, future rates are estimates

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Historical Levy RATES



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HISTORICAL LEVY RATES*



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2024 LEVY RENEWAL

12.6% of the KSD budget comes from local levy dollars.

ALL schools in the district benefit from this levy.

Not a new tax. This replaces an expiring levy.

100% of sports and extracurricular activities are funded by this levy.

100% of sports and activities

100% of school safety & security

100% of family & community resource center

48% of counseling & nursing supports

12.3% of teachers & instructional support staff

STAFFING FUNDED BY LOCAL LEVY DOLLARS
2024: 75 percentages after COVID-19 related ESSER funding ends

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

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RENEWAL EDUCATION & OPERATIONS LEVY FACTS

The renewal education & operations levy is not a new tax. It replaces the expiring levy.

The renewal levy will be on the **February 2024 ballot** and, if approved, would be for four years from 2025 to 2028.

Schools in the district will benefit from this levy.

Levy dollars make up 12.6% of the KSD budget.

The levy provides an additional \$3.4 million in Local Effort income to Kelso School District from the State of Washington.

These state funds are contingent upon the local levy passing.

The estimated average rate is \$2.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$6.87 per month in the first year for the owner of a median-valued home.

Levy dollars will not be used to build new school buildings. This levy will fund the ongoing gap between what the state actually costs to deliver a high-quality education, and resources for well-being.

Levy dollars pay for staffing and operations that are unfunded, including, by the state, such as:

- Smaller class sizes
- Special education
- Nurses, counselors, and behavioral health specialists
- Family & Community Resource Center
- Maintenance of facilities
- Instructional materials, technology

Levy dollars fluctuate due to changes in property assessments and area growth.

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Kelso School District is an equal opportunity district. This fact sheet is published as part of KSD's obligation to provide election information to the community.

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