# **Spokane Public Schools**

# School Facility Bond & Replacement Levy Election

February 13, 2024

## What is a school levy?

Levies support essential programs, staff, and services that provide students with a quality education.

The 2024 Educational Programs and Operation Levy replaces the expiring 2021 levy.

The levy helps to provide an educational experience that our community has grown to expect to meet student needs by funding extracurricular activities, special education programs, critical health and wellness services, and other student programs and supports.

# Levies support programs and services benefiting all schools

- Athletics
- Arts, Music, and Drama
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Special Education
- Behavior Specialists
- Technology Support
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Highly Capable Programs
- Librarians
- Custodians
- Intervention Programs

#### What is a school bond?

Bonds support buildings – they pay for facility and security improvements. They cannot be used to operate schools and fund programs.

Bonds require 60% approval, and 40% of voters from the prior general election for validation.

#### What does the 2024 bond do?

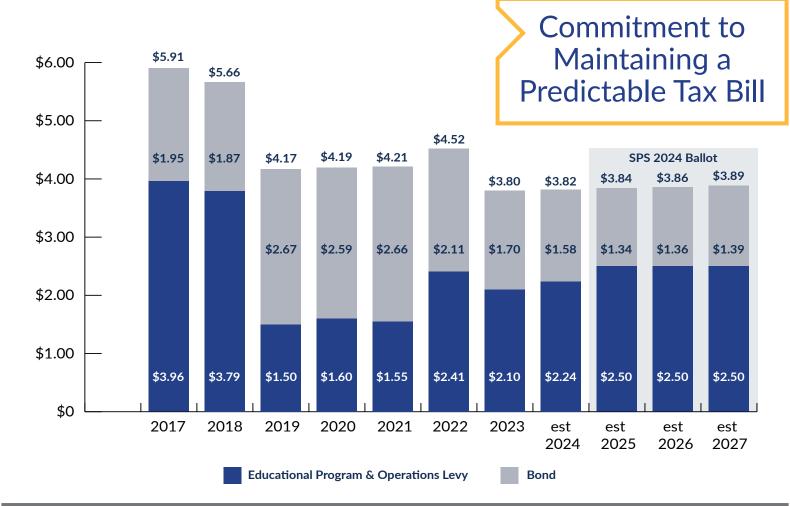
- Modernizes and replaces a few older schools and make smaller improvements across the district while keeping the tax bill predictable.
- Continues Spokane Public Schools' proven history of constructing and maintaining durable, well-designed school buildings.
- Protects and maintains the community's investment in school buildings, keeping the district's long-range replacement and modernization plan on course.







### **Spokane Public Schools** Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Value





### 2024 Major Bond Projects

Adams Elementary Replacement

Madison Elementary Replacement

North Central High School Modernization of Old Section

Garry Middle School Modernization and Addition

Chase Middle School Improvements

Spokane Public Montessori and Libby Center Upgrades

The Community School Improvements

Balboa and Indian Trail Elementary Full Redesign