

School Levies in 2021

There are 60 school measures on the February 9th, 2021 ballot in Washington State. This report focuses on the levies advertised as replacement levies.

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Summary

For the February 9th, 2021 special election:

There are 60 school measures in total from 50 school districts from 17 counties.

54 measures are advertised as replacement or renewal levies.

5 measures are advertised as capital levies without the words replacement or renewal in their titles.

1 measure is a redistricting authorization measure and is not a levy.

36 of the replacement advertised levies involve an increase in the amount over the previous levy ranging from 3% to 115% more.

10 of the replacement advertised levies are the exact same in amount as the previous levy.

8 of the replacement advertised levies are lower in amount compared to the previous levy.

4 of the replacement advertised levies have shorter durations (fewer years) than their previous levy.

7 of the replacement advertised levies have longer durations (more years) than their previous levy.

42 measures have the words 'Educational Programs and Operations' in their titles.

3 measures have the word 'Enrichment' instead of EP&O in their titles.

1 measure has the words 'Maintenance and Operations' in its title.

Summary table: Levies advertised as replacements to previous levies

February 9th 2021 Replacement or Renewal School Levies in Washington

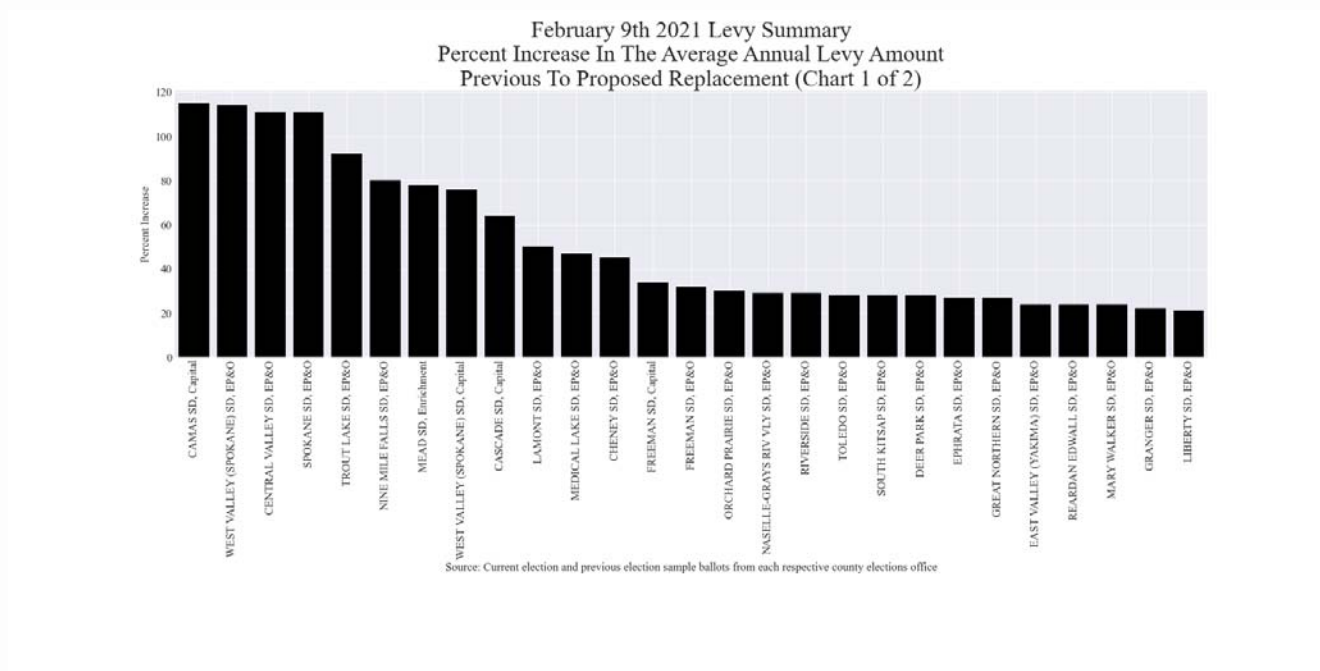
Lead County	District Name	New levies years	Prev levies years	New levy total amount	Prev levy total amount	New levy ave annual amount	Prev levy ave annual amount	Percent increase in ave annual amount	Pro args in the voters guide?	Con args in the voters guide?	Measure title on the ballot or voters' guide
Cleelan	CASCADE SD NO. 228	4	4	2,300,000	1,400,000	575,000	350,000	64%	No	No	REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
Cleelan	CASCADE SD NO. 228	4	4	15,015,000	12,844,004	3,753,750	3,211,501	17%	No	No	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Cleelan	MANSON SD NO. 19	2	2	3,410,248	2,985,587	1,705,124	1,492,794	14%	No	No	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Cleelan	WENATCHEE SD NO. 246	4	4	50,100,000	52,412,020	12,525,000	13,103,005	-4%	No	No	RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Cllallam	QUILLAYUTE VALLEY SD 402	4	4	2,857,216	2,857,216	714,304	714,304	0%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Cllallam	SEQUIM SD 323	4	4	29,738,531	26,496,000	7,434,633	6,624,000	12%	Yes	No	Replacement Educational Programs And Operation Levy
Clark	BATTLE GROUND SD NO. 119	4	4	116,194,227	136,540,000	29,048,557	34,155,000	-15%	Yes	Yes	Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Clark	CAMAS SD NO. 117	3	4	11,470,000	7,100,000	3,823,233	1,775,000	113%	Yes	Yes	Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology, Health and Safety Improvements
