



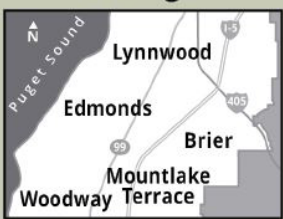
## CONSTRUCTION BOND UPDATE



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# Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy Election

Tuesday,  
February 13, 2018

The Edmonds School District is holding an election Tuesday, February 13, 2018, with an important measure on the ballot: a Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy. Below and on page two you will find more detailed information on this measure.

“This measure is not additional funding – it is what we need in order to continue to operate each day,” School Board Member Gary Noble said. “It directly supports the learning and teaching in each classroom across

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Librarian Diane Belote reads to a second-grade class. There are 1,544 kindergarten students attending 22 of Edmonds School District's 35 schools and programs.

## Questions & Answers

### Why do communities have local programs and operations levies?

People want their local schools to provide better programs and services than what is possible when only funded by the state. In order to continue the present level of programs and services, the law requires that these replacement levies be renewed by voters.

### What does renewal of the School Programs and Operations Levy funds support?

The School Programs and Operation Levy funds allow the District to provide local support for: additional teachers to help keep class sizes smaller; paraeducators and staff who support the educational program; safety and security personnel; textbooks and instructional materials; student transportation; athletics, music, drama, and student clubs and activities; services for students with special needs; support programs, services and technology; staff training to improve teaching and student learning. This levy will replace the current levy which ends in 2018. This is not an additional or new tax levy.

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- Services for students with special needs
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- Staff training to improve teaching and student learning

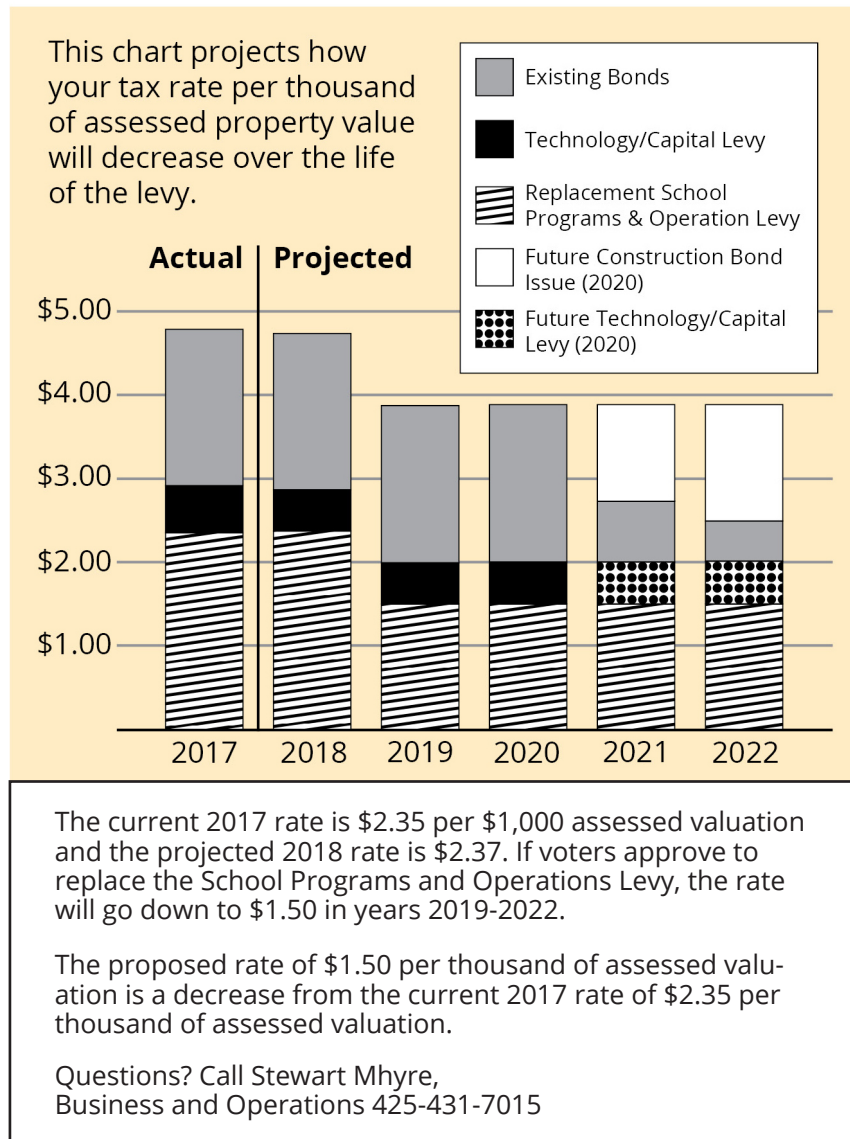
### Proposition No. 1

#### Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Edmonds School District No. 15, serving the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of unincorporated Snohomish County, adopted Resolution No. 17-62. This proposition would authorize the District to replace an expiring levy for support of the District's General Fund educational programs and operations expenses, not fully funded by the State. This replacement levy Collection averages \$62.75 million per year for each of the four years, 2019 through 2022.

