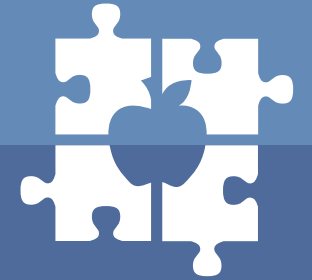


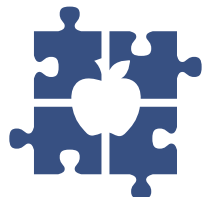
# Replacement School Levy Election

*February 9, 2021*



# Profile of Spokane Public Schools

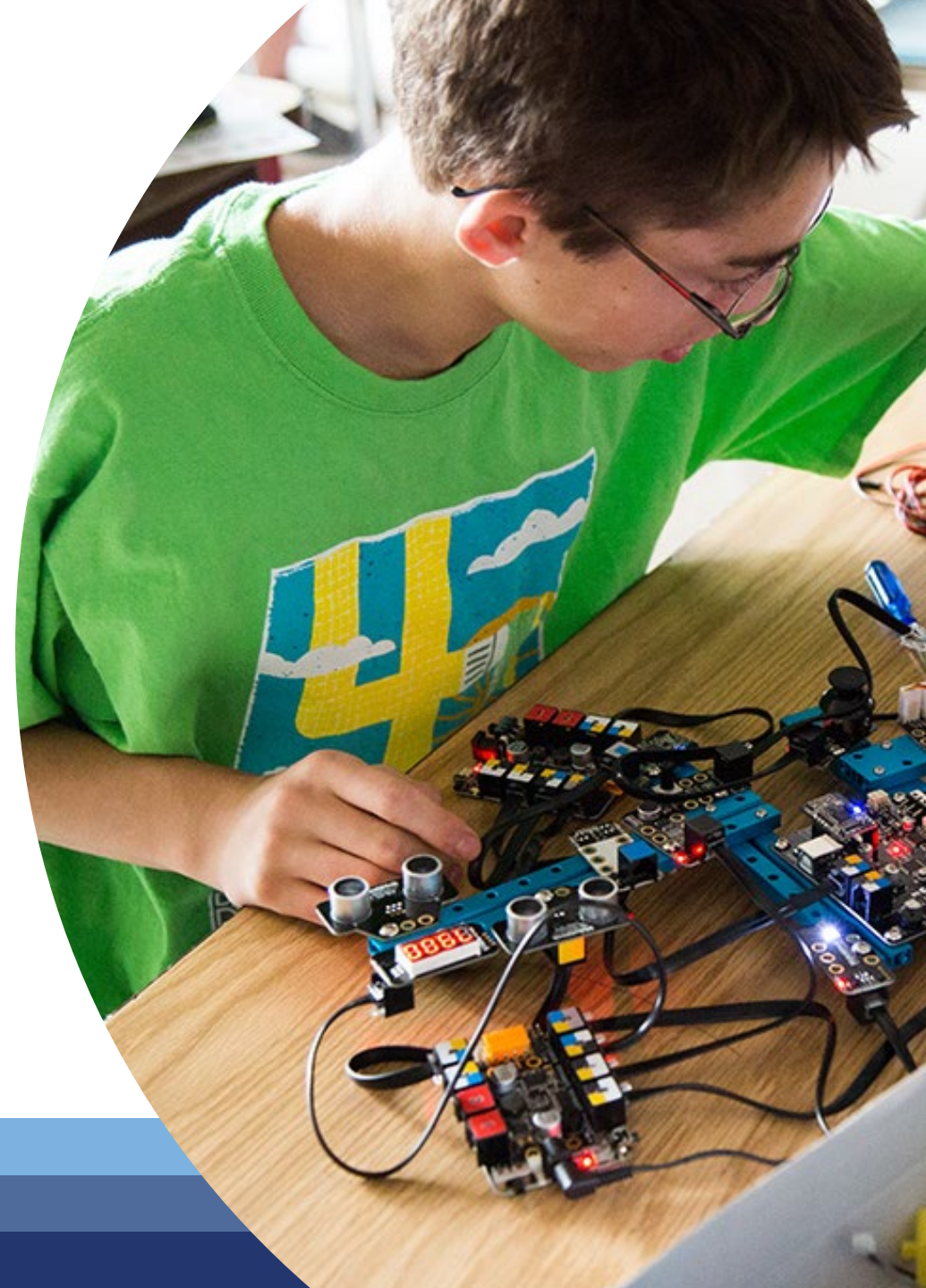
- 4,195 employees – one of largest employers in Spokane
- 29,115 students – 3rd largest school district in state
- 1,720 students speaking 79 different languages (ELD program)
- 4,628 special education students
- 58% of students qualify for federal free/reduced lunches
- 36% students of color
- 45 neighborhood attendance area schools
- \$.5 billion of school facility improvement projects



