

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY



Levy renewal on February 9 ballot

On February 9, 2016, voters will be asked to renew the current Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy, that will be expiring in December 2016.

This is not a new tax. This levy is a renewal of a tax currently being paid to fund instructional and support programs. Some senior citizens may be exempt from this tax. The levy is approximately 22% of the district's total budget.

The levy makes up 22% of the school district's budget.

State law requires school districts to periodically ask voters to consider renewal of the local levy. The measure on the ballot will be a four-year maintenance and operations levy that would be collected through 2020.



Levy money helps support schools

State and federal dollars do not fully fund the day-to-day operations of the district. The district must rely on local taxpayers through the maintenance and operation levy to support essential educational programs, textbooks and materials for student learning, and activities including:

- Teachers to reduce class sizes
- Teaching materials and supplies
- Curriculum and staff development
- Advanced placement classes
- Programs for struggling students
- Special education programs
- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Pupil transportation
- Extra curricular activities
- Facility maintenance and repairs
- Utilities
- Energy improvements

District estimates future tax rates

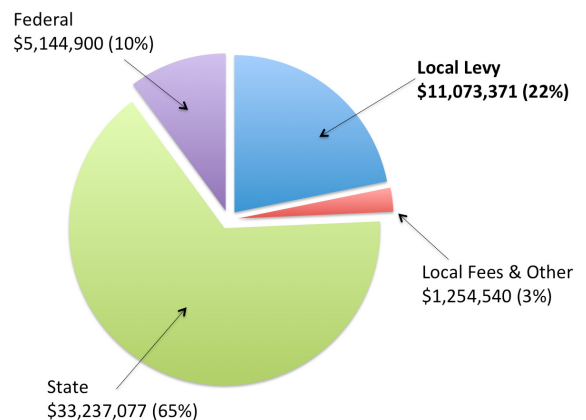
School districts are allowed to collect only the amount of money approved by voters. The amounts the Stanwood-Camano School District will ask voters to consider are listed below, along with the district's best estimate of the tax rate for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The district can only collect the levy amount approved by voters.

When assessed property values change, the tax rate is adjusted to ensure that the district collects only the levy dollar amount approved

by voters. Because of changing property values and other factors that affect the tax rate, the district expects the school tax rate to be the same for all four years of the proposal.

General Fund sources of revenue 2015-16 Budget



Proposed four-year replacement

Tax calendar year	Levy amount	Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value	Estimated annual tax on \$300,000 home
2017	\$12,207,672	\$2.28	\$684
2018	\$12,627,523	\$2.28	\$684
2019	\$13,049,199	\$2.28	\$684
2020	\$13,484,964	\$2.28	\$684

The measure as it will appear on the February 9th ballot

Proposition No. 1

Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401 Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401 passed Resolution #2015/16-001 concerning a proposition to support school programs and daily operations. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain current educational program funding and support the District's General Fund program and daily operations expenses, including textbooks, classroom materials, and staff.

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2017	\$2.284	\$ 12,207,672
2018	\$2.284	\$ 12,627,523
2019	\$2.284	\$ 13,049,199
2020	\$2.284	\$ 13,484,964

Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....



Senior tax exemptions

Anyone 61 years of age or older meeting eligibility requirements may be totally exempt from this local school levy. You must be 61 by December 31 of the year prior to the tax collection year. Exemptions are also granted for those who are retired from regular, gainful employment because of physical disability.

For additional information about eligibility or to apply for an exemption, contact the Snohomish County Auditor's Office at (425) 388-3540, or the Island County Assessor's Office at (360) 387-3443.

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For more information, call Stanwood-Camano School District at (360) 629-1222, or go to the district website at www.stanwood.wednet.edu.

February 9 election ballot is mail-in

Snohomish and Island Counties conduct all elections through mail-in ballots. Ballots for the February 9, 2016 election will be mailed to local voters in late January. They must be returned to the county elections office or to a ballot drop site by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9th.



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