



# Olympia School District 2015-18 Technology & Safety Levy

*The Olympia School District's technology levy will expire at the end of 2014. The School Board is requesting a renewal of the levy to continue providing students and staff with a 21st Century learning environment and to implement some key safety initiatives.*

## How have we arrived at this request?

During the past year we have conducted a thorough review of our district's technology use and needs. We convened a Technology Advisory Committee, organized a Technology Think Tank, conducted forums to seek citizens' feedback, surveyed staff about their use of technology in the classroom and across the district, and hired an outside evaluator to examine our technology functions. We also evaluated our 15-year Facilities Master Plan and identified several key safety projects we want to undertake right away. The result of this work became the starting point for Resolution 520, which places a Technology and Safety Levy before voters on Feb. 11, 2014.



## What is a capital projects levy for technology and safety?

A Technology and Safety Levy will help pay for up-to-date technology and key safety projects for students and staff. Olympia voters passed technology levies in 1994, 2000, 2006 and 2010. A simple majority "yes" vote is required to pass this four-year levy.

## Is this a new levy?

No. This would be a renewal of the 2010 technology and capital levy which expires at the end of 2014. The amount of that levy was \$25 million over four years. If approved, the renewed levy would be \$13.2 million over the next four years.

## How much will the levy cost me?

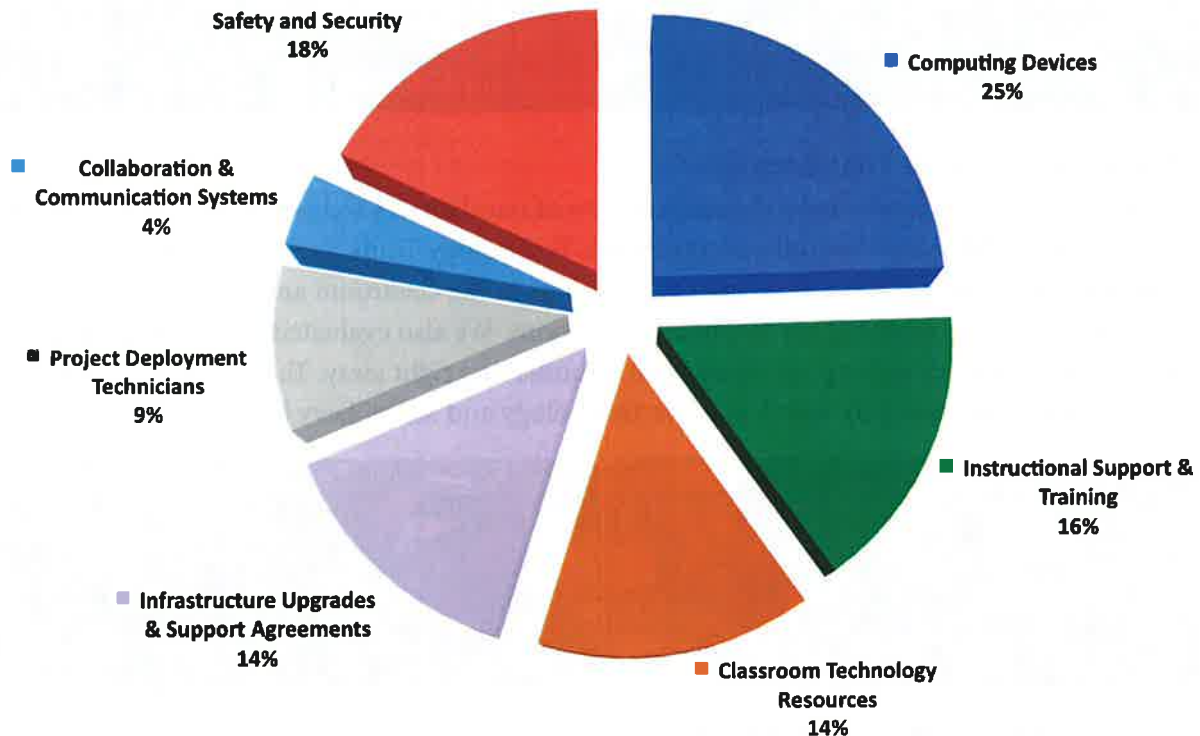
The expected tax rate for the first year of the proposed levy is \$.62 per \$1,000 of assessed value. That amount would decline each year to \$.34 per \$1,000 as follows:

Year	Estimated Rate (per \$1,000 Value)	Levy Amount
2015	\$0.62	\$4,480,000
2016	\$0.44	\$3,300,000
2017	\$0.35	\$2,710,000
2018	\$0.34	\$2,720,000
		<b>\$13.2 Million</b>

The owner of a home worth \$250,000 would pay an average of about \$9 a month, or \$109 a year, in each of the levy's four years. The projected 2015 total school tax rate (M&O, bond and levy) will be \$5.33 per \$1,000 of assessed value (the 2014 projected rate is \$5.20 per \$1,000 of value).

## How will these levy dollars be spent?

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**The levy replaces the District's expiring four-year technology levy. It will provide for basic technology and safety needs of the District without cutting other programs and services. Among other things, the Technology and Safety Levy would fund:**

- **Computing devices** for new state/district testing and student projects, and replacement of aging devices.
- New and upgraded **classroom technology** such as interactive projectors, document cameras and audio enhancement systems.
- Personalized, **online learning resources** for struggling learners.
- Assistive and adaptive technologies for **special needs** students, including voice-recognition software and speech to text/text to speech.
- **Technology support** for teachers as they integrate technology into the classroom.
- **Infrastructure upgrades**, including wireless, core systems and switching.
- **Project deployment technicians** to implement levy initiatives, support networks, identify and solve IT issues.
- **Technical support agreements** for critical hardware and network systems.
- Development and deployment of **digital curriculum**.
- Key **safety items**, including development of security cameras in all secondary schools and buses, and deployment of a system for immediate notification of first responders in the event of an emergency.
- **Online learning, collaboration tools** and enhanced **web and mobile communication** with students and families.