Clark	CAMAS SD NO. 117	3	4	53,090,000	67,356,000	17,696,667	16,839,000	5%	Yes	Yes	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Grant	EPHRATA SCHOOL DIST NO 165	4	2	8,202,500	3,234,000	2,050,625	1,617,000	27%	No	No	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Island	OAK HARBOR SCH 201	4	4	48,450,000	41,000,000	12,112,500	10,250,000	18%	No	No	Renewal of Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Jefferson	CHIMACUM SD NO. 49	4	4	8,700,000	14,755,000	2,175,000	3,688,750	-41%	No	No	Renewal of Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Jefferson	QUEETS / CLEARWATER SD NO. 20	3	3	225,000	225,000	75,000	75,000	0%	No	No	Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy
Kitsap	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SD NO. 303	3	4	7,500,000	8,800,000	2,500,000	2,200,000	14%	Yes	No	Renewal Technology Levy
Kitsap	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SD NO. 303	3	4	30,800,000	42,800,000	10,266,667	10,700,000	-4%	Yes	No	Renewal Enrichment and Operations Levy
Kitsap	SOUTH KITSAP SD NO. 402	4	4	127,482,255	99,491,669	31,870,264	24,872,917	28%	Yes	Yes	Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Klickitat	BICKLETON SD NO. 203	3	3	900,000	900,000	300,000	300,000	0%	No	No	Replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy
Klickitat	LYLE SD # 406	2	2	1,400,000	1,400,000	700,000	700,000	0%	No	No	Two-Year Replacement Enrichment Levy
Klickitat	ROOSEVELT SD # 403	3	3	180,000	180,000	60,000	60,000	0%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Klickitat	TROUT LAKE SD # 400	2	2	1,115,000	580,000	557,500	290,000	92%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Lewis	EVALINE SD NO. 36	2	2	380,000	380,000	190,000	190,000	0%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Lewis	TOLEDO SD NO. 237	3	2	3,450,000	1,790,000	1,150,000	895,000	28%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Lewis	WHITE PASS SD NO. 303	4	4	3,731,708	4,752,000	932,927	1,188,000	-21%	No	No	School Programs and Operations Replacement Levy
Lincoln	ODESSA SD 105	1	1	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0%	No	No	Replacement Capital Levy for School Improvements
Lincoln	ODESSA SD 105	1	1	550,000	600,000	550,000	600,000	-8%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Lincoln	REARDAN EDWALL SD 009	3	3	4,078,484	3,287,278	1,359,493	1,095,759	24%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Lincoln	SPRAGUE SD 008	2	2	390,000	380,000	195,000	190,000	3%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Pacific	NASSELLE-GRAYS RIVER VALLEY SD NO 155	3	3	1,737,000	1,350,000	579,000	450,000	29%	No	No	REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LEVY
Skagit	CONCRETE SD NO. 11	3	2	4,500,000	3,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0%	Yes	No	Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations
Skagit	LA CONNER SD NO. 311	4	2	4,036,234	1,749,210	1,009,059	874,603	15%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Skagit	MOUNT VERNON SD NO. 320	3	2	16,448,331	17,054,270	5,482,777	8,327,133	-36%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Spokane	CENTRAL VALLEY SD 356	3	3	93,453,000	44,300,750	31,151,000	14,766,917	111%	No	No	Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy
