



# 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, security, building maintenance, special education, and many other essentials. It funds 95 teachers and 170 support staff positions. It pays for music education, athletics, activities, and Camp Waskowitz programs.

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

The *levy* pays for educating students. About one out of five dollars in the district budget comes from the levy.

*Bonds* approved in 2002 and 2006 are financing school construction and major facility improvements and equipment. Six new schools have been built and seven more are on the way. By law, school districts *cannot* use bond money for operating expenses.

***This is not a new tax.***

The levy is a replacement of the current school levy, which expires in December. 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>Annual increase**</u>
Current	\$2.40	\$29.5 million	—
2008	\$2.56	\$32.5 million	\$32
2009	\$2.62	\$34.3 million	\$12
2010	\$2.67	\$36.0 million	\$10
2011	\$2.72	\$37.8 million	\$10

\*per \$1000 assessed home value

\*\*on a \$200,000 home

**Election Day is Tuesday, March 13**

*Educate Every Student and Expect Excellence*

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