

Ellensburg School District

Replacement Educational Programs and Operation
Levy
& Technology Levy

VOTE February 8, 2022



Bonds are for Building

- Bonds build and renovate schools
 - Morgan Middle School remodel
 - New Mt. Stuart Elementary
 - New Ida Nason Aronica Elementary
 - Lincoln Elementary remodel





Levies are for Learning

A Levy is a local property tax passed by the voters of a school district that generates revenue to fund programs and services that the state does not fund or fully fund as part of basic education.

Because the funding provided by the state does not cover the actual costs to operate a school district, districts often use levy funds to hire additional staff, or for student programming and services that are underfunded or not funded by the state.





How Are Ellensburg Schools Funded?

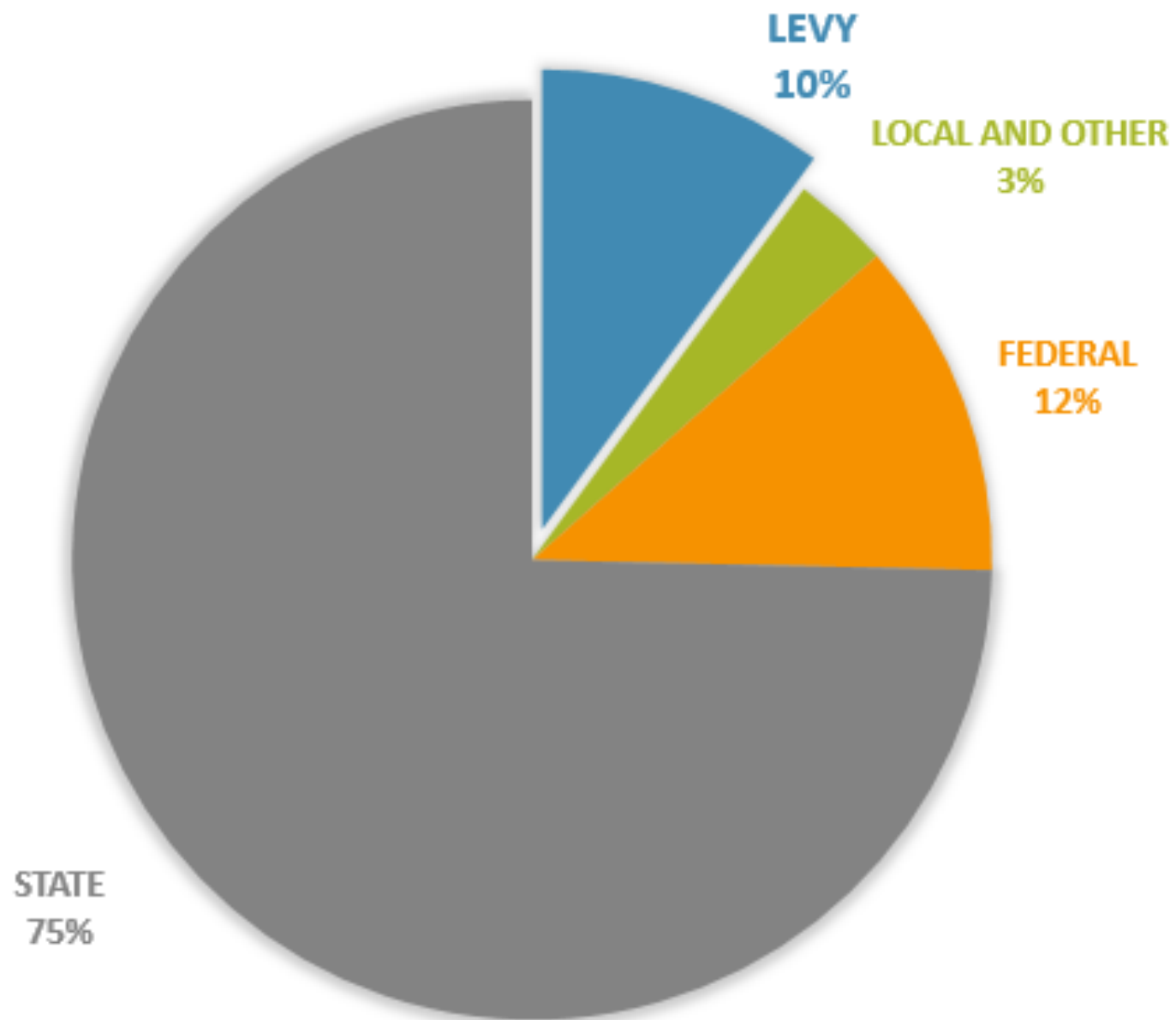


Ellensburg schools are primarily funded through an allocation by the State, with Federal dollars and local levy money making up the difference. State money covers about 75 percent of the cost of running our schools. About 12 percent is Federal money, primarily grants that must be spent in specific ways on targeted programs.