Spokane	CHENEY SD 360	3	2	1,590,000	4,274,000	530,000	2,137,000	-75%	No	No	Replacement Capital Levy for Technology, Safety, Security and Infrastructure Improvements
Spokane	CHENEY SD 360	3	3	27,900,000	19,200,000	9,300,000	6,400,000	45%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	DEFR PARK SD 200	3	3	7,650,000	6,000,000	2,550,000	2,000,000	28%	No	No	Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy
Spokane	FREEMAN SD 358	3	3	3,372,666	2,525,000	1,124,223	841,667	34%	No	No	Replacement Capital Levy for Safety, Security, Technology and Infrastructure Improvements
Spokane	FREEMAN SD 358	3	3	4,362,656	3,301,077	1,454,219	1,100,359	32%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	GREAT NORTHERN SD 312	3	3	762,551	600,000	254,184	200,000	27%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	LIBERTY SD 363	3	3	525,000	525,000	175,000	175,000	0%	No	No	Replacement Capital Levy for Technology, Safety and Security Improvements
Spokane	LIBERTY SD 362	3	3	4,697,067	3,888,159	1,565,689	1,296,053	21%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	MEAD SD 354	3	3	53,200,000	29,900,000	17,733,333	9,966,667	78%	No	No	Renewal Enrichment and Operations Levy
Spokane	MEDICAL LAKE SD 326	3	3	4,584,738	3,109,855	1,528,246	1,036,618	47%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	NINE MILE FALLS SD 179	3	3	10,851,245	6,020,000	3,617,082	2,006,667	80%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Spokane	ORCHARD PRAIRIE SD 123	2	2	325,000	250,000	162,500	125,000	30%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	RIVERSIDE SD 416	3	3	7,268,923	3,616,600	2,424,974	1,872,200	29%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	SPOKANE SD 81	3	3	221,600,000	105,000,000	73,866,667	35,000,000	111%	No	No	Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Spokane	WEST VALLEY SD 363	3	3	13,583,179	7,605,973	4,461,060	2,535,324	76%	No	No	Technology, Safety, Security, and Facilities Improvement Capital Projects Replacement Levy
Spokane	WEST VALLEY SD 363	3	3	24,470,382	11,408,958	8,156,794	3,802,986	114%	No	No	Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy
Stevens	MARY WALKER SD 207	4	4	1,421,295	1,148,000	355,324	287,000	24%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy
Whitman	COLTON SD - 306	1	1	398,947	398,947	398,947	398,947	0%	No	No	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Whitman	LAMONT SD - 264	2	2	262,000	175,000	131,000	87,500	50%	No	No	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY
Yakima	EAST VALLEY SD NO. 90	3	3	13,373,525	10,810,000	4,457,842	3,603,333	24%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Yakima	GRANGER SD NO. 204	3	3	2,285,000	1,878,000	761,667	626,000	22%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Yakima	SELAH SD NO. 119	2	2	7,656,843	6,566,074	3,828,422	3,283,037	17%	No	No	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

