

INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS IS

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Each year Kent School District spends an average of \$16,177 per student.

The levy is not a new tax. Voters are deciding on renewing an expiring tax that provides local funding to Kent School District for critical needs not covered by state and federal funding.

Our local levy and bond dollars, when approved by voters, provide funds that stay in our district and help our students. The proposed levy would make up approximately 16 percent of district revenue. Failure to renew this levy will mean significant reductions in staff, programs, and services for students.

Having good schools and facilities has a positive effect on our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community, which will improve our quality of life, keep crime down, and help increase the value of our homes.

All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or family income. This funding will allow students in Kent School District to have the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.

REMEMBER TO VOTE - February 8, 2022

SAMPLE BALLOT: WATCH FOR BALLOTS IN YOUR MAILBOX.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 | KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1614, concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State’s statutory program of basic education:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$1.88	\$76,250,000
2024	\$1.86	\$76,250,000

All as provided in Resolution No. 1614. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY... YES

LEVY... NO

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RENEWAL
Educational Programs
& Operations Levy

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RENEWAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS LEVY

HOW DO EP&O LEVY FUNDS BENEFIT STUDENTS?

Voters have an opportunity to maintain current funding for programs such as small class sizes, student safety, health services, athletics and extracurricular activities, career readiness, and fine and performing arts programs.

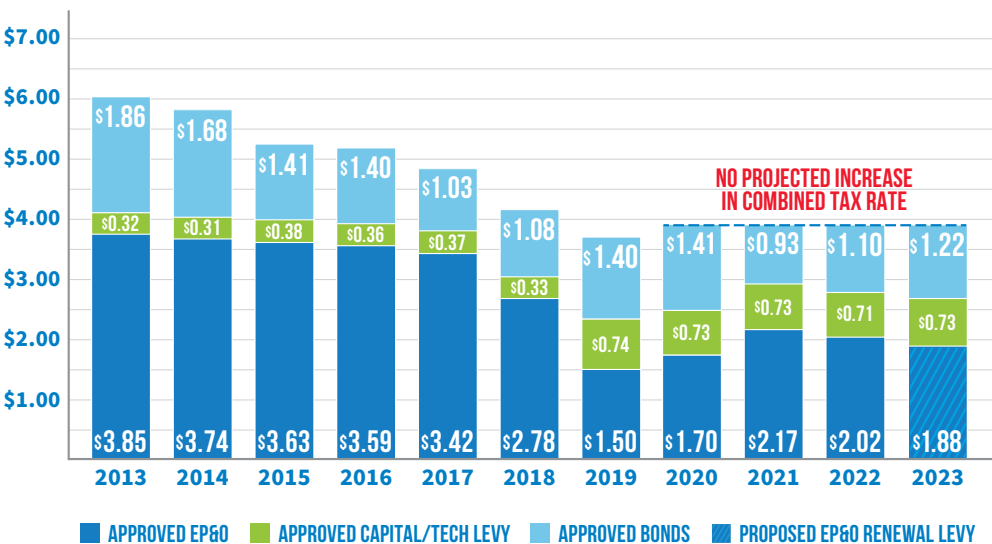
The proposed levy would make up about 16% of district revenue. A levy failure will mean significant reductions in staff, programs, and services for students.

The Renewal Educational Programs & Operations Levy helps pay for:

-  **Small Class Sizes** Approximately 130 basic education teachers are funded by the EP&O levy.
-  **Student Safety** Our school safety officers, who keep our schools and students safe, are almost entirely funded by the levy.
-  **School Nurses** Approximately 17 of 22 nurses are funded by the EP&O levy.
-  **Athletics, Extra-curricular Activities, and the Fine and Performing Arts** Most art programs receive no state funding and ASB funds alone are not enough. Levy support is key for these programs.
-  **Career Readiness** and speciality courses help prepare our students for high-paying STEM jobs in our region.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT LEVY?

- The Educational Programs and Operations Levy is a renewal tax, replacing the current levy voters approved in 2020. Kent School District voters have supported school levies for more than three decades.
- The state does not provide school districts with funding that meets the basic needs of school districts across the state. Local levies are needed to fill that gap.



- This local levy funding allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our children, which goes beyond the minimum funded by the state.
- This levy is a two-year “flat amount” levy. This means there would be no increase in the maximum levy amount that could be collected during calendar years 2023 and 2024.

2023: \$76,250,000 2024: \$76,250,000



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEVY?

Kent School District posts levy information on the district website, mails a levy brochure to all community residents, and holds community meetings.

Visit the Kent School District website at www.ksdlevy.org and follow us on social media for more information.

Community members also are welcome to contact the district’s communication office at (253) 373-7524, the superintendent’s office at (253) 373-7701, a school board member, and their local school principal for more information.

Voter Information

Visit the King County Elections website at www.kingcounty.gov to learn more about how to register.

Voting Facts

- In Washington, a school levy measure must be approved by 50% of the vote.
- All voting in Washington is done by mail.
- Ballots are mailed about three weeks prior to an election day.
- Ballots must be returned by election day; no stamp is required.

Tax Exemptions

Seniors and disabled citizens who meet certain income requirements may be exempt from part or all local school taxes. For more information, contact the King County Assessor’s Office at (206) 296-7300.

