

LEVY 2008

Federal Way Public Schools will run a replacement levy February 19, 2008. Approval of the replacement levy will continue school programs and services at their current levels.

This four-year Educational Programs and Operations levy (EP&O)* will replace the current levy which is due to expire, and will continue to bridge the gap between what the state provides and what the community expects in education.

*Formerly called a Maintenance and Operations Levy.



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Please Vote February 19th.

Comments or questions about the replacement levy proposal can be directed to Superintendent Tom Murphy at tmurphy@fwps.org or Chief Financial Officer Sally McLean at smclean@fwps.org.

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This school levy will not increase your tax rate.

What does the EP&O levy mean to our schools?

The replacement levy provides funds for the day-to-day operations of the district's educational programs, bridging the difference between the funding provided by the state and the cost of meeting the educational needs of our students.

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The EP&O Levy supports our students' academic success.

The replacement levy pays for:

- 20% of ALL regular instruction in Federal Way schools, \$23.7 million, in Federal Way schools. Specifically, it pays for 43 teachers and 41 classified full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, including information technology,

security, crossing guards, assessment staff and other key support staff.

- 17% of Special Education Services (\$5.5 million)
- 7% of Transportation Services (\$2.3 million)
- Slightly less than 2% of English Language Learners program (\$.5 million)

Schools need local tax support to fully fund programs.

State and federal dollars do not fully pay for many of the programs, staff and supplies needed to adequately educate our students and keep them safe, including:

- Text Book Adoptions
- Athletics and Activities
- AFJROTC at Federal Way and Todd Beamer High Schools
- AmeriCorps

- Academically challenging programs and support programs
- School Resource Officers

By law, Educational Program and Operations levies can be approved for a maximum of four years. Like a magazine subscription, levies expire after the allotted number of years. School districts must go back to their voters and ask for a continuation, or renewal, of levy dollar support. That's why the district uses the term "replacement" levy.

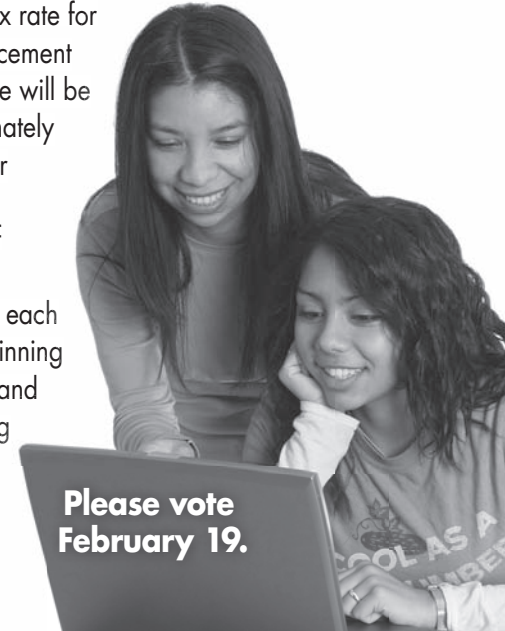
Federal Way school district is a good steward of the public's money.

The local school tax rate has declined from \$5.26 in 1996 to \$4.19 in 2007. We rank first of all districts in King County in percentage of budget spent on teaching and teaching support, and second lowest in administrative costs.

How can we be sure what the replacement levy will cost?

The district continues to commit to keeping its tax rate promises. The combined school tax rate (upcoming EP&O levy + existing bonds + the existing technology levy) will NOT exceed the current average of \$4.19 per thousand.

The tax rate for the replacement levy alone will be approximately \$2.74 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation each year beginning in 2009 and continuing through 2012.



**Please vote
February 19.**