



CASHMERE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS (EP&O)

Levy Facts

PLEASE VOTE BY FEBRUARY 13!

NOT A NEW TAX

The current voter-approved levy ends in 2024. The proposed February 2024