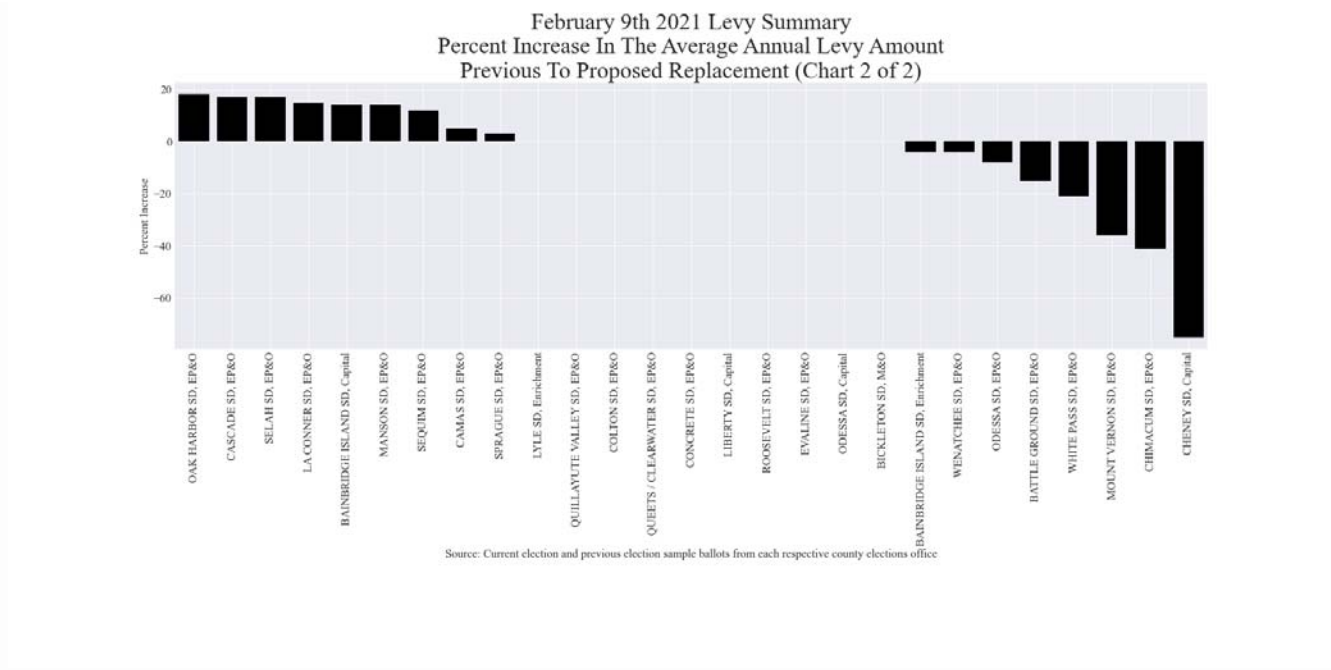
Summary table: Measures without the words replacement or renewal in their titles

