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Replacement Technology/Capital Levy

Please Remember to Vote by Tuesday, February 9, 2016

The Edmonds School District is holding an election Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 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 its continuation will help District 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 President Diana White.

The Capital portion of the replacement levy will also address aging roofs and improvements to outdoor facilities.

"Our community is very supportive of our ongoing efforts to be diligent in the maintenance of our schools," Board member Gary Noble said.

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 9, 2016."

Proposition No. 1 Replacement Technology/Capital Improvements Levy

The Board of Directors of Edmonds School District No. 15, serving the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Woodway, adopted Resolution No. 15-49, concerning a proposition to acquire technology for student learning, and make building system improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to replace an expiring levy by levying the following excess taxes upon the taxable property within the District for support of the District's Capital Projects Fund. The replacement levy collection averages \$14.75 million per year for each of the four years, 2016 through 2019. The rates per thousand are projected to be between 56 and 59 cents each of the four years.



Nick Brossoit,
Superintendent

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 and increase current levels of classroom technology for instruction and student learning. Additionally, these funds allow the District to provide local support

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What the Levy Funds...

TECHNOLOGY

Technology for Student Learning	\$18,734,000
• Increase level of student one-to-one computers, grades 3-12 districtwide along with online curriculum and instructional systems	
• Replace older equipment as they age - computer labs, teacher laptops, specific teaching and learning tools for students with special needs and programs, projectors, document cameras and sound enhancement systems	
Teacher Continuing Education and Tech Support	\$6,009,000
Tools for Organizational Support	\$4,145,000
Software for all computers, district administrative support systems, staff computer replacements	
Network Infrastructure Upgrades	\$3,500,000
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$32,388,000

CAPITAL FACILITIES

System Upgrades and Asset Protection	\$8,300,000
Roofing projects at priority locations	
Improvements to Outdoor Facilities	\$11,700,000
Field replacements and improvements at priority locations	
Regulatory Compliance	\$1,900,000
Fall protection for roof access at multiple sites and domestic water system upgrades	
Establish School/Parent Group Partnership Projects	\$1,000,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$22,900,000
Reserve for inflation & Market Conditions	\$3,302,000
TOTAL CAPITAL FACILITIES	\$26,202,000
Cost of issuing Levy	\$410,000
GRAND TOTAL LEVY	\$59,000,000

Kick OFF to Kindergarten

February 22
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Student Justin Roque watches a video created by his teacher Ryan Treadway in Algebra 1 class.

Expanding Student Technology and Online Resources

In 2004, our District passed its first Technology/Capital Levy. With this funding came increased equity of access to technology for students. Important groundwork, including fiber infrastructure, wireless access points, district servers, and setting hardware life cycles has since been added or accomplished with replacement levies approved in 2008 and 2012.

This progress is making our move toward a one-to-one laptop program districtwide for grades 3-12 a possible reality with voter approval of the 2016 replacement levy.

Online Resources

ProQuest
An online database for articles that can't be found through Google;

MobyMax
A language and math practice program for K-8;

Gale Virtual Reference Library
A vast database of academic articles for high school students.

To see the full offering of online resources available to students at different grade levels, visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/online-resources.

Beginning this school year, all District middle school students were issued Chromebook computers for use at school and home. The program was successfully piloted at one middle school the prior year.

Students are having an amazing opportunity to engage with learning in a meaningful, modern context that helps prepare them for life beyond K-12 education. A districtwide support model to provide teachers continuing education so they can refine their teaching practices to align with

and take advantage of having a "one-to-one classroom."

In addition to providing the computers, levy funds help provide many online resources available to all students. The District has purchased several databases for students and their families to use for research and to practice academic skills.

Questions & Answers *continued*

in technology for: technology-related professional 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: outdoor facility improvements; District/parent group partnerships; legally-required infrastructure upgrades; and building system improvements, such as roofing projects at priority locations. The anticipated priority locations include: Meadowdale High, Hazelwood Elementary, Edmonds Elementary, and Brier Terrace Middle.

How much will renewal of the levy cost me?

Renewal of the four-year Technology/Capital Levy is estimated to cost 59 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value from 2017-2020. For each \$100,000 of assessed value, the cost is estimated to be \$59 annually, or for a home assessed at \$400,000, the cost is estimated to be \$236 annually.

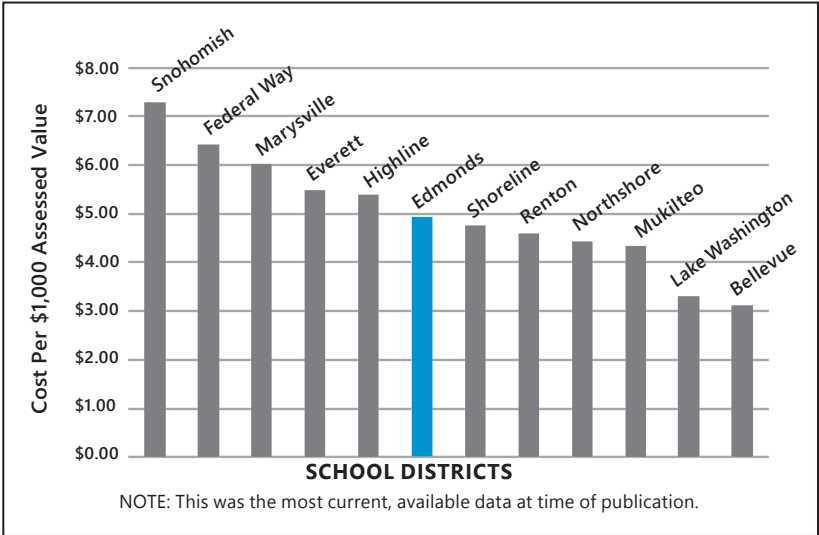
What's the overall projected tax impact for all the District's Levies and Bonds combined, if the replacement levy is reapproved by voters?

