



Technology, Safety & Facility Improvement Replacement Levy

School Board Approves Replacement Levy Election

The Olympia School Board unanimously agreed to place a Technology, Safety and Facility Improvement Replacement Levy proposal before voters on the February 10, 2026, Special Election ballot. **The proposed replacement levy is not a new tax.** It would replace an expiring four-year technology and safety levy approved by voters in February 2022. **The levy would raise an estimated \$72.9 million over a four-year period (2027-2030).**

"The Technology, Safety and Facility Improvement Replacement Levy reflects our community's ongoing commitment to student success and well-being," said School Board Director Scott Clifthorne. "It ensures that every school has up-to-date technology, safe and welcoming spaces and the resources needed for high-quality learning."

Proposed Technology and Safety Initiatives:

The replacement levy would fund new and continued technology, safety and facility improvement initiatives, including:

- **Touchscreen mobile computer devices:** Replacement touchscreen devices to support flexible learning for students and staff.
- **Classroom audio systems:** Upgraded classroom audio systems featuring a built-in help button that allows teachers to call the office for assistance quickly.
- **Ingersoll Stadium improvements:** Updates to make Ingersoll Stadium safer and more energy efficient for our students, staff and community.
- **Safety Sensors installed in secondary schools:** Sensors to keep schools safe by providing real-time alerts when needed.
- **Chromebook carts:** Next-generation Chromebook carts to help students more easily access technology for learning.
- **Classroom display systems:** Updated classroom displays to make lessons dynamic and accessible in every classroom.
- **Replacement IPVS Cameras:** Modern security cameras in elementary schools, matching secondary school systems to enhance student and staff safety.

How Much Will The Levy Cost?

The projected tax rate for the Technology, Safety and Facility Improvement replacement levy over the next four years depends on the final dollar amount of assessed property value within the school district.

These estimated rates represent a slight increase compared to the Technology and Safety Levy approved by voters for 2023-2026, which estimated tax rates to be between \$0.90 and \$0.98 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Every \$0.01 change in property tax on a house assessed at \$550,000 results in approximately \$5.50 per year in additional tax.

Historically, Olympia School District has aimed to keep total OSD tax collections under \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. While the tax rate associated with the new Technology, Safety and Facility Improvement Replacement Levy would be slightly higher, the combined estimated district tax rate from all voter-approved levies and bonds would remain in that historical target.

Based on current information, the estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would be:

Year	Estimated Rate (per \$1,000 Value)	Levy Amount
2027	\$.96	\$16,703,000
2028	\$.96	\$17,676,000
2029	\$.96	\$18,707,000
2030	\$.97	\$19,901,000
		\$72.9 Million

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I register to vote?

There are several ways to register to vote, including online, by mail or in person. View voter registration deadlines for the February 10, 2026, Special Election on the [Thurston County Elections Division website](#).

Is this a new tax?

No, the proposed replacement levy is not a new tax. The measure on the February 2026 ballot would replace an expiring four-year Technology and Safety Levy approved by Olympia School District voters in February 2022.



How many votes are required by state law to pass a school levy?

School levies require a majority vote — 50 percent plus one, to pass.

Where can I get more information about the school districts proposed Technology and Safety Replacement Levy?

Specific details about the ballot measure are available on the district website. In addition to this Frequently Asked Questions webpage, you may visit the Levy 2026 webpage for a summary of information and other related links to webpages that address Voter Registration and information about tax rate and cost. For additional information, contact the Olympia School District [Communications and Community Relations Department](#) at (360) 596-6103.

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