



SOUTH KITSAP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021 Election – EP&O Levy



Levies Support Learning

The Educational Program & Operations (EPO) Levy makes up about 15% of the SKSD Budget and levy funds support the Top 5 Focus Areas of the Priority Plan.



The Impact of Community Support

- ▶ Lower class sizes
- ▶ Innovative instructional programs (AP, AVID, PLTW, etc.)
- ▶ Music and Arts programs
- ▶ Librarians
- ▶ Instructional Specialists
- ▶ Special Education programs
- ▶ Computers for students
- ▶ Curriculum adoptions
- ▶ Counselors, Social Worker
- ▶ School Psychologists
- ▶ Athletic Programs
- ▶ Nurses
- ▶ Technology backbone/support learning
- ▶ Extra Curricular Activities
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Safety & security, threat assessment, secured facilities
- ▶ Custodial services, maintenance of facilities, repairs, upgrade, replacement of aging systems and equipment.

Replacement of Expiring Levy

- ▶ This is a **replacement levy with a stable rate**
 - ▶ 4-year levy for calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025
 - ▶ Without a replacement levy at approximately \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed value, we will lose \$25 million dollars (approximately 10% of budget) of funding that directly supports our students
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Levies are for Learning and Much More

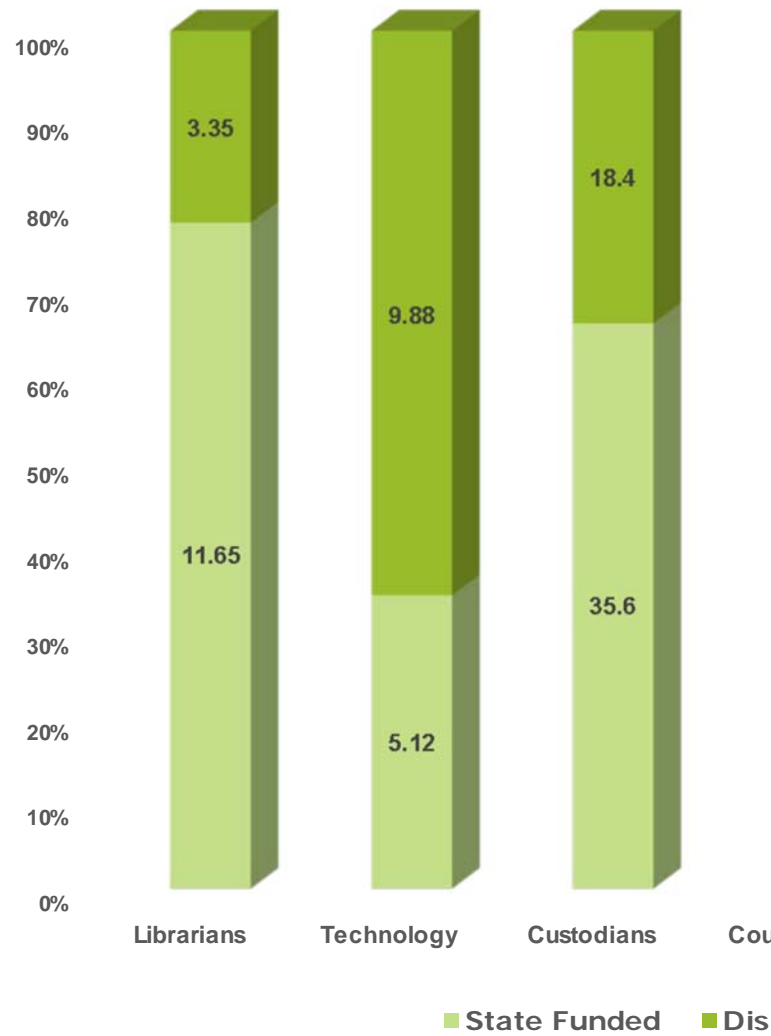
This **replacement levy is not**
will continue to:

- ▶ Fund Science, Technology, and Math (STEM) education so our students are globally competitive;
- ▶ Ensure our students are college and career ready at graduation and are prepared to pursue a skilled trade, continue to university, or military service;
- ▶ Provide additional staffing in our schools, a state which is critical to meeting the needs of our students, such as additional nurses, mental health specialists, and counselors.
- ▶ Provide opportunities to keep our students engaged like libraries, arts, and clubs