In the fall of 2013 the district estimated the combined rate for all the District's tax measures for 2017 would be \$5.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The new estimate is lower, at \$5.22 for 2017. Historically, the actual rate paid by taxpayers has been consistently under the projected rate provided voters prior to election measures in the last 12 years.

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

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

How Edmonds Compares 2015 Overall Property Tax Impact



Property Tax Exemption or Deferral for Senior Citizens or Disabled Persons

Anyone age 60 now or by December 31 of this year or unable to work because of a disability may qualify for a deferral or exemption on next year's property taxes, including these local school tax measures. Your annual household disposable income may not exceed \$40,000 for the exemption and is between \$40,000 and \$45,000 for a deferral. For more information, visit the Snohomish County Assessor's Office online at www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Assessor or call 425-388-3433.



Students at Brier Terrace Middle use Chromebooks in Algebra 1 class.

Academic Growth and Success

Since a Technology/Capital Levy first received voter approval in 2004, the consistent availability of technology tools for student learning has contributed to the academic growth and success of our students. On the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community - our students surpassed the state and national averages in math, reading and writing.

We are building on this success. Our District's Strategic Direction sets forth our guiding principles and results we want for our community's students:

- Effective Learning for All Students
- Equity of Opportunity
- PreK-3rd Grade Early Learning
- Graduates Who Are Ready for Life

District leaders, principals and teachers have new standards in place with the goal that effective student learning is meaningful, relevant and exciting.

We are continuing to remove barriers, create a supportive culture and use student data properly to ensure best practices for staff, students and families.

For more information on our Strategic Direction please visit www.edmonds.wednet.edu/StrategicDirection or call 425-431-7000.

Numbers in bold reflect Edmonds School District students surpassing the state and national averages in all subject areas. This is an objective measure of the quality of our system, staff, students and community.

	District	State	Nation
Math	528	510	511
Reading	519	502	495
Writing	506	484	484

These most recent scores are based on 12th grade students taking the SAT in the Class of 2015.

SAT Scores

Edmonds School District students score higher than state and nation

Superintendent's Roundtable

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Educational Services Center,* Board Rooms

Dec. 9 Food Support: Safety Nets/Resources for Students & Families

Jan. 13 Strategic Direction Update

Feb. 10 School Safety - A.L.I.C.E.

March 9 Common Core, NCLB Law Review, State Waiver and SBA

April 13 Proportionality in Discipline

May 11 Legislative Update with Dan Steele, WASA

June 8 How does the District manage Extra/Co-Curricular Activities?

Join us!

Join us – in person or [listen in!](#) We live stream audio from the meetings. Listeners can participate by sending questions to our moderator. www.edmonds.wednet.edu/ESDlive

*The Educational Services Center (ESC) is located at 20420 68th Ave. W, Lynnwood, 98036 (just south of Edmonds Community College).

Mark Your Calendar!

- Nov. 24** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 25-27** No School, Thanksgiving Break, Teacher Noncontract Day
- Dec. 8** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11** Early Release
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1** No School, Winter Break
- Jan. 12** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18** No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 26** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28** Early Release
- Jan. 29** No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
- Feb. 9** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
Replacement Technology/Capital Levy Election Ballots Due
- Feb. 12** Early Release
- Feb. 15 -16** No School Presidents' Day, Teacher Noncontract Day
- Feb. 22** Kick Off to Kindergarten at neighborhood schools, 6:30-7:30p.m.
- Feb. 23** School Board Meeting at ESC*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 2** Registration for 2016-17 begins for Kindergarten & All Grades
- March 16-17** Parent Conferences Grades K-6; Early Release Grades K-6
- March 18** Early Release

