



WISHRAM SCHOOL



REPLACEMENT EP&O LEVY FACTS

This February, Wishram voters will be asked to consider a four-year Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy. The proposed levy renews a previously approved local funding measure at **no increase in cost to taxpayers.**

If approved, the replacement levy would fund:



Career and Technical Education (CTE)

To continue course offerings in wood shop, welding, electronics, small engines, and other marketable trade skills.



Athletics Program

To continue our athletics program, which boosts school pride, teamwork, student confidence and engagement.



Our School Counselor

To continue to provide our students with college and career readiness skills, and social emotional learning and supports.

Levy Amount & Estimated Cost



Proposed Levy Collection Amount & Estimated Rate:

YEAR	RATE*	AMOUNT
2025	\$1.08	\$75,000
2026	\$1.03	\$75,000
2027	\$0.98	\$75,000
2028	\$0.94	\$75,000

Estimated Cost for Average Homeowner:



About \$173 in 2025 or \$14 per month, based on the median assessed local home value of \$160,000.*

*Estimates, based on current trends. Rates and homeowner costs may fluctuate depending on community growth and home valuations. Rates are per \$1,000 assessed home value.

VOTE



PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE BY FEBRUARY 13, 2024!

WISHRAM SCHOOL REPLACEMENT EP&O LEVY FAQ:

Q: What is an EP&O levy?

A: Levies are short-term (1-6 year) local property taxes that must be approved by the voters of a school district. An Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) levy generates funding for educational programs and services that the state does not fund or under funds.

Q: Is this levy a new tax?

A: The Wishram EP&O Levy on the February 13 ballot is not a new tax. It replaces an existing voter-approved levy to fund the continuation of programs and services families count on. Much like a subscription, every few years the district asks the community to renew this local funding measure and continue to support the programs and services families expect.

Q: Doesn't Washington fully fund public education?

A: No, the state and federal governments do not fully fund public education. Although the state has invested more money in schools in recent years, it falls short of the actual cost of providing students with a well-rounded education.

In Wishram, the local levy funds about 3% of the total operating budget. While that 3% may seem like a small amount, it makes a big difference in funding for multiple programs that are important to students and families.

Q: How does this levy compare to past levies?

A: The proposed levy amount per year of \$75,000 is the same as previous years. Tax rates are estimated to be lower, due to higher property assessments.

Q: If home values increase, does the district collect more money?

A: No. The district cannot collect more than the amount approved by the voters. Increases in property values do not generate more revenue for the district.

Q: Are tax exemptions available?

A: Some disabled and senior individuals may qualify for a tax exemption in Klickitat County. Please visit their website (<https://www.klickitatcounty.org/224/Senior-Disabled-Exemption>) for further information or call 509-773-3715.

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1 This is not a new tax. It replaces an existing levy that expires at the end of 2024.

2 The levy supports Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes, the athletics program, and our school counselor.

3 The levy amount is the same as previous years with no increase in cost to taxpayers.

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