



Highline Public Schools

Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The levy makes up 18% to 20% of the funding that pays for teaching our students and operating our schools.

The levy pays for teachers, instructional assistants, bus drivers, textbooks, supplies, safety programs, special education, and many other essentials. It funds 95 teachers and 170 support staff positions.

Levies are for learning... bonds are for building.

The levy pays for the direct education of students. It funds about one-fifth of the district's operating budget.

The bond approved in 2006 can only be used for school construction and capital expenses. A school construction bond is like a voter-approved, long-term mortgage. School districts cannot use bond money for operating expenses.

This is not a new tax.

The levy is a continuation of the school levy homeowners pay now. Highline's current school levy expires in December. In order to continue local funding for Highline schools, voters must approve a new levy.

Levy dollar break-out:

Of every levy dollar:

71 cents pays for teacher and staff salaries and benefits.

12 cents pays for special education.

11 cents pays for instructional materials.

6 cents pays for bus transportation.

<u>Collection year</u>	<u>Estimated rate*</u>	<u>Levy amount</u>	<u>Cost per \$200,000 home</u>
2008	\$2.56	\$32.5 million	\$512
2009	\$2.62	\$34.3 million	\$524
2010	\$2.67	\$36 million	\$534
2011	\$2.72	\$37.8 million	\$544

**per \$,1000 assessed home value.*

Election Day is Tuesday, March 13

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