

HARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY FACTS

The Harrington School District Board is requesting Harrington School District residents' vote on an Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) from 2025-2027. This is not a new levy, rather a replacement levy, which takes the place of our current levy which ends in 2024. Our levy will be on the ballot for the February 13th election.

Virtually all districts in our state have levies, which are in place to support education programs and student services not fully funded by state and federal sources.

This fact sheet is published as an ongoing effort by the Harrington School Board to provide information to parents and community members. If you have further questions concerning the levy, feel free to contact me at (509) 253-4331, or attend our informational meeting that will be held at the school on January 24, 5:30 p.m.

Thank you,
Howard King, Superintendent

Why Is A levy Needed?

The state of Washington only funds what it defines as basic education. Other necessities such as athletics, utilities, insurance, and building maintenance are not considered basic education so they are not fully funded. This amount has to be made up from other sources such as levies, which nearly all districts have to do. Harrington runs a two year levy so this new levy replaces the one that is expiring, it is not a new tax.



What Is The Levy Amount ?

The school board set the amount of the levy at \$375,000 per year, the same amount it's been for the past two levies. Based on the property tax assessed valuation, it is estimated that the cost of the tax to property owners would be \$1.13 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Why Ask For Less Than The Levy Lid of \$90,000?

According to state law, Harrington School District may seek approval from the voters for local levy funds of up to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, way above the \$1.13 on Harrington's levy. The school board is aware of the economic realities in the community and realizes that any levy amount nearing the allowable levy lid is not practical for our community. As a result, our levy is one of the lowest, if not the lowest in the county.

What Will The Levy Cost Me?

The estimated cost of the levy will be \$1.13 per \$1000 of assessed property tax.

The formula for computing the dollar amount of the tax is:

Property assessed valuation times the cost of the levy divided by \$1,000.

For example, if a house is assessed at \$200,000, that amount is multiplied by \$1.13 and then divided by \$1,000 which equals \$226.00 per year.

What Will The Levy Fund?

The levy fills the gap between what state and federal governments provide and local patrons expect. Examples of levy funds providing additional support include: athletics, insurance costs, utility costs curriculum materials, staff development, transportation services, maintenance of school facilities, library books, and additional staffing needs such as counselor time, music/arts, etc.



Property Tax Exemptions

Senior citizens age 61 and older who have a household income of less than \$40,000 per year may be eligible for exemption on all or part of the levy taxes. For more information please call the Lincoln County Assessor at (509) 725-4971.



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