



Deer Park School District #414
P.O. Box 490
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Ballots are due February 13, 2024.

Two measures to help ensure every student has access to the programs and learning spaces that help them thrive.

Proposition 1: Renewal of our Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy to continue funding for day-to-day operations in our schools, athletic activities, safety and security, STEM and music programs, and staffing that is not funded by the state (nurses, custodians, maintenance, and technology).

Proposition 2: Replacement Bond to Construct and Renovate Facilities. Bond funding would be used to address our highest-priority facilities' needs and our growing enrollment, and will help ensure our district can support students for the next 20 years.

More information and a link to share questions can be found at:



Two ballot measures to support every Deer Park student

Proposition 1: Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy Renewal

Proposition 2: Replacement Capital Projects Bond



Learn more using the QR code or go to:

<https://www.dpsd.org/page/bond-levy-information>

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Learn more inside



Some senior citizens or disabled people may be eligible for **tax exemptions.**

Please contact your county assessor's office for details:

Spokane County: 509-477-3698
Stevens County: 509-684-6161

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Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Renewal Levy

The EP&O levy is **not a new tax**. The levy accounts for 6% of our total budget and continues funding at current levels for the day-to-day operations of the district and:



Staff to maintain smaller class sizes

School nurses and counselors

A nurse at each site to support our students.



Technology devices that will modernize education

Safety and security updates (including school resource deputy)



Music, arts, athletics, and all extracurricular activities are 100% levy funded.

Nearly 600 students in grades 6-12 participate in extracurricular activities not paid for by the state. These include Band, ASB, DECA, FFA, Link Crew, Yearbook, Drama, Key Club, Art, Unified Sports, SkillsUSA, etc.

More than 350 students in grades 6-12 participate in athletics not funded by the state.



Replacement Bond to Construct and Renovate Facilities

Bond funding will be used to address the growth and highest-priority facility needs for K-12, Home Link, and the transportation facility:

Deer Park Elementary School

Move preschool out of portables and into the school. Deer Park Elementary will serve preschool - 1st grade.

Transportation

Replace the 90-year-old transportation building (the former mill) to maintain our investment in our bus fleet.

New Elementary School

The new school will serve students in grades 2-5 and will eliminate the use of portables.

Deer Park Middle School

Modernization and renovation to increase the building's life span and improve the learning environment.

Home Link Program

Renovate, modernize, and customize Arcadia to meet the growth, safety, and learning needs of Home Link.

Why is the district asking for these funding measures?

- Our community continues to grow. This bond will replace the 2007 bond, which funded renovations to the high school and will be paid off at the end of 2025.
- Funding from the state is only provided to supplement a bond that has passed and is dependent on the condition of the building. The bond projects were selected to maximize supplemental state funding for construction, which lowers the cost to our growing community.
- The state doesn't provide all the funding our students need to learn. The levy is 6% of our budget and must be renewed by voters every three years. The EP&O Levy is a renewal of our expiring levy, not a new tax.



Conceptual rendering for new elementary



Conceptual rendering for Home Link at Arcadia



Map for new elementary school and transportation facility

\$62 million bond summary

New Elementary School Grades 2 through 5	\$44 million
Renovate Home Link at Arcadia	\$4 million
Deer Park Middle School Renovation	\$4 million
Transportation Facility	\$6 million
Road Infrastructure	\$4 million

**Passage of the bond will generate approximately \$23 million of supplemental state funding.*

What is the cost for these two funding measures?

The total tax rate for both measures is estimated to be \$3.58 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

School district tax rates may decrease as more properties are built in our area.



Conceptual rendering for new transportation center