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Presentation on the Feb. 12, 2019 Levy Renewals



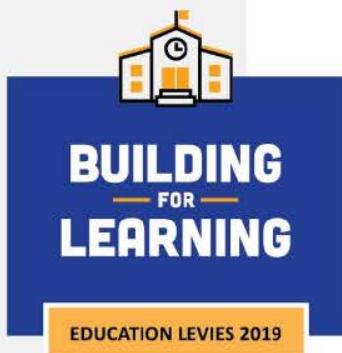
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Why do school districts need levies?

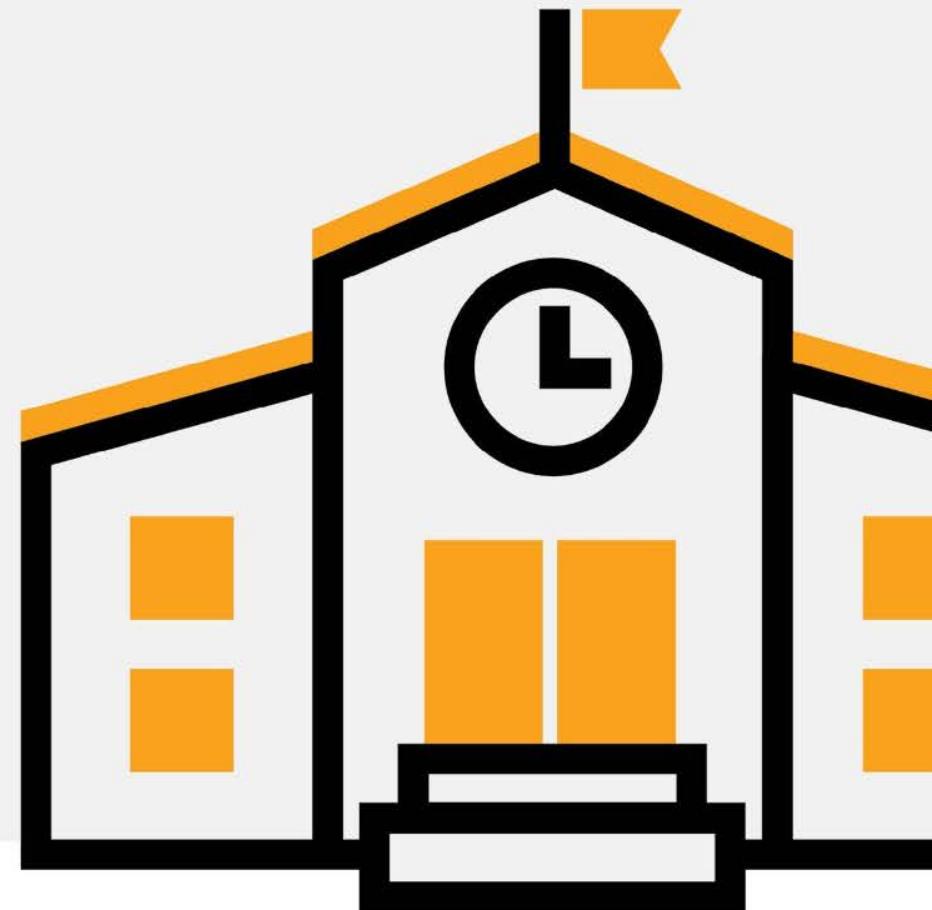
School districts are funded through state, local and federal dollars.

In addition, every three years, the district asks voters to consider renewing the operations levy, which is a local education property tax.

To build or repair schools, construction is primarily funded by local voter-approved capital levies.



Our Current Budget Climate

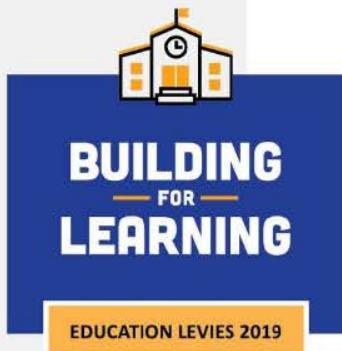


Our Current Budget Climate

Washington state recently changed how it helps fund schools.

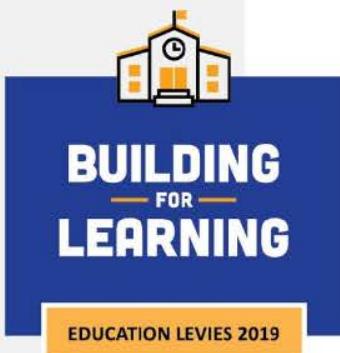
Some school districts saw a large increase in state funding, while others, like Seattle, didn't.