Ten percent of the ESD operating budget comes from local levy money.



REVENUE SOURCES 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET





Cost of the EPO Levy

The estimated tax rate is \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed value, starting in 2023.

Assessed home value ÷ 1,000 x Local Levy Rate

$$\$300,000 \div 1000 \times \$2.50 = \$750$$





What the EPO Levy Provides

EPO Levy provides approximately 10 percent of current ESD revenue.

Levy failure would result in significant reductions in staff, programs and services for students.





Teaching and Learning

- Building budgets and extended learning
 - 5th Grade Camp
 - Winter School
 - District swimming program
- Curriculum and professional development
 - Ensures our students have the resources they need and that our teachers are continuing to learn and grow in their expertise.
- Special Education Program costs
- Substitute costs





Health and Safety

- Security
- Districtwide drug & alcohol/mental health/suicide prevention programs.
- Long term staffing needs for both classified and certified personnel, which include:
 - Nurses
 - Counselors
 - Mental health specialists
 - Family liaisons

How many student FTE are needed to generate on staff FTE?

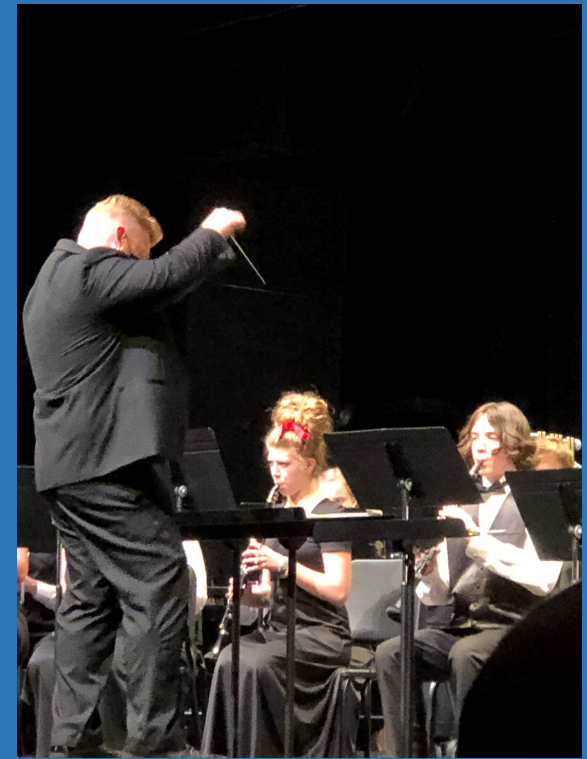
Position	Elementary (K-6)	Middle (7-8)	High (9-12)
Student FTE	400	432	600
Principals	319	319	319
Teacher Librarian	603	832	1,147
Guidance Counselors	811	355	236
School Nurses	5,263	7,200	6,250
Social Workers	9,524	72,000	40,000
Psychologists	23,529	216,000	85,714
Teaching Assistance	427	617	920
Office Support	199	186	184
Custodians	241	222	202
Student and Staff Safety	5,063	4,696	4,255
Parent Involvement Coordinators	4,848	n/a	n/a



Extra-Curricular Activities & Programs



- Orchestra
- Music
- Choir
- Band
- All Boys and Girls sports, including Football, Soccer, Volleyball, Swim, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Baseball, Softball, Track, Golf, and Cheer.
- Coaches and Extra-Curricular Advisors





Technology Levy



The Technology Levy, which will appear as a separate measure on the ballot, will allow the District to continue with the current model of funding and replacement of necessary instructional technology improvements. With the last Technology Levy, which expires in 2022, ESD was able to meet the goals of:

- Equipping every student in grades 5-12 with a device,
- Upgrading the District network and WiFi,
- Placing multiple laptop carts, projectors, document cameras and desktop computers in our schools.



The proposed Technology Levy will extend from 2022 to 2028, providing:

- Additions and replacements to our current model of funding
- One full time Educational Technology position
- Additional necessary funds for Ida Nason Aronica technology, including yearly purchases
- Digital signs for schools, including external reader boards
- Additional money for curriculum-specific platforms
- Schoology and related Learning Management Systems
- Additional software/hardware





Community Expectations

ESD told local voters that combined school bonds and levies would not :

Exceed \$4.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If passed, these levies will result an estimated total of \$4.20-\$4.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which includes the soon-retiring Ellensburg High School bond, the bond that remodeled Morgan Middle School and the bond monies that are currently building and renovating our elementary schools.





