



OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Technology & Safety Replacement Levy



School Board approves technology & safety replacement levy proposal

The Olympia School Board has unanimously agreed to place a technology and safety replacement levy proposal before voters in February to help pay for increased student access to technology, as well as safety projects districtwide. The board passed a resolution in October to include the technology and safety levy renewal on the February 13, 2018 Special Election ballot.

"This levy proposal reflects a continuation of our efforts to make technology accessible to all students and prepare them for success now and into the future as they move on to college and careers and become global digital citizens," said Board President Frank Wilson. "This is about equity and increasing access, while also moving us forward in the area of safety."

The proposed levy is NOT a new tax

The measure on the February 2018 ballot would continue a four-year technology and safety levy approved by voters in 2014. The new four-year levy would raise an estimated \$35.4 million (2019-2022).

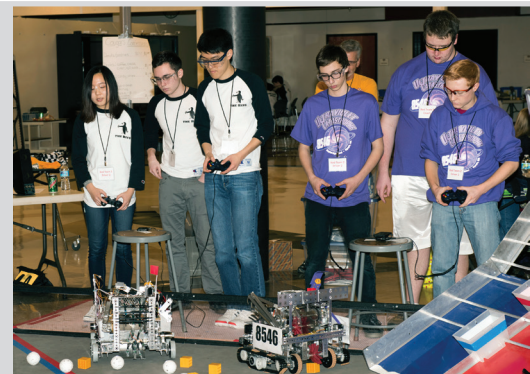
The total proposed tax rate for school levies in 2019-2022 would remain the same as or be lower than the total tax rate for 2017 school levies.

How much will the levy cost?

The estimated levy rate depends on the final dollar amount of assessed value of property within the school district. Based on information to date from the county assessor's office, the projected levy rate for the proposed measure is \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019 and 2020, \$.85 cents per \$1,000 in 2021, and \$.89 cents per \$1,000 in 2022.

Year	Estimated Rate (per \$1,000 Value)	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.87	\$8,178,296
2020	\$0.87	\$8,575,771
2021	\$0.85	\$8,895,271
2022	\$0.89	\$9,776,618
		\$35.4 Million

With the technology and safety levy of \$.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value projected in 2019, the owner of a \$250,000 home would pay about \$18 a month, or \$217 a year.



Among other things, the replacement levy would fund new and continued technology and safety initiatives including:

- **Expanding the number of computers to a one-to-one model** (one computer for every student) in grades 3-12, and one computer for every two students in kindergarten through grade 2.
- **Purchasing enough computers for middle and high schools** so each student can be assigned a portable device to take home daily.
- **Expanding assistive technology devices for students with special needs.**
- **Expanding internet access at home.** Money is budgeted to provide internet support through means such as mobile Wi-Fi "hotspots," which are essentially compact, portable wireless access points providing internet access to mobile devices like a laptop for students from low-income families.
- **Installing up-to-date classroom display systems, document cameras, and video conferencing systems.**
- **Providing support and training for teachers and other staff** as they integrate new technology into classrooms, and teach students how to use technology in a safe, responsible way.
- **Installing a new paging and intercom system in schools throughout the district.** This would ensure that students and staff are notified of an emergency more quickly and effectively.
- **Updating from analog to digital radios on school buses to improve connectivity,** including in far-reaching areas of the district with little to no reception.
- **Adding an identification card system on school buses** that records when students get on and off a bus; and marks transactions by Global Positioning System (GPS).
- **Developing more digital online curriculum,** thus reducing the number of books a student carries to and from school.