# Profile of Spokane Public Schools - continued

## Choice program options:

- Spokane Public Montessori (K-8)
- A.P.P.L.E. (K-6 parent participation program)
- The Enrichment Cooperative (K-12 parent partnership)
- Odyssey/Tessera (for 3-8 gifted students)
- SPS Language Immersion (elementary)
- The Community School
- Spokane Virtual Learning (K-12 online program)
- Spokane Virtual Academy (real-time distance learning program)
- On Track Academy (9-12)
- Institute for Science & Technology (7-12)
- NEWTech Skill Center (11 & 12)



## **LEVY = LEARNING**

Staff, programs,  
& activities

## **BOND = BUILDING**

Schools, systems,  
& security

# **Levies & Bonds: What's the Difference?**

## **What is a school levy?**

A way for local communities to enrich basic education programs and activities not funded by the state that are necessary for a well-rounded education.

## **What is a school bond?**

A way for local communities to fund new or modernized schools, facility and security improvements. Bond monies cannot be used to operate schools and fund programs.



# Context for Renewing 2021 School Levy

## The levy funds essential services:

- Nurses
- Counselors
- Behavior specialists
- Student intervention programs
- Special education services
- Technology support
- Smaller class sizes



# Context for Renewing 2021 School Levy - continued

**The levy supports a variety of programs and extra-curricular activities**

- Highly Capable
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Elementary specialists
- Librarians
- Curriculum materials
- Advancement Placement courses (AP)
- Athletics
- Music, arts and drama
- Afterschool clubs



# What does a Levy support?

Local educational program and operation levies fill the gap between state funding and the actual cost of critical programs

## *Examples*

Essential Services	State Funded	Local Levy
Nurses	5	36
Technology	16	32
Counselors	57	20
Office Support	192	45
Custodians	116	36
Facilities	48	12



# Levy Portion of the Budget Pie

Levy/LEA - \$64.6M  
Levy - \$52.7M  
\*LEA - \$11.9M

13.6%

2021-2022 Estimated  
Budgeted Revenue  
\$474.5 Million

2021-2022 Estimated  
Budgeted Expenditures  
\$491.4 Million

State, Federal, Private Program Support - \$409.9M  
State - \$390.3M  
Federal - \$ 4.6M  
Private (fees, gifts) - \$ 15.0M

86.4%

\*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.





# Replacement Levy Amounts and Estimated Tax Rates

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 Facts – 2021

- The 2021 levy is not a new tax; it replaces the expiring 2018 levy
- The total estimated tax rate for schools will be less than in 2018 and prior years
- The 3-year replacement levy covers 2022, 2023, 2024
- Voters are asked to approve a dollar amount for the levy, not a tax rate. The district is limited to a \$2.50 per thousand tax rate
- Levies require a simple majority for passage (50%+) while bonds require a super-majority for passage (60%+).
- Election day is February 9, 2021



## **The Replacement Levy . . .**

*Maintains essential services that the community expects as a part of a well-rounded education by supporting nursing positions, counselors, reasonable class sizes, extracurricular activities and more!*



# Remember . . .

*For 2022, 2023, 2024, the total levy estimated tax rate for schools will be lower than in 2018 and prior years*

*February 9 Election Day!*