February 9th 2021 School Measures in Washington Without the Word Replacement/Renewal in their Titles

BQ Num	Lead County	District Name	New levies years	New levy total amount	New levy ave annual amount	Pro args in the voters guide?	Con args in the voters guide?	Measure title on the ballot or voters' guide
2	Cllallam	SEQUIM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323	4	15,000,000	3,750,000	Yes	No	Capital Levy to Improve School Facilities
1	Cowitz	CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401	3	1,485,816	495,272	Yes	No	Capital Programs Levy
1	Douglas	ORONDO SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	2,000,000	400,000	No	No	Capital Levy For Health, Life Safety And Security Improvements
1	Grant	WAHLUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73	3	4,500,000	1,500,000	No	No	CAPITAL LEVY FOR HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
4	Skagit	MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320	3	15,519,000	5,173,000	No	No	Safety and Technology Capital Projects Levy
1	Whitman	ROSALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320	0	N/A	N/A	No	No	Authorize restricting of school directors

Summary chart: Replacement levies in descending order by the percent increase from their previous amounts





Summary table: Incongruent words used in school district created levy advertisements

February 9 th 2021 Replacement or Renewal School Levies in Washington that are Tax Increases			Incongruent words, phrases used in levy advertisements					
Lead County	District Name	Measure title on the ballot or voters' guide	Percent levy increase in ave annual amount	replacement	renewal	expiring	same or lower rate	not a new tax
Clark	CAMAS SD	Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology, Health and Safety Improvements	115%	X		X	X	
Spokane	WEST VALLEY SD	Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy	114%	X		X	X	X
Spokane	SPOKANE SD	Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy	111%	X			X	
Spokane	CENTRAL VALLEY SD	Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operations Levy	111%	X			X	
Klickitat	TROUT LAKE SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	92%	X				
Spokane	NINE MILE FALLS SD	Replacement Educational programs and Operations Levy	80%	X	X			
Spokane	MEAD SD	Renewal Enrichment and Operations Levy	78%	X	X	X		X
Spokane	WEST VALLEY SD	Technology, Safety, Security, and Facilities Improvement Capital Projects Replacement Levy	76%	X	X			
Chelan	CASCADE SD	REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS	64%	X	X			X
Whitman	LAMONT SD	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY	50%	X				
Spokane	MEDICAL LAKE SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	47%	X				
Spokane	CHENEY SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	45%	X		X		X
Spokane	FREEMAN SD	Replacement Capital Levy for Safety, Security, Technology and Infrastructure Improvements	34%	X				X
Spokane	FREEMAN SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	32%	X				X
Spokane	ORCHARD PRAIRIE SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	30%	X				
Spokane	RIVERSIDE SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	29%	X			X	X
Pacific	NASELLE-GRAYS RIV VV	REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LEVY	29%	X				
Lewis	TOLEDO SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy	28%	X				
Kitsap	SOUTH KITSAP SD	Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy	28%	X	X	X		X
Spokane	DEER PARK SD	Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy	28%	X	X	X	X	
Spokane	GREAT NORTHERN SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	27%	X				
Grant	EPHRATA SCHOOL DIST	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY	27%	X				X
Lincoln	REARDAN EDWALL SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	24%	X			X	
Stevens	MARY WALKER SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy	24%	X			X	
Yakima	EAST VALLEY SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	24%	X	X	X		X
Yakima	GRANGER SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	22%	X			X	X
Spokane	LIBERTY SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	21%	X			X	X
Island	OAK HARBOR SCH	Renewal of Educational Programs and Operations Levy	18%	X	X		X	
Chelan	CASCADE SD	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY	17%	X			X	X
Yakima	SELAH SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	17%	X	X		X	
Skagit	LA CONNER SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy	15%	X			X	
Chelan	MANSON SD NO. 19	REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION LEVY	14%	X		X	X	X
Kitsap	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SD	Renewal Technology Levy	14%	X	X	X	X	
Clallam	SEQUIM SD	Replacement Educational Programs And Operation Levy	12%	X	X	X	X	X
Clark	CAMAS SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy	5%	X	X	X		X
Lincoln	SPRAGUE SD	Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy	3%	X	X			X

Example replacement levy advertisement: Quillayute Valley SD

The Quillayute Valley SD's levy advertisement snapshots relating to costs published on the district's website

