



## 2020 Levy Renewal Fast Facts

- This levy is a 3 year RENEWAL LEVY that will replace the current Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which was overwhelmingly (70%+) passed by voters in 2016 and expires in 2020.
- This Replacement Levy is essential to maintaining the quality of Peninsula Schools. It fills the gap between what the state funds and what the District provides our students, about 18% of the District's budget.
- **This is not a new tax.** The levy rate is estimated to remain the same or less than the current rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Even if property values increase, the district cannot collect more than the levied amount, so the rate will decrease proportionally.
- The replacement levy funds teachers, special education, highly capable, nurses, paraeducators, counselors, custodians, music, athletics, extracurricular activities, safety and security, professional development and routine maintenance.
  - One half of all classified staff, such as office managers and paraeducators, are funded by the levy.
  - The state funds only 1 nurse per 6,700 students. This means only 1.2 nurses for all our 15 schools. The levy funds a health technician at every school.
- In February 2019, we voted to approve a bond to build four new schools, but this did not take away our need to renew our expiring levy. By law, the bond money can only be used for capital projects - in our case, building four new schools. Remember: *levies are for learning and bonds are for building.*
- PSD has top performing schools yet will continue to have the lowest overall education tax rate in Pierce County. Vote YES to support our schools! Ballots will be mailed January 24 and are due **February 11, 2020.**
- With the McCleary ruling, the state Legislature has made progress in its efforts to fund education, but they still only fund "basic" education. This does not include special ed, advanced learning, extracurricular activities, nurses, counselors, paraeducators and security officers. The levy funds these essential programs.
- Almost all Pierce County school districts are asking for \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The Peninsula School District is keeping the estimated rate the same as you are paying today at \$1.50 per \$1,000.

For more information, please visit the District website: [www.psd401.net/levy](http://www.psd401.net/levy)

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**Thank you for continuing to support our schools!**