

Replacement Levy Election

February 9, 2021

What is a school levy?

School levies support essential programs, staff and services that provide a quality education for our students.

The educational program and operation levy is a way for the Spokane community to provide a well-rounded education for SPS students by funding extracurricular activities, support for students with special needs, and critical health and wellness services.

The 2021 levy replaces the expiring 2018 levy and is not a new tax.

Levies support programs and services, such as:

- Nurses
- Counselors
- Behavior specialists
- Student intervention programs
- Special education services
- Technology support
- Smaller class sizes
- Advanced placement courses
- Athletics
- Arts, music, and drama



SPS Annual Budget Funding Sources

Levy/LEA - \$64.6 M

Levy - \$52.7 M

*LEA - \$11.9 M

13.6%

State, Federal, Private Program Support - \$409.9 M

State - \$390.3 M

Federal - \$ 4.6 M

Private (fees, gifts) - \$ 15.0 M

86.4%

**2021-2022 Estimated
Budgeted Revenue
\$474.5 Million**

**2021-2022 Estimated
Budgeted Expenditures
\$491.4 Million**

* LEA (Local Effort Assistance) is funding from the state to help equalize the tax effort for communities, like Spokane, whose total assessed property value is below the state average.

| Year | Amount | Estimated Tax Rate* |
|------|--------------|---------------------|
| 2022 | \$65,700,000 | \$2.40 |
| 2023 | \$73,800,000 | \$2.45 |
| 2024 | \$82,100,000 | \$2.50 |

*per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value

Replacement Levy Amounts and Estimated Tax Rates

Remember . . .

- The replacement levy provides funds to enrich and support essential educational programs for Spokane's youth.
- The total estimated tax rate for schools will be less than in 2018 and prior years.

Please vote by February 9!

Find more information at spokaneschools.org/levy



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