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Join us Monday, February 22

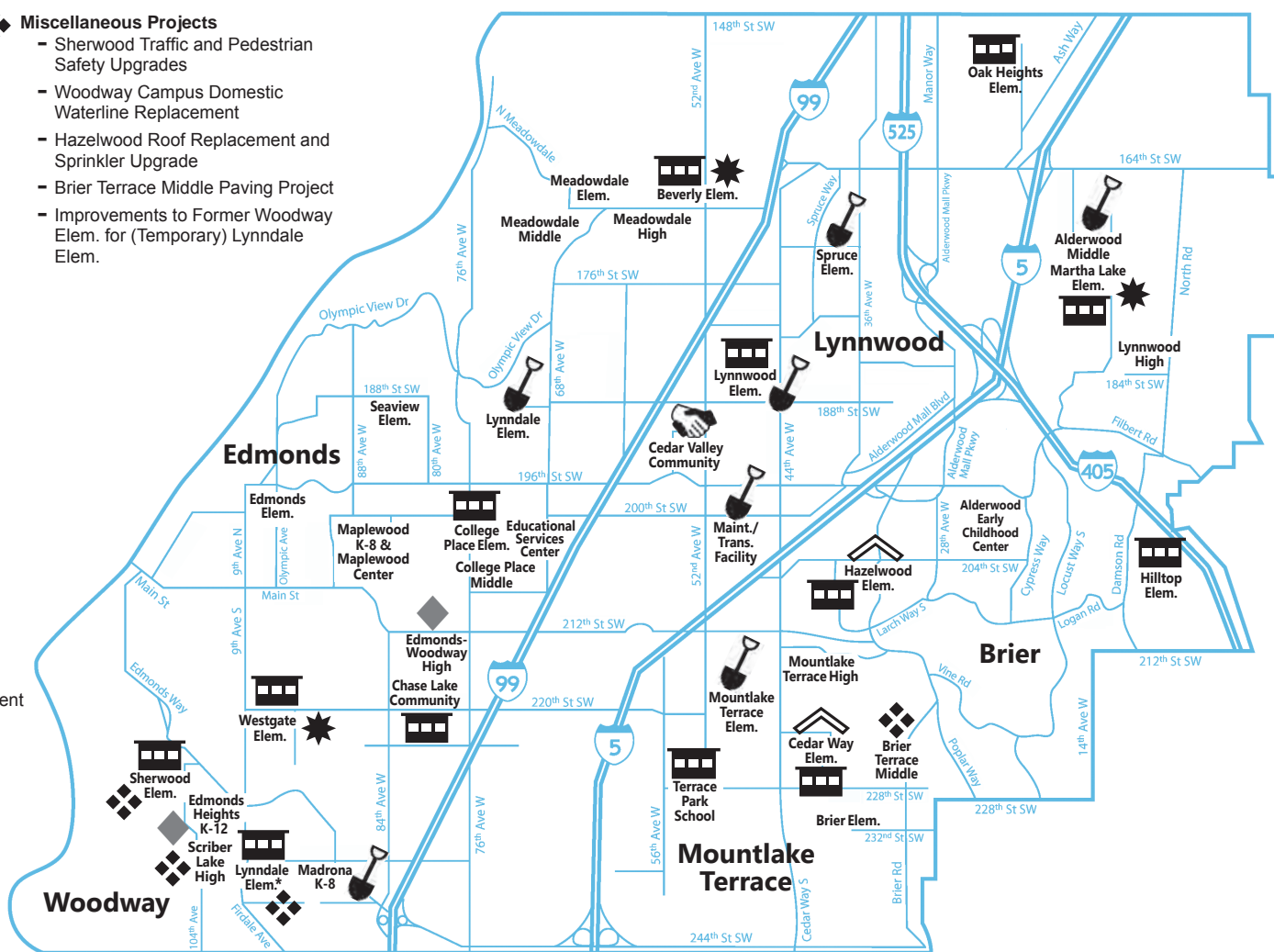
6:30-7:30 pm at your neighborhood (assigned) school

If you are the parent of a kindergarten student who will start school in the Edmonds School District in September 2016, please plan on attending "Kick Off to Kindergarten" from 6:30-7:30 pm on February 22 at your neighborhood (assigned) school. More information:

- **ONLINE** - www.edmonds.wednet.edu
- **CALL** - Shelley Roehl 425-431-7176

Your Tax Dollars at Work

- Roof Replacement**
 - Cedar Way Elem.
 - Hazelwood Elem.
- Carpet Replacement**
 - Beverly Elem.
 - Martha Lake Elem.
 - Westgate Elem.
- Install Turf**
 - Stadium Field
 - Woodway Campus Fields
- Relocatables**
 - Beverly Elem.
 - Chase Lake Elem.
 - Cedar Way Community
 - College Place Elem.
 - Hazelwood Elem.
 - Hilltop Elem.
 - Lynnwood Elem.
 - Martha Lake Elem.
 - Oak Heights Elem.
 - Sherwood Elem.
 - Terrace Park School
 - Westgate Elem.
 - Former Woodway Elem. for Temporary Lynnwood Elem.
- Partnership**
 - Cedar Valley Playground
- New Construction**
 - Alderwood Middle Replacement
 - Maint./Trans. Facility
 - Madrona K-8 (Future Replacement)
 - Lynnwood Elem. (Future Replacement)
 - Mountlake Terrace Elem. (Future Replacement)
 - Spruce Elem. (Future Replacement)
- Miscellaneous Projects**
 - Sherwood Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Upgrades
 - Woodway Campus Domestic Waterline Replacement
 - Hazelwood Roof Replacement and Sprinkler Upgrade
 - Brier Terrace Middle Paving Project
 - Improvements to Former Woodway Elem. for (Temporary) Lynnwood Elem.



*Lynnwood Elem. temporary home during rebuild

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