

# UNDERSTANDING PCSD 25'S SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

## FACTS & INFORMATION

### WHAT IS THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY?

The Supplemental Levy is a renewable, voter-approved levy that generates funds a school district can use to support local operating costs for the delivery of K-12 education to local learners.

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Supplemental Levy funded approximately 12 percent of PCSD 25's operating costs.

More specifically, Supplemental Levy funds are allocated for:



- ✓ Safety measures, including the upkeep of school security systems and the Safe Schools All Day, Every Day video doorbell systems at all main entrances.
- ✓ Day-to-day operations of local public schools.
- ✓ Academic, fine arts and athletic programs.
- ✓ Instruction to support learner achievement and success.
- ✓ Recruitment and retention of qualified teachers and paraprofessionals.
- ✓ Updated textbooks, instructional supplies and materials.
- ✓ Fixed costs such as lights, heat and water.
- ✓ Unknowns associated with the pandemic's financial impact on local education, including online and remote learning, insurance premiums, critical staffing needs, enrollment, etc.

### LOCAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LEARNERS

A supplemental levy is used to make up the difference between state and federal funding and local needs. Due to state budget reductions and hold backs, more than 80% of Idaho's school districts rely on supplemental levies to fund their local operations.

### ABOUT PCSD 25

Founded in 1887, the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 is Idaho's 5th largest school district.

12,000+ LEARNERS 1,700 STAFF MEMBERS  
13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 4 MIDDLE SCHOOLS 3 HIGH SCHOOLS  
1 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 1 EARLY LEARNING CENTER

91.1% GRADUATION RATE IN 2020  
THIS IS ABOVE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS



### PREPARING LEARNERS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS

■ Growing participation in Advanced Opportunities:

Academic Year	'15/'16	'16/'17	'17/'18	'18/'19	'19/'20
Dual enrollment college credits earned	2,542	7,556	8,596	10,014	11,674

PCSD 25 high school learners have earned more than 40,000 college credits since 2015. This is the equivalent of more than \$13,000,000 in out-of-pocket tuition value at Idaho State University.

- Nearly \$27M in scholarships offered to PCSD 25 learners in 2019.
- High school learners have access to 25 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION pathways, including 125 courses and opportunity for corresponding college credits.

**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** All grades tested (3-8 and 10) performed with proficiency above the state average in English Language Arts, Math and Science on the 2019 ISAT.

**1:1 CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE:** 1:1 refers to one Chromebook for every one learner attending PCSD 25 schools. This transformational shift further enhances the learning environment and increases learner success.

**PCSD 25 is a VISIBLE LEARNING DISTRICT** focused on ownership of learning, increased engagement, and timely and effective feedback on learning.



# SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

## HOW WILL IT IMPACT ME?



### APPROXIMATE COST TO HOMEOWNERS

The estimated average annual cost to taxpayers for the proposed levy is **\$192.20 per \$100,000 taxable value** based on the most current levy rate 0.001922%.

FISCAL YEAR	LEVY RATE	MONTHLY PAYMENT	ANNUAL PAYMENT	PERCENT DECREASE
2017	0.002554	\$21.28	\$255.40	-
2018	0.002471	\$20.59	\$247.10	-3.4%
2019	0.002407	\$20.06	\$240.70	-2.7%
2020	0.002043	\$17.03	\$204.30	-17.8%
2021	0.001922	\$16.02	\$192.20	-6.3%

Based on current assumptions and calculations, the overall burden to taxpayers is lower, demonstrated by a consistent decrease in monthly contributions since FY2017.

## VOTE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

VOTE YES/NO 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. Election Consolidation Law requires Bannock County to run all elections.

*Voters must vote at their residential precinct location.*

*For voting locations contact Bannock County Elections Office at (208) 236-7333 or visit [bannockcounty.us/elections](http://bannockcounty.us/elections).*

**Early walk-in voting begins Monday, February 22 at the Bannock County Courthouse. Early voting ends Friday, March 5.**

## PROPOSED LEVY

- ✓ If passed, the Supplemental Levy will provide **\$9.25 million per year for two years.**
- ✓ The levy amount requested by PCSD 25 has remained unchanged for six years. If the levy passes, the amount will have remained unchanged for eight years.
- ✓ The levy funding is a fixed amount. If passed, the school district will receive the fixed amount of funding, which is not dependent on property values increasing or decreasing overall in Bannock County.

## LEVY FACTS

- ✓ This is not a new tax. This is a renewal of the existing levy that has been in place for more than sixty years.
- ✓ All supplemental levy funds stay local. Funds are not redirected to Boise or Washington, DC.
- ✓ A supplemental levy asks citizens for additional property tax dollars to support the operation of local schools.
- ✓ **The levy requires a simple majority to pass.**