Cost Information for the Technology Levy

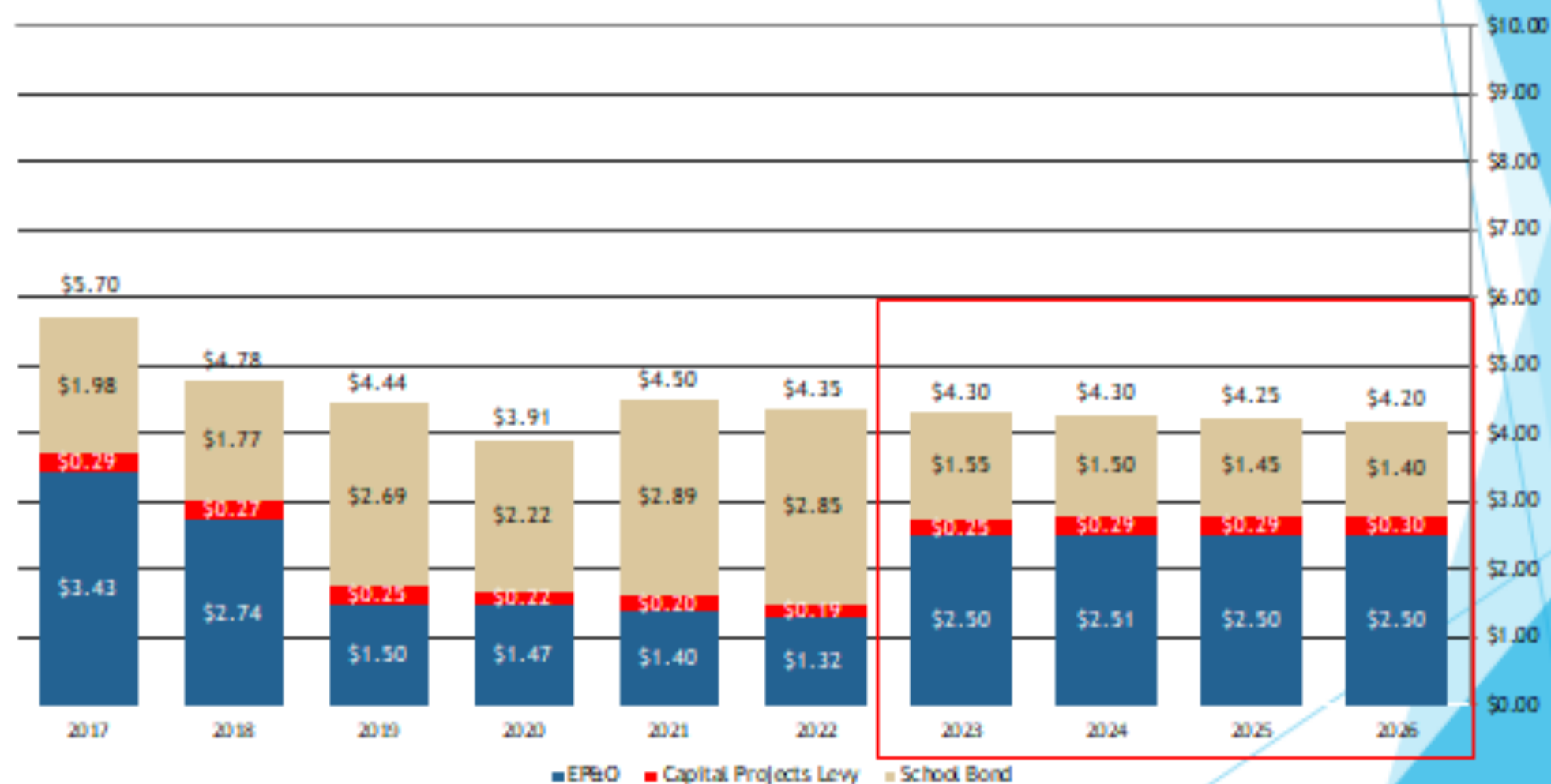
This levy would authorize an excess tax levy to be made annually for six years commencing in 2022 for collection in the years 2023 through 2028 in the aggregate total amount of \$7,600,000 for the District's Capital Projects Fund.

This levy would support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities by making certain instructional technology improvements.



School Tax Rate Recommendation

Ellensburg School District Tax Rates/\$1,000





Questions?



**Please VOTE by
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