While we're grateful for the increases that have been provided, the state still isn't fully funding K-12 education, creating a gap between what the state funds and what we need for our nearly 53,000 students.



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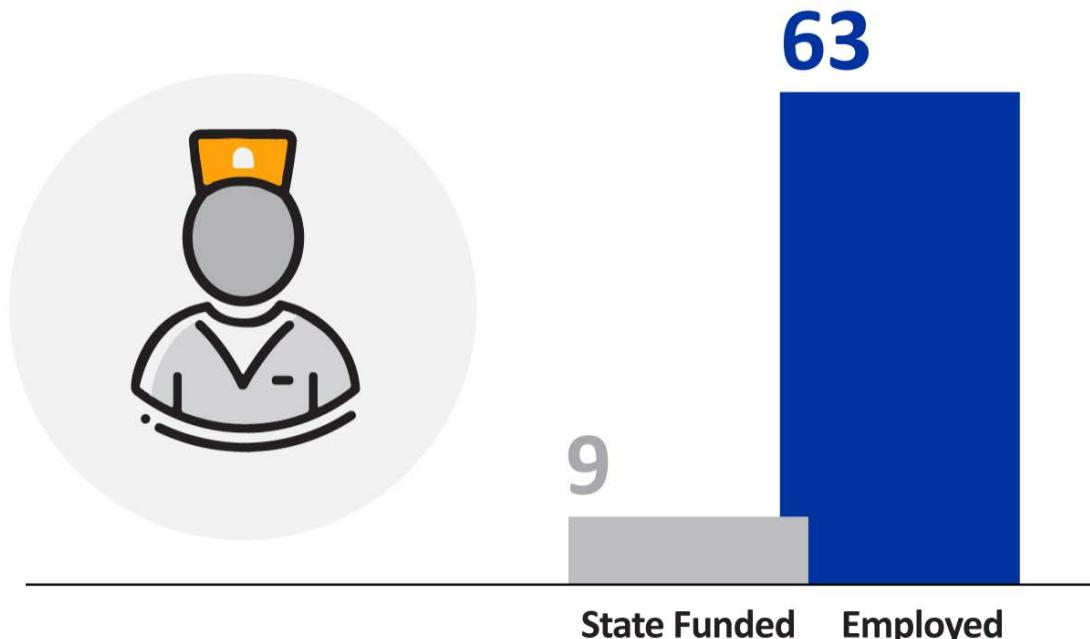
Starting in the 2019-20 school year, Seattle Public Schools will face an even greater deficit because the state limited our ability to collect the local education levies we need for our students here in Seattle.



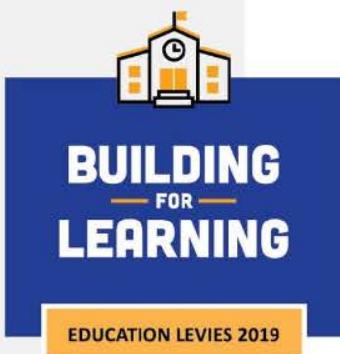
Our Funding Gap

Nurses

The state funds 9 for our 53,000 students. We employ 63.



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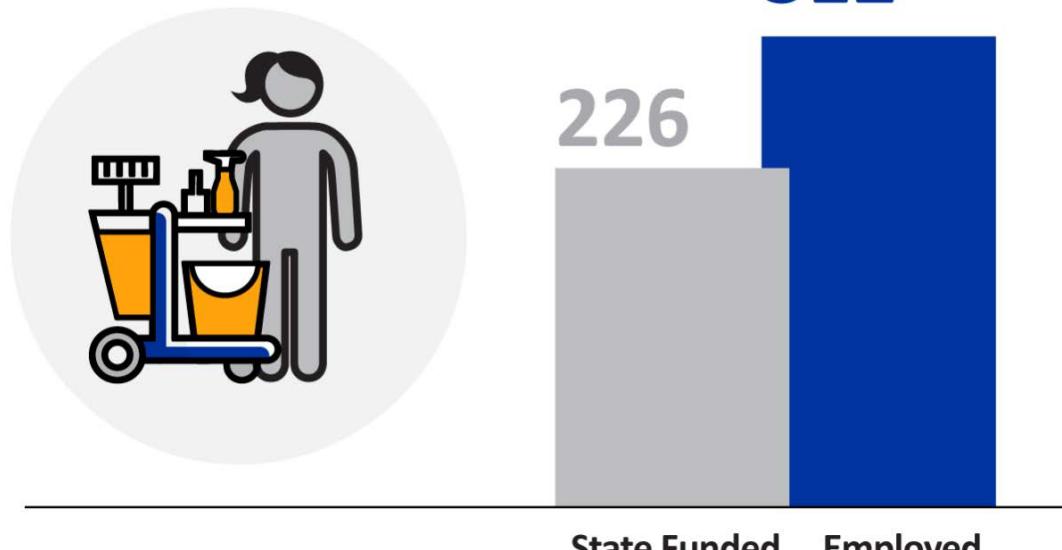