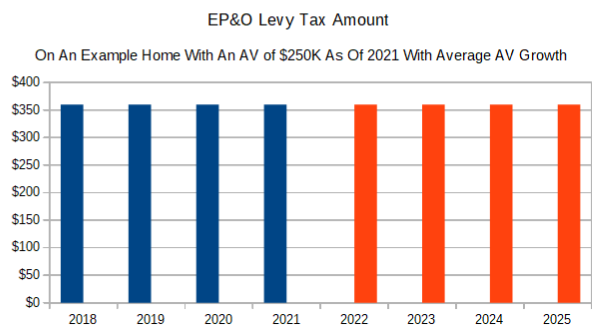
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The authors' analysis of the Quillayute SD's replacement levy costs

Tax Year	Total District Levy AV	Levy AV Growth	Previous EP&O Levy Amount	Previous EP&O Levy Tax Rate	New EP&O Levy Amount	New EP&O Levy Tax Rate	Levy Amount Growth Previous to New	Median AV Home Assumed AV Growth	Median AV Home Previous EP&O Levy Rate	Median AV Home New EP&O Levy Rate	Median AV Home Previous EP&O Levy Taxes	Median AV Home New EP&O Levy Taxes	Median AV Home EP&O Levy Tax Growth
2018	\$482,637,838		\$714,304	\$1.48				\$243,243		\$1.48	\$360		
2019	\$482,637,838	0.0%	\$714,304	\$1.48				\$243,243	0.0%	\$1.48	\$360		
2020	\$489,249,315	1.4%	\$714,304	\$1.46				\$246,575	1.4%	\$1.46	\$360		
2021	\$496,044,444	1.4%	\$714,304	\$1.44				\$250,000	1.4%	\$1.44	\$360		
2022	\$571,443,200	15.2%			\$714,304	\$1.25		\$288,000	15.2%	\$1.25		\$360	
2023	\$585,495,082	2.5%			\$714,304	\$1.22		\$295,082	2.5%	\$1.22		\$360	
2024	\$600,255,462	2.5%			\$714,304	\$1.19		\$302,521	2.5%	\$1.19		\$360	
2025	\$615,779,310	2.6%			\$714,304	\$1.16		\$310,345	2.6%	\$1.16		\$360	
Total			\$2,857,216		\$2,857,216		0%				\$1,440	\$1,440	0%

Note:
 Total District Levy AV (assessed value) was calculated from the levy amounts and levy rates
 The median AV home's AV growth is assumed to be the same as the total district levy AV growth



Example replacement levy advertisement: Spokane SD

The Spokane SD's levy advertisement snapshots relating to costs published on the district's website

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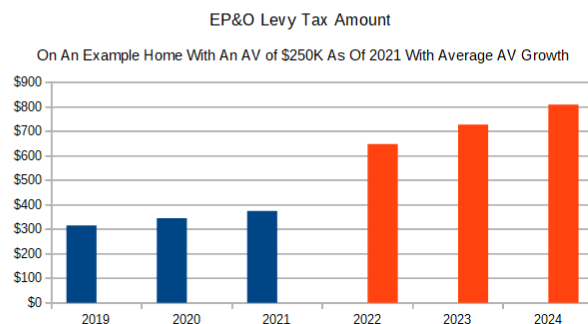
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Spokane SD's fact sheet snapshot 4

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Tax Year	Total District Levy AV	Levy AV Growth	Previous EP&O Levy Amount	Previous EP&O Levy Tax Rate	New EP&O Levy Amount	New EP&O Levy Tax Rate	Levy Amount Growth Previous to New	Median AV Home	Median AV Home Assumed AV Growth	Median AV Home Previous EP&O Levy Rate	Median AV Home New EP&O Levy Rate	Median AV Home Previous EP&O Levy Taxes	Median AV Home New EP&O Levy Taxes	Median AV Home EP&O Levy Tax Growth
2019	\$21,333,333.333		\$32,000,000	\$1.50				\$210,526		\$1.50		\$316		
2020	\$23,333,333.333	9.4%	\$35,000,000	\$1.50				\$230,263	9.4%	\$1.50		\$345		
2021	\$25,333,333.333	8.6%	\$38,000,000	\$1.50				\$250,000	8.6%	\$1.50		\$375		
2022	\$27,375,000,000	8.1%			\$65,700,000	\$2.40		\$270,148	8.1%		\$2.40		\$648	
2023	\$30,122,448,980	10.0%			\$73,800,000	\$2.45		\$297,261	10.0%		\$2.45		\$728	
2024	\$32,840,000,000	9.0%			\$82,100,000	\$2.50		\$324,079	9.0%		\$2.50		\$810	
Total			\$105,000,000		\$221,600,000		111%					\$1,036	\$2,187	111%