# Overall Tax Impact

If the School Programs and Operations Levy is approved



## Questions & Answers

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**Why is there a decrease in the amount collected per thousand dollars of assessed valuation being proposed – \$1.50 vs. \$2.35?**

The proposed rate of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation is a decrease from the current 2017 rate of \$2.35 per thousand of assessed valuation.

In July of 2017 the state legislature increased the amount of school funding to support schools across the state. This work will result in a property tax shift which will increase state property taxes, and limit the amount local schools may collect in local levy support.

**Is there a property tax exemption for senior citizens?**

On December 31 of the year before the tax is due, you must meet one of the following criteria: At least 61 years of age, unable to work because of a disability OR a veteran entitled to and receiving compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at a total disability rating for a service-connected disability. Your annual household disposable income may not exceed \$40,000. If your household income is between \$40,000 and \$45,000, you may qualify for the deferral program.

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

If you or your organization would like a school representative to come to your meeting to make a presentation, please call Chris Hansen, Superintendent's Office at 425-431-7003 or Debbie Joyce Jakala in Communications & Public Relations at 425-431-7044.

**Do you have any additional questions?**

Please visit our 2018 Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy website at [www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu) or email [jakalad@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:jakalad@edmonds.wednet.edu).

## Levy

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our District in Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and unincorporated portions of south Snohomish County."

The replacement levy directly funds classroom and support programs.

"The locally-funded levy is our second largest revenue source and remains critical to our success in supporting all students learning," Superintendent Kris McDuffy said.

Board member Diana White added: "Our communities across the District are very supportive of its schools. The funding from this measure will allow us to continue our work in each school. We appreciate the public's interest in learning more about this measure and encourage people to vote by February 13, 2018."



Librarian Clarence Korf teaches a third-grade class. The Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy funds support programs and safe teaching and learning environments.

### Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

On December 31 of the year before the tax is due, you must meet one of the following criteria: At least 61 years of age, unable to work because of a disability OR a veteran entitled to and receiving compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at a total disability rating for a service-connected disability. Your annual household disposable income may not exceed \$40,000. If your household income is between \$40,000 and \$45,000, you may qualify for the deferral program.

### Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

This program is only available to residents and property located in Washington State. You must meet one of the criteria: At least 60 years of age by December 31 of the year you apply, unable to work because of a disability, at least 57 years of age and the surviving spouse or domestic partner of a person who was receiving a deferral at the time of his/her death. Your annual household disposable income may not exceed \$45,000. If your household income is \$40,000 or less, you must apply for the Property Tax Exemption Program for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons before you apply for the deferral program.

For more information, visit the Snohomish County Assessor's Office online at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Assessor](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Assessor) or call 425-388-3433.



Bill Gable, Workforce Snohomish Employment and Education Navigator spoke this Fall about apprenticeships with 150 students from Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds Woodway, Lynnwood, and Meadowdale high schools.

## College & Career-Ready: Providing Students with Post-High School Options

Apprenticeships, industry certification, direct employment with local employers among career-ready choices for students

Serving the future needs of our students as they move toward graduation is a high priority for schools and programs serving our 20,000 students across South Snohomish County.

College and Career Ready is vital.

"Apprenticeships, direct employment, short-term certificates ... all with local employers, are partnerships we are continually building and fostering," said Mark Madison, Edmonds School District's Executive Director of Career and Technical Education. "We are trying to bring balance between all college and career readiness pathways. All are equally valuable."

Here are some examples of how our Career and Technical Education Department is providing career and college readiness pathway opportunities:

### Preparing Our Students for Employment

Employment forecasts through 2023 show that the majority of the projected jobs in Washington State will require 1-2 years of technical training and credentials obtained through community and technical college, apprenticeship, and specialized career and technical education programs. Many of these well-paying mid-level positions are in the healthcare, manufacturing, business, computer science, and human services sectors.

