

## 2018-19 Board of Directors:

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# ELECTION INFO.

*Remember to Vote! February 11, 2020*

## Dates & Approval:

- » Election date: February 11, 2020
- » Ballots mailed: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
- » 50% + 1 vote required for approval

## Voter Registration Information:

310 West Poplar St. | (509) 524-2530 | [elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us)

## Tax Exemptions:

Senior and disabled citizens may be eligible for an exemption. Contact the Walla Walla County Assessor's Office at (509) 524-2560 for additional information.

## Levy Revenue is Fixed:

Schools receive no additional dollars beyond the amount approved by voters. Increases in property values will not increase levy revenue.

## Further Information:

[www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org) | (509) 526-6716 | email: [mhiggins@wwps.org](mailto:mhiggins@wwps.org)

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Walla Walla Public Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all requirements of the ADA.



# Walla Walla Public Schools

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

Replacement Education Levy | Election Date: February 11, 2020

This is a...

**REPLACEMENT  
EDUCATION LEVY**

not a bond to  
build facilities.

Learn more at:  
[www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org)

## Maintaining Quality Education Programs

This proposed Replacement Education Levy helps maintain the current level of educational programs and opportunities Walla Walla students and families have approved at the ballot box for over 50 years. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of a local levy requiring re-authorization from voters every four years. The Replacement Education Levy funds more than 100 staff not paid for by the state's basic education funding model. Advanced course offerings, fine arts programs, elementary electives and athletic/club offerings are just a few of the programs the education levy provides Walla Walla students.

*Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent*

## Replacement Levy

The following educational programs and services will continue to be funded by this Replacement Education Levy.

### LEVY EXPENDITURES

| Expenditure  | Total               | %          |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| Approximately 40 Teachers<br>(e.g. Music, Art, Drama, PE, AP/Honors) | \$3,534,951         | <b>32%</b> |
| School Health Clinicians   | \$453,363           | <b>4%</b>  |
| School Safety  | \$288,930           | <b>3%</b>  |
| Highly Capable Program   | \$205,535           | <b>2%</b>  |
| Extra-Curricular/Athletics/Clubs                                     | \$1,488,352         | <b>14%</b> |
| School Intervention Specialists                                      | \$800,855           | <b>7%</b>  |
| Special Education/Psychology Services                                | \$560,051           | <b>5%</b>  |
| Facility Maintenance/Operations                                      | \$1,108,816         | <b>10%</b> |
| Classroom Technology   | \$400,704           | <b>4%</b>  |
| Classroom and Kindergarten Assistants                                | \$366,275           | <b>3%</b>  |
| Professional Development for Staff                                   | \$252,128           | <b>2%</b>  |
| Curriculum, Supplies, Field Trips                                    | \$490,547           | <b>4%</b>  |
| Community and Parent Outreach  | \$127,701           | <b>1%</b>  |
| Additional Days Beyond State Minimum                                 | \$932,194           | <b>8%</b>  |
| <b>» Total Levy</b>  | <b>\$11,010,402</b> |            |

NOTE: Total FTE Staff Funded by Levy: 103 Employees



# REPLACEMENT LEVY SUMMARY

## Levy = Learning Bond = Building

Levies are different than bonds. Levies pay for educational programs and opportunities for students the state does not fund. Bonds are used for the construction of new schools, major building remodels or major facility upgrades.

### Summary of 2020 Levy Proposal

2021 - \$11.01M (projected rate \$2.50 per \$1,000)  
2022 - \$11.29M (projected rate \$2.50 per \$1,000)  
2023 - \$11.57M (projected rate \$2.50 per \$1,000)  
2024 - \$11.86M (projected rate \$2.50 per \$1,000)

*These rates are based on per \$1,000 of assessed property value.*

### State Funding Limitations

*The State of Washington funds a basic prototypical school model for public schools. This funding model does not provide the level of programming offered in Walla Walla Public Schools. The Replacement Education Levy makes up the difference.*

### Here are some powerful facts:

#### STATE BASIC EDUCATION FUNDS: (WWPS)

- <1 Less Than 1 Staffed Nurse for 5,800 Students
- 1/3 1/3 of a Social Worker, District-Wide
- 9 Teacher's Assistants, District-Wide
- 21 Campus Custodians for 1M sq ft
- 1 School Safety Staff for 12 Campuses
- 3 Technology Employees
- 10 Facilities/Maintenance Employees

#### WWPS LEVY FUNDS ENSURE: (Actual)

- 13 School Health Clinicians
- 16 Intervention Specialists/Social Workers
- 24 Classroom & Kindergarten Assistants
- 30 Campus Custodians
- 7 School Safety Staff
- 9 Technology Employees
- 20 Facilities/Maintenance Employees

# WHAT WILL IT COST YOU?

Tax rates are projected to remain the same through 2024

|  | 2016 VOTER-APPROVED<br>CURRENT LEVY |                     |                        |                         | 2020 PROPOSED<br>REPLACEMENT LEVY |                     |                     |                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2017                                | 2018                | 2019                   | 2020                    | 2021                              | 2022                | 2023                | 2024                |
| » Approved Levy Amount<br>» (McCleary Impact)                          | \$11.23M                            | \$11.46M            | \$11.69M<br>(\$5.29M*) | \$11.92M<br>(\$10.59M*) | \$11.01M                          | \$11.29M            | \$11.57M            | \$11.86M            |
| » Estimated Rate/\$1,000<br>» (Actual Levied Rate)                     | \$3.70<br>(\$3.51)                  | \$3.73<br>(\$3.48)  | \$3.77<br>(\$1.50*)    | \$3.81<br>(\$2.50*)     | \$2.50                            | \$2.50              | \$2.50              | \$2.50              |
| » Projected Annual Tax Bill<br>for a \$250,000 Home<br>» (Actual Cost) | \$925/yr<br>(\$878)                 | \$932/yr<br>(\$870) | \$943/yr<br>(\$375*)   | \$953/yr<br>(\$625*)    | \$625/yr<br>\$52/mo               | \$625/yr<br>\$52/mo | \$625/yr<br>\$52/mo | \$625/yr<br>\$52/mo |

Increases in property values above projections would reduce rate paid by taxpayers.

*\*McCleary levy impact*

# WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



### ELEMENTARY SPECIALISTS

Elementary Music and Physical Education Specialists are funded by levy dollars.



### ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Levy dollars fund all athletic programs across the district.



### FINE ARTS PROGRAMS

Drama, Music and Fine Arts are funded by levy dollars.



### STUDENT PROGRAMS

The district's award winning FFA and other student programs are supported by levy dollars.



### SAFETY PERSONNEL

The School Resource Officer and additional campus security staff are funded by the levy.



*All levy dollars stay in Walla Walla to fund local programs*