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Methodology

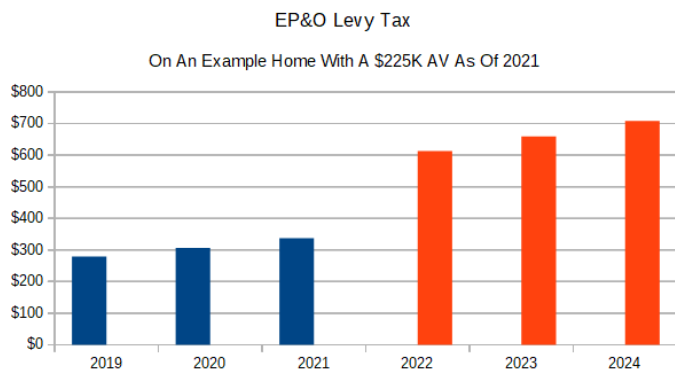
For this analysis, the annual assessed value (AV) growth rates for the example property owner's property were set to the same values as the Total District Levy AV Growth Rates. The effect of this assumption is that the obligated proportion of the levy for the example property remains constant for each year in the analysis. The Total District Levy AVs were calculated from the levy amounts and levy estimates obtained from the sample ballots.

The spreadsheet data and chart for the West Valley SD (Spokane) are shown below.

West Valley School District
Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

Tax Year	Total District Levy AV	Total District Levy AV Growth	Previous Levy Amount	Proposed Replacement Levy Amount	Previous Levy Rate	Proposed Replacement Levy Rate	Levy Amount Growth Previous to Proposed	Example Home With Median AV	Example Home AV Growth Assumed	Example Home Previous Levy Tax Amount	Example Home Proposed Replacement Levy Tax Amount	Example Home Levy Tax Growth Previous to Proposed Replacement
2019	\$2,297,876,667		\$3,446,815		\$1.50			\$185,950		\$279		
2020	\$2,527,664,667	10.00%	\$3,791,497		\$1.50			\$204,545	10.00%	\$307		
2021	\$2,780,430,667	10.00%	\$4,170,646		\$1.50			\$225,000	10.00%	\$338		
2022	\$3,029,801,600	8.97%		\$7,574,504		\$2.50		\$245,180	8.97%		\$613	
2023	\$3,257,036,800	7.50%		\$8,142,592		\$2.50		\$263,568	7.50%		\$659	
2024	\$3,501,314,400	7.50%		\$8,753,286		\$2.50		\$283,336	7.50%		\$708	
Total			\$11,408,958	\$24,470,382			114%			\$923	\$1,980	114%

Notes:
 Data source for levy amounts and rates: Spokane County Sample Ballots
 Data source for median assessed valued home for 2021: Estimated from Spokane County Assessor's Data
 Example home's AV growth assumed to be the same as the total district's AV growth



Sources

Levy amounts and levy rates were obtained from current election and previous election sample ballots from each respective county elections department. 10 counties had all their sample ballots readily available on their websites. For the 7 counties that did not have either their current or past sample ballots online, a request was submitted to obtain electronic copies.

School districts' levy fact sheets and levy flyers posted on their official websites were reviewed for incongruent words and phrases.