



Maximizing Learning For All Students Through Rigor, Relevancy and Relationships Whatever It Takes



~Raising the Bar for Student Success~

Supplemental Levy Renewal Election

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The supplemental levy **“fills the gap”** between state funding and local operating costs. It is local support for local children and supports 14 percent of our operating costs. The levy has been an integral part of student success for over 60 years and includes:

- Student safety
- Student academic, fine arts and athletic programs
- Student success at all levels through quality instruction
- Student textbooks, instructional supplies and materials
- Fixed costs such as lights, heat, water, insurance
- Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals

The supplemental levy is necessary for four main reasons:

- Discretionary state funding, allocated to the school district, has not been fully restored and remains at the 2009 level.
- Cost increases: cover inflationary fixed costs such as power, water, services, supplies and insurance.
- Maintain existing instructional and extracurricular programs and activities
- Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and para-professional staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Graduation rates above state and national levels

Students prepared for college and careers

- High school students earned 7,470 dual enrollment college credits in 2015 and 2016
- Provide high school students with 17 Career Technical Education pathways which included 150 courses and opportunity for corresponding college credits.

Academic success: 2016 ISAT results showed increased percent of students proficient in every grade level and academic growth far exceeded the state growth rate. **Nancy Thomas Price with the State Department of Education wrote, “Not only did your percent proficient go up in every grade level but you were above state averages in every grade level and more than double the average state improvement in average improvement per grade.”**

WHAT IS A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY?

1. A supplemental levy is an **investment in local kids**. It supports the education of over 12,500 **local** children. All supplemental levy funds stay here and do not go to Boise or Washington, DC.
2. A supplemental levy asks citizens for additional property tax dollars to support the operation of local schools. It requires a simple majority to pass.
3. A supplemental levy is used to make up the difference between state and federal funding and local needs. Because of severe state budget reductions, over 80 percent of Idaho’s school districts now use supplemental levies to fund operations and the trend is going up.
4. Money from the supplemental levy protects basic programs and the day to day operations of schools.

FACT: This is not a new tax. It has been in place for over 60 years.

FACT: The amount of money to be generated is **unchanged**; \$9.25 million, per year, for two years.

FACT: The District paid off the Century/Pocatello bond which reduced school’s share of taxes by \$2.5 million.

Approximate Cost to Homeowners for \$9.25 Million Levy

Taxable home value (after homeowners exemption)	\$ 75,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
2015/16 monthly levy and bond	\$19.20	\$25.60	\$51.20
Proposed 2017/18 monthly levy	\$15.85	\$21.13	\$42.27
Decrease from 2015/16 bond and levy	\$ 3.35	\$ 4.47	\$ 8.93

ELECTION INFORMATION

Supplemental Levy Renewal Election will be held **Tuesday, March 14, 2017** and will be conducted by Bannock County because of the state Election Consolidation Law.

- A simple YES/NO VOTE to renew the supplemental levy
- Polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Voting will be at various locations designated by Bannock County as election consolidation laws require the County to run all elections
- **NOTE:** Voters **must** vote at their residential precinct location
 - For voting locations contact Bannock County elections at **236-7330**
- Early walk-in voting begins **February 27th** at the Bannock County Courthouse.

This supplemental levy is vitally important to preserve excellence for local youth. It covers increased costs to preserve existing programs and services.