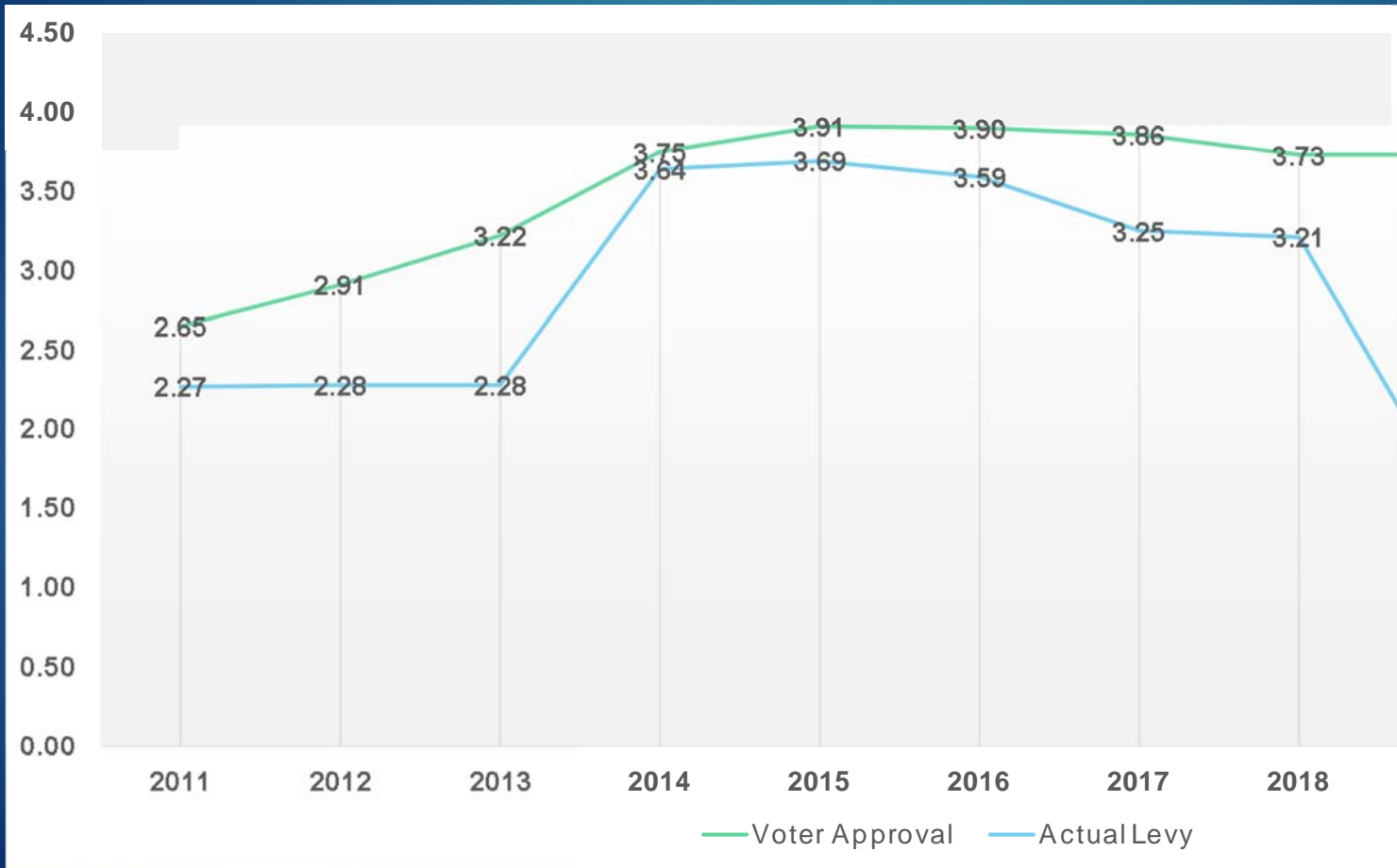
How Do We Spend Local Levy Dollars?



Local Levy Supports Critical Staffing:

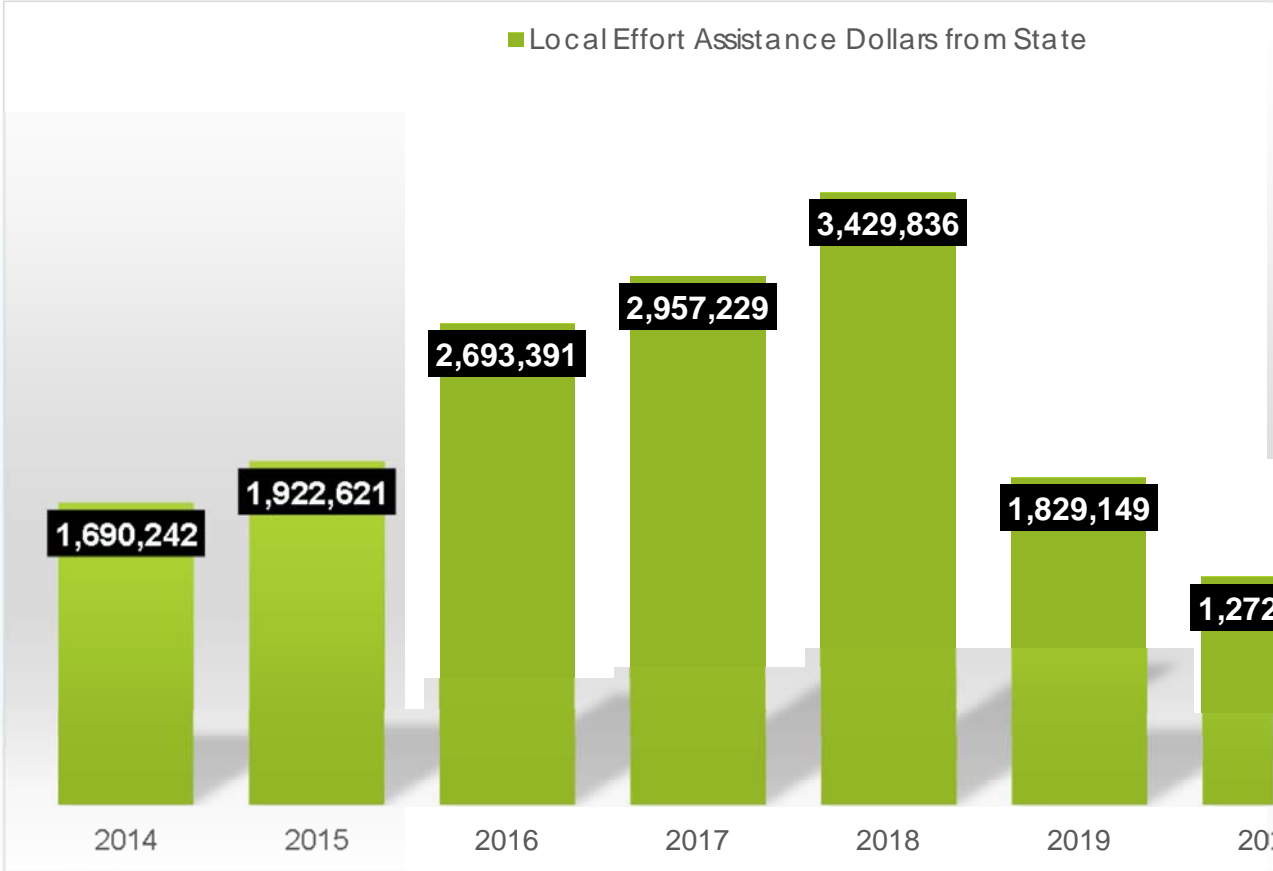


Levy Rate in South Kitsap Over Time:



Reduced State Revenue

- ▶ Local Effort Assistance, which is awarded to Districts with lower values, has declined as property values in South Kitsap have increased, resulting in over \$3M in reduced resources since 2018.



Past Reductions During Funding Instability

- ▶ When the local levy limit was \$1.50/thousand, we anticipated reductions of \$10 million dollars. Mid-stream in that process, the legislature raised the levy which reduced our need to constrict but still resulted in the following educational program:
 - ▶ Elementary Assistant Principals
 - ▶ Various teaching positions
 - ▶ Middle School Instructional Specialists
 - ▶ Athletic Director
 - ▶ Communications office support
 - ▶ Two security positions
 - ▶ Transportation position (in current budget for restoration but not hiring)
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Election Process

- ▶ The Board of Directors must pass a resolution to place a
the ballot
 - ▶ The resolution must be filed with the Kitsap County Elec
Office not later than December 11, 2020
 - ▶ Election costs are shared among those on the ballot (ele
costs are County-wide)
 - ▶ In 2017, our share of election costs was \$130,659, which
election shared with Bainbridge Island SD's levy. Total cos
\$184K.
 - ▶ Election Day is February 9, 2021
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No Bond Request Planned in 2021

- ▶ The Board is convening a w future facilities needs
- ▶ The Capital Levy passed in collection through calendar
 - ▶ Projects are ongoing, in and planning for the SK project approved by vot
- ▶ In any budget year, we may funding from the general fu
 - ▶ This is not true in revers capital projects account identified capital project
 - ▶ Past investments: From projects were supported

Ballot Measure Recommendation

Replace expiring \$2.50 EP&O Levy with an equal amount to continue to provide and grow the best educational programs for our students.