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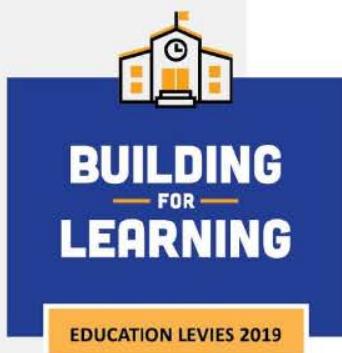
Our Funding Gap

Custodians

The state funds 226 custodians to care for more than 3,200 classrooms. We employ 312.



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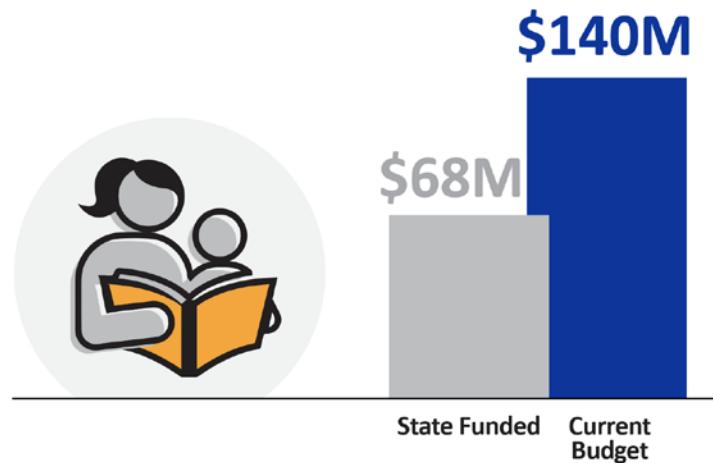


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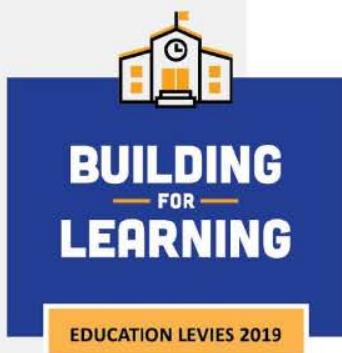
Our Funding Gap

Special Education

To ensure our 7,000 students who need special education services have the supports they need, we spend \$140 million a year for special education. That's a \$72 million gap.

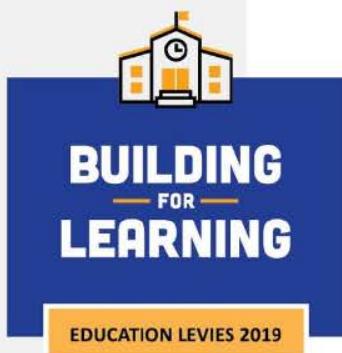


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Our Funding Gap

- We are advocating for our students and our community.
- We are working with lawmakers to address this funding gap challenge.
- We will continue to provide our students with what they need to be successful.



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Renewal of the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy

What is on the levy?
Why do we need the levy?
What is the cost of the levy?

EP&O Levy Renewal

What is on the EP&O levy?

Funding for critical day-to-day school operations, such as additional staff beyond what the state allocates, and instructional materials



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EP&O Levy Renewal

What is on the EP&O levy?

Funding to bridge the gap between what the state funds and what Seattle students need.



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EP&O Levy Renewal

What does the EP&O levy cost?

This is not a new tax. If approved by the voters, the renewal would cost:

YEAR	RATE	TAX PER YEAR ON A \$700K HOME
2020	\$1.05	\$735
2021	\$0.96	\$669
2022	\$0.87	\$609

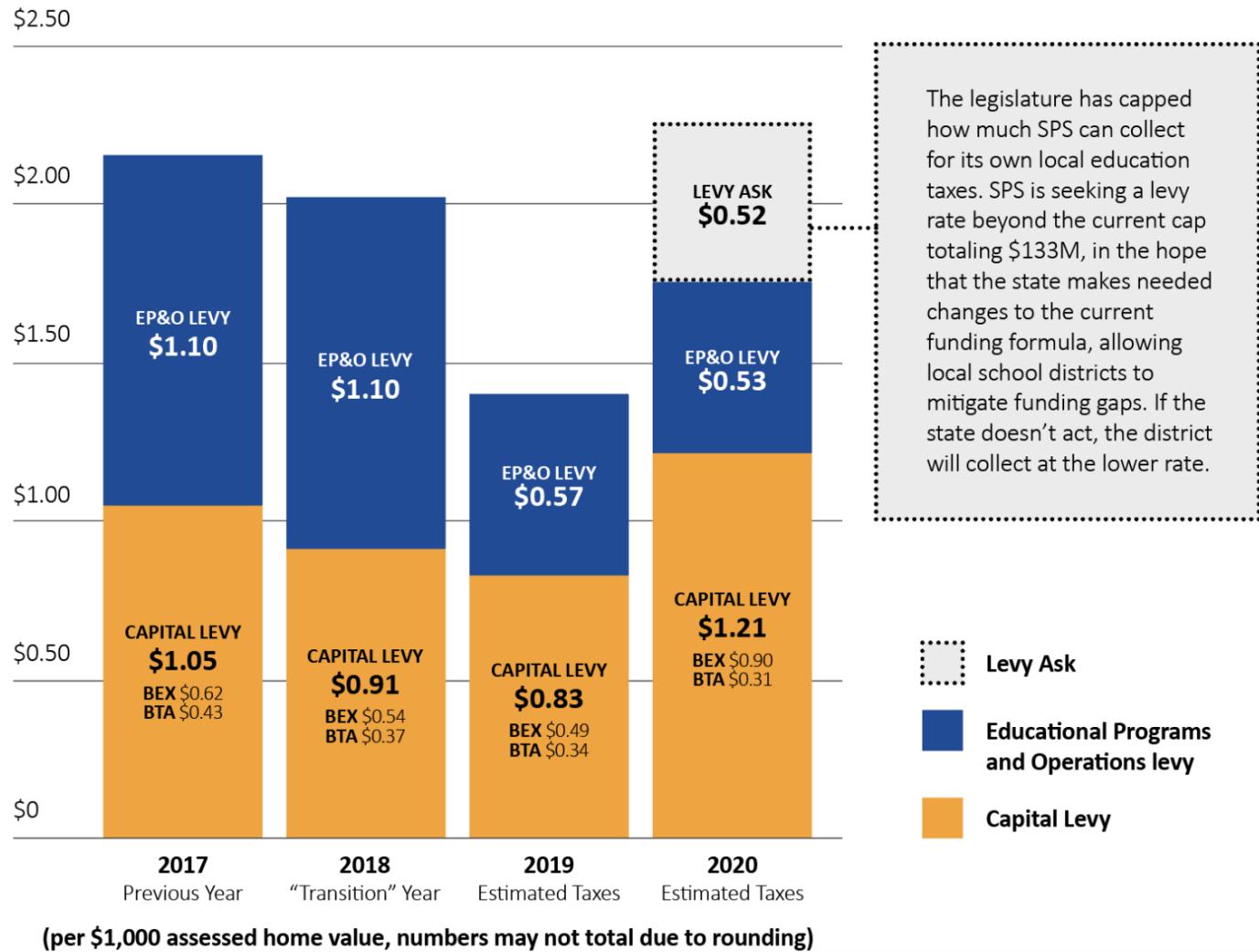


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EP&O Levy Renewal: Our ask





Building Excellence V (BEX V) Capital Levy Renewal

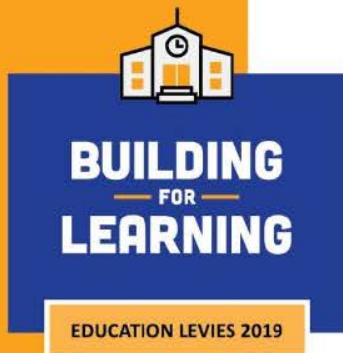
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Capital Levy Renewal

What is on the capital levy?

Funding to replace or modernize eight aging schools.

- Rainier Beach High School
- Mercer International Middle School
- Alki Elementary
- Kimball Elementary
- Montlake Elementary
- Northgate Elementary
- John Rogers Elementary
- Viewlands Elementary



Capital Levy Renewal

What is on the capital levy?

Funding to **add classrooms, remove portables.**

- Adds 1,908 seats to help balance class sizes across the district
- Removes 76 portables
- Adds capacity at new replacement or modernized schools
- Builds an addition at West Seattle Elementary
- Expands Original Van Asselt to serve as an interim site



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Capital Levy Renewal

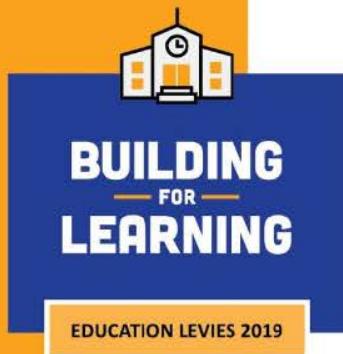
What is on the capital levy?

Funding to enhance **safety and security**.

- Secure entrances, fencing, earthquake safety, fire alarms

Funding to provide all schools **equitable classroom technology** and support for student learning.

- Improves district systems and infrastructure

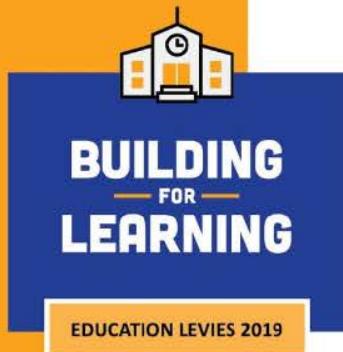


Capital Levy Renewal

What is on the capital levy?

Funding to plan for the future.

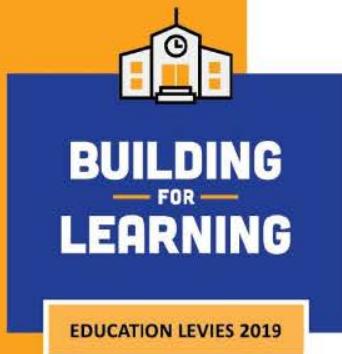
- Design phase of future projects, including renovation and additions to Aki Kurose Middle School
- Replacement of Sacajawea Elementary
- Funding to acquire property and plan for future schools.



Capital Levy Renewal

The planning process:

- Began in spring 2016.
- Participation by the School Board, the BEX/BTA Oversight Committee, the Facilities Master Plan Task Force, the Information Technology Advisory Committee, staff and feedback from individual citizens.
- Regional community engagement meetings (13 meetings) were held in April and September 2018.



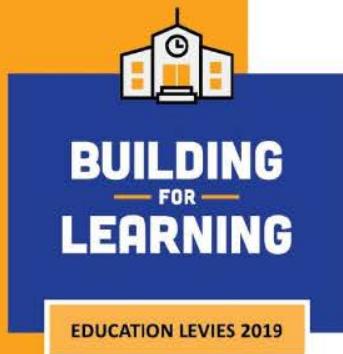
Capital Levy Renewal

How projects were determined:

Five weighted criteria:

- 1. Educational and racial equity**
(school equity tiers index),
- 2. Health, safety and security**
- 3. Capacity needs**
- 4. Building condition**
- 5. Educational adequacy**

The School Board directed staff to weight equity at 33 percent of the scoring, with each of the other criterion weighted at 16.75 percent.



Capital Levy Renewal

What is the cost?

This is not a new tax. If approved, the BEX V Capital Levy would raise \$1.4 billion over six years.

