Replacement Technology/Capital Levy
Election Day – Tuesday, February 14, 2012

The Edmonds School District is holding an election Tuesday, February 14, 2012, to renew its Technology/Capital Levy. This document provides detailed information on this four-year replacement measure.

The decision to put this measure on the ballot was reviewed extensively and the levy will collect the same amount approved by voters in 2008, helping the District’s students to keep pace with today’s learning needs.

“Continuing to provide our students with the instructional and learning tools that are contributing to our overall academic growth and success is essential,” said School Board Vice President Gary Noble.

The Capital portion of the replacement levy will also address priority safety issues.

“Our community is very supportive of our ongoing efforts to be diligent in the maintenance of our schools,” Board member Susan Phillips said. “The measure improves safety by updating traffic flow patterns and completes roofing projects at schools.”

Superintendent Nick Brossoit added: "Our supportive community keeps us on a replacement cycle to ensure classroom technology for student learning is available to all students."

"Local support of our public school system has been a key to our students’ academic progress," he added. "We encourage people to make an informed decision February 14, 2012."

Questions & Answers

Why do communities have local technology and capital levies?
People want their local schools to provide the tools needed to improve student learning and provide students with well-maintained, safe learning environments. The state does not provide adequate funding for technology or capital facilities, and the law allows school districts to seek local funding support in these areas through levies.

What does renewal of the Technology/Capital Levy provide for students and schools?
The Replacement Technology/Capital Levy provides funding for technology for student learning and capital facilities improvements. The majority of the funds to be collected over four years will be used to replace older equipment. Additionally, these funds allow the District to provide local support in technology for: technology-related professional development, infrastructure, and schools?

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The information in this handout is intended to provide facts and an overview of the proposition.

For more information:
• Visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu
• Call Community Relations at 425-431-7044
• Email schoolelection@edmonds.wednet.edu

What the Replacement Levy Funds...

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<td>Technology Tools for Student Learning</td>
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<td>Professional Development and Tech Support</td>
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Total, Four-Year Replacement Levy Proposal $31,500,000
Academic Growth and Success

Since it first received voter approval in 2004, the technology tools for student learning that have been provided by the Technology/Capital Levy have contributed to the academic growth and success of our students. Here are several examples:

• Our extended graduation rate is 94 percent, among the highest in the state. This is up from 80.5 percent in 2008.
• On the 2010-11 state assessments, our students surpassed the state in: reading in every grade level; writing in fourth, seventh, and 10th grades; math in grades 3-8 with the exception of fourth grade; and science in fifth, eighth, and 10th grades.
• The 805 district students taking the national Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scored higher than their state and national counterparts in the three examination areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing.

“It is encouraging to see this pattern of growth over recent years,” Superintendent Nick Brossoit said. “It is wonderful to see these improvements in student learning and skills in particular over the same years we have had to endure significant state funding reductions. The focus and work we are doing as a system is making a positive difference.”

Questions! Tony Byrd, Teaching and Learning, 425-431-7050.

Estimated Total Tax Impact

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<th>Actual 2011 Property Value</th>
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Note: The property values are the average assessed value for Snohomish County.

As displayed in the house chart above, property assessed valuation has decreased and though the rate per $1,000 is estimated to increase, the total amount paid is projected to be equal or less than what is paid now.

How Edmonds Compares 2011 Overall Property Tax Impact

Tax Exemption for Seniors

Anyone age 61 now or who will be 61 by December 31 of this year or retired because of a physical disability may qualify for an exemption and/or a reduction on next year’s property taxes, including this local school levy. The total, combined gross household income maximum is $30,000 or less. For more information: Snohomish County Assessor’s Office, Mail Stop 510, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA 98201 or 425-388-3540.

Questions & Answers continued

Development and tech support; tools for organizational support; and infrastructure upgrades. In Capital Facilities, these funds will allow the District to provide local support for: safety by modernizing pedestrian and traffic safety issues and roofing needs at priority locations.

How much will renewal of the levy cost me?

Renewal of the four-year Technology/Capital Levy is estimated to cost 44 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value from 2013-2016. For each $100,000 of assessed value, the cost is estimated to be $44, or for a home assessed at $400,000, the cost is estimated to be $176. This is the same amount as the levy expiring in 2012.

What’s the total Overall Estimated Tax Impact if the Replacement Levy is Approved?

The current rate is $4.15 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. In 2012, that rate is projected to be $4.60 per $1,000. The tax rate is projected to increase to $5.48 per $1,000 by 2016.

If my property is valued at less in this current economy will this replacement levy cost me more than I am paying now?

No, while the rate per $1,000 for this replacement levy will change based on assessed valuations, the total amount paid by each household will be about the same as they are paying now for the levy that is expiring.

See house chart at bottom left of page.

How can I get more information or have someone speak to my group or organization about the levy?

If you or organization would like a person to come to your meeting to make a presentation or you have additional questions, please call DJ Jakala in Community Relations at 425-431-7044 or email jakalad@edmonds.wednet.edu.

A document presenter, projector, and laptop are available in each classroom and used daily by classroom teachers in the instruction of students. There are more than 1,000 classrooms across the district serving nearly 20,000 students in 34 schools and programs.