SOURCE: Washington State Department of Employment Security

- Placed Career Center Specialists in each high school, providing regular lunch-time career speakers and industry field trips focused around career options in healthcare, construction trades, manufacturing, automotive technology, and apprenticeships.
- Established a partnership with WorkSource Snohomish County to assist our teachers and career specialists in teaching students job seeking skills in resume writing, interviewing, and navigating the employment application process.
- Sponsor a now annual

Youth Employment Fair, bringing in regional employers to interview and hire our high school students.

- Begin the Boeing Core Plus Manufacturing Training Program, hosted next year at Lynnwood High School to prepare students for entry-level manufacturing jobs currently in high demand.

For more information or questions about the Career and Technical Education offerings in the Edmonds School District please either visit: <http://www.cte.edmonds.wednet.edu/> or contact Executive Director Mark Madison at 425-431-7120.

## Save the Date

(ESC=Educational Services Center)

### Monday, Jan. 15

No School — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Monday, Jan. 22

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Equity Alliance For Achievement meeting at the ESC

### Tuesday, Jan. 23

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

### Thursday, Jan. 25

Districtwide Early Release — All Grades

### Friday, Jan. 26

No School — Professional Development Day

### Wednesday, Feb. 7

7:00 p.m. Scriber Lake High School Information Meeting at the Former Woodway Campus Commons

### Thursday, Feb. 8

7:00 p.m. Special Education PTSA at the ESC

### Monday, Feb. 12

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Strategic Direction Advisory Committee Meeting at the ESC

### Tuesday, Feb. 13

- Levy Election mail-in ballots due by 8 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

### Friday, Feb. 16

Districtwide Early Release — All Grades

### Monday, Feb. 19

No School — Presidents' Day

### Tuesday, Feb. 20

No School — Teacher Noncontract Day/Non-Student Day

### Monday, Feb. 26

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Equity Alliance For Achievement meeting at the ESC

### Tuesday, Feb. 27

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

### Friday, March 2

Districtwide Early Release — All Grades

### Tuesday, March 6

7:00 p.m. Community Budget Meeting at Meadowdale High Great Hall

### Thursday, March 8

9:00a.m.–12:00p.m. Superintendent's Schools Tour & Breakfast at the ESC

### Tuesday, March 13

6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting at the ESC

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Comprising five director districts, the Board of Directors conducts the business of the Edmonds School District. The board meets alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 20420 68th Ave. W., Lynnwood, 98036. Study sessions, at which the board does not vote on matters, are held as needed on alternate Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

## Bond Pricing Update

Edmonds School District voters approved a \$275 million bond issue in 2014.

The \$275 million was issued in three separate sales. The bonds will be repaid over 21 years with an average interest rate of 3.17 percent.

### Bond Sale Timeline:

- June 2015: \$168,160,000
- June 2016: \$65,000,000
- Oct. 2017: \$41,840,000

The October 2017 sale was at 1.37 percent for construction of Madrona K-8 and

Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood and Spruce (Phase 1) elementary schools.

Stewart Mhyre, Executive Director of Business and Operations stated: "A rate of 1.37 percent is an incredibly low rate at which to borrow money."

## New Elementary School "Cost Saving" Construction

Early last Summer, the original Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace elementary schools were demolished and work immediately began to reconstruct the new facilities.

The contractor, BNBuilders, is building both schools simul-

taneously.

"We intentionally bundled these two schools into one construction project," said Matt Finch, the District's Design and Construction Manager. "Sequencing of construction activities on these projects is

staggered to maximize efficiencies and cost savings," he said.

Crews have completed most of the metal frame at Lynnwood Elementary and started work on the frame at Mountlake Terrace Elementary. Both projects are on schedule

to open next Fall for the 2018-2019 school year.

For additional updates, milestone dates, project photos and more, view the following webpage:

<http://www.bnbeducation.com/>

### Estimated Milestone Dates

#### Lynnwood Elementary



Demolition Start: 7/10/17  
Structure Complete: 11/22/17  
Roof Complete: 1/22/18

Exterior Complete: 2/09/18  
Interior Complete: 6/08/18  
Opening Date: 9/07/18

#### Mountlake Terrace Elementary



Demolition Start: 7/10/17  
Structure Complete: 1/12/18  
Roof Complete: 2/02/18

Exterior Complete: 3/08/18  
Interior Complete: 7/20/18  
Opening Date: 9/07/18

More information on construction projects:  
[http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/departments/capital\\_projects](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/departments/capital_projects)



Students remain on site during construction at Madrona K-8.

#### Madrona K-8

Structure Complete: 12/22/17  
Roof Complete: 1/25/18  
Exterior Complete: 4/06/18  
Interior Complete: 6/19/18  
Demolition Start: 6/26/18 (*students remain on site; occupy existing school through June 2018*)  
Opening Date: 9/07/18

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