



Liberty School District #362

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Liberty School District will provide a safe, nurturing, and rigorous learning environment, maximizing each student's potential today, with tomorrow in mind.

Dear Liberty Community,

Please let me take a moment to express how thankful we are for your ongoing support of our district, facilities and programs. This support has helped to build the Liberty School District into the wonderful educational system we are today. Your levy dollars help support the programs and facilities within the school district, which in turn, support, educate and promote the well-being of our children. The children in school today are the doctors, nurses, farmers, ranchers, business people and leaders of tomorrow. Your support makes their quality education possible.

Every three years we run levies to replace the levies that are expiring. The school levies represent just under 17 percent of our district's total yearly budget. The levy funds will cover the difference from what we receive in state funding and for what is necessary to provide a well-rounded educational program for our students.

At all times, but especially during our current COVID-19 crisis, the district is doing everything we can to provide services to all of our students. The levy funds help fill the gaps that state funding does not provide.

If you have any questions or concerns about the levies or any other school issues, please contact me at (509) 624-4415 or bbaum@libertysd.us.

Sincerely,

Brett Baum

Superintendent



Liberty School District

Levy Facts

Vote by **February 9, 2021**

On the February 9th ballot, Liberty School District voters will be asked to renew the **Educational Programs & Operations Levy** and the **Technology, Safety & Security Levy**, both of which expire in 2021.

Approximately 17% of the total school district budget is funded by our local community.

These are **NOT** new taxes.

Approximately 550 students and 100 staff members are directly affected by the levies.

The following are supported in whole or in part by local levy funds:

Security Cameras, Teachers, Supplies, Music, Art, Food Service, Activity Buses, Counselors, K-8 Principal, Nurse, Classified Staff, Computers and Technology, Activities, Field Trips, Facilities and Maintenance, Curriculum, Substitute Teachers, Highly Capable Program, and more.

Monthly Cost Examples for 2022:

Levies & Rates	Assessed Value	Cost
EPO \$1.79/\$1,000	\$100,000	\$14.92
TSS \$0.21/\$1,000	\$100,000	\$1.75

The replacement levy rates are expected to **decrease 9%** from the current combined rate over the proposed levy time period.

Levy tax exemptions are available.

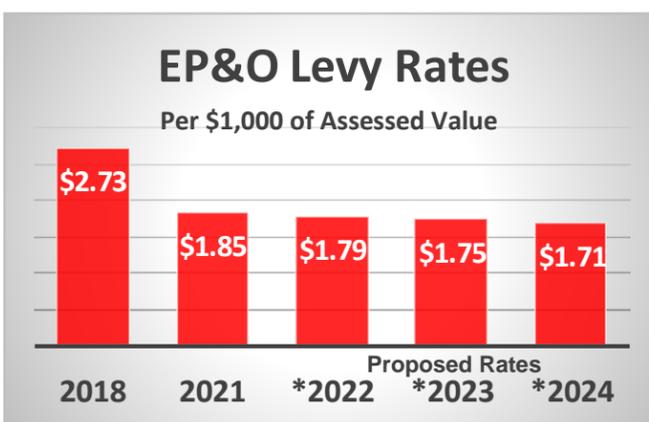
Go to:

www.spokanecounty.org/281/Senior-Disabled-Person-Tax-Exemption

for more information about exemptions and applications.

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EPO) Levy

- ✓ The EPO levy is a **replacement** of the expiring three-year levy. **It is not a new tax.**
- ✓ The EPO levy helps maintain current educational programs, smaller class sizes, maintenance of facilities and grounds, and student activities not funded by state or federal dollars.
- ✓ The EPO Levy will provide approximately 17 percent of Liberty School District's total budget: *(The current EPO levy rate is \$1.85 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.)*
 - * \$1,484,202 in 2022 (tax rate = \$1.79 per \$1,000)
 - * \$1,564,881 in 2023 (tax rate = \$1.75 per \$1,000)
 - * \$1,647,984 in 2024 (tax rate = \$1.71 per \$1,000)



Liberty's Educational Programs and Operations Levy Supports:

Maintaining Smaller Class Sizes

Activities and Field Trips

Music and Arts

Facilities and Maintenance

Computers and Technology

Nutrition Services

Equipment, Utilities and Fuel

Curriculum

K-8 Principal

Highly Capable and Other Programs

Nurse and Counseling Services



Replacement Technology, Safety and Security (TSS) Levy

✓ The Technology, Safety and Security levy is a **replacement** of the expiring three-year levy.

The TSS levy is used to:

- Maintain servers and networks
- Supply classrooms and labs with up-to-date 1:1 equipment
- Pay for annual software licenses and Internet connection fees
- Train instructional staff
- Improve campus security, security cameras and door access

The TSS levy will provide \$175,000 per year, taxed as follows per \$1,000 of assessed property value:

Year	Tax Rate
2022	\$0.21
2023	\$0.20
2024	\$0.18



Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or delivered to a drop-box on or before **Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**