YEAR	RATE	TAX PER YEAR ON A \$700K HOME
2020	\$0.90	\$632
2021	\$0.82	\$575
2022	\$0.75	\$523

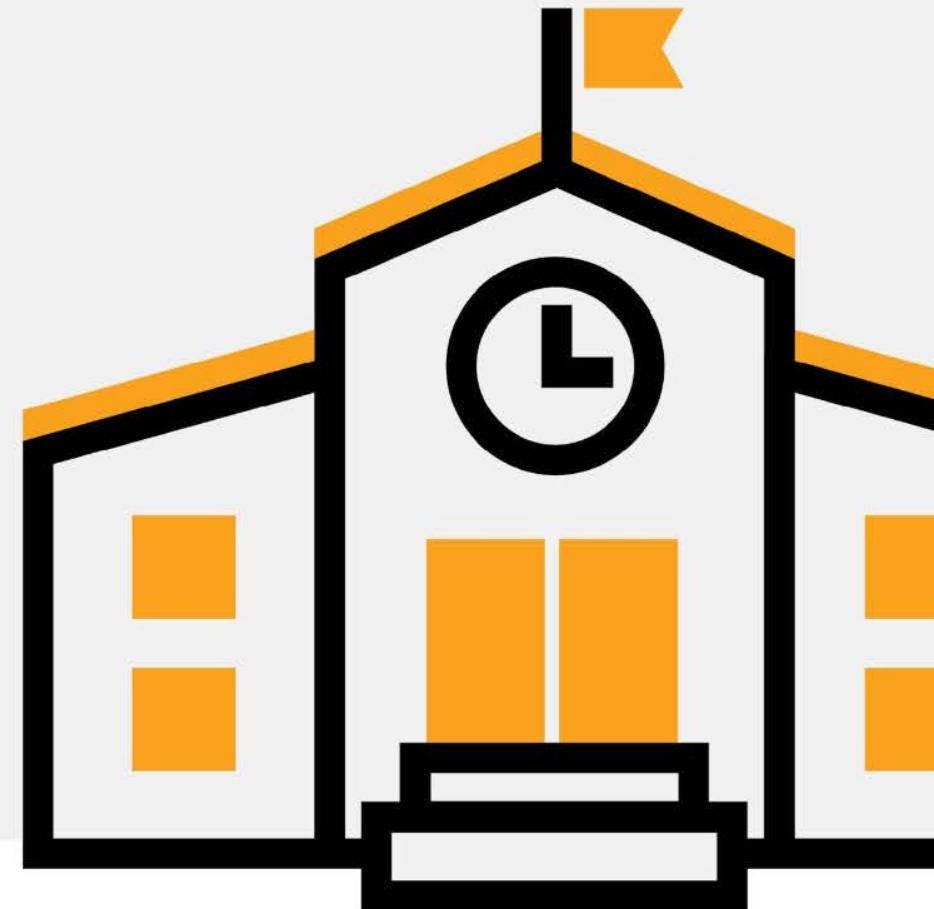


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Levy recap

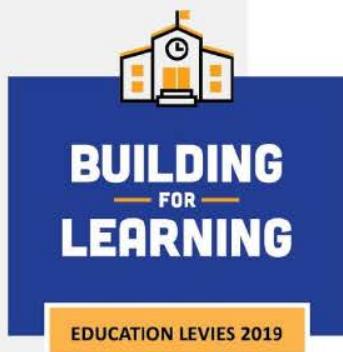


Cost of the Levies

What is the cost for the two education levy renewals?

If approved, for both measures, the combined cost is:

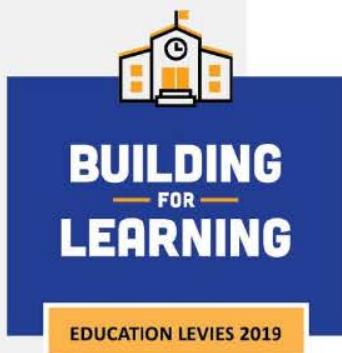
Year	Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed home value for both levies:	For a house valued at \$700,000, the yearly cost for Seattle Public Schools property taxes are:
2020	\$1.95	\$1,367
2021	\$1.78	\$1,244
2022	\$1.62	\$1,132



Renewing Our Two Levies

Renewal of the levies will:

- Add capacity and classrooms to our district
- Replace aging schools
- Remove portable classrooms
- Enhance safety and security
- Ensure funds to pay for teacher salaries, key staff and critical programs
- Improve technology infrastructure and access for our students



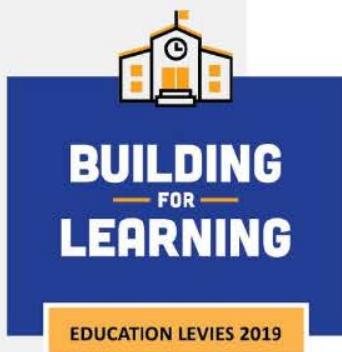
Thank You!

To learn more about our budget and why we rely on voter-approved school levies, visit:

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For more information on our levy renewals, visit: **www.seattleschools.org/levies**

Ballots are due Feb. 12, 2019



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