



Educational Programs & Operations Replacement Levy

The Replacement Levy Facts:

In February 2018, Wapato School District voters continued their tradition of supporting students by approving a 4-year Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy. With that levy set to expire in December 2022, the Wapato School Board of Directors has approved the next 4-year Replacement Levy proposal for voter consideration. The proposed replacement levy is not a new tax, it simply renews and replaces the expiring levy.

The Replacement Levy Proposal:

On **February 8, 2022** voters will be asked to approve the following 4-year replacement levy proposal:

- 2023 – **\$1,525,000** (Estimated Levy rate **\$1.63/per \$1000** of value)
- 2024 – **\$1,525,000** (Estimated Levy rate **\$1.55/per \$1000** of value)
- 2025 – **\$1,675,000** (Estimated Levy rate **\$1.63/per \$1000** of value)
- 2026 – **\$1,675,000** (Estimated Levy rate **\$1.55/per \$1000** of value)

EXAMPLE: **Estimated Homeowner Cost Per Year:**

Home Value	\$150,000
Estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of value	\$1.63
Estimated Homeowner Cost	\$245-per year

2021 Levy Rate per \$1000 of Value:

In the past year (2021), property owners within the Wapato School District boundaries paid a levy rate of \$1.64 per \$1000 of assessed value for the existing Educational Programs & Operations Levy. As you can see in the information above, the highest estimated levy rate for the proposed replacement levy is \$1.63 per \$1000 of value which is almost exactly what property owners paid in 2021.

The Replacement Levy Pays For:

State and Federal dollars do not fully pay for the day-to-day operations of Wapato Public Schools. To fund the gap, the District must also rely on revenue from the voter approved local levy to support essential educational programs and activities for your students. The following list is a sampling of some of the programs/staff the levy revenue helps the District afford.

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| *Teachers & Other Staff | *Nurses/Student Healthcare |
| *Safety and Security | *Additional Program Offerings |
| *Athletics, Clubs & Activities | *Transportation (buses, fuel, maintenance, etc.) |
| *Learning Support Programs | *Day-to-Day Operations (food service, utilities, etc.) |
| *Textbooks & Teaching Materials | *Technology for classroom instruction and support |
| *Playground Equipment | *Early Learning Activities |

Voter Approved Replacement Levy = State Levy Equalization Money

If voters approve the replacement levy it is estimated the District would receive nearly **\$4.1-million** per year in State Levy Equalization (**see graph below**). Levy Equalization is a State program designed to equalize the difference in levy revenue that can be collected by school districts with high property values and those with lower property values, like Wapato.

- 2023:** Wapato Public Schools would receive an estimated **\$4.1-million** in State Levy Equalization
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In order for Wapato Public Schools to receive State Levy Equalization, voters must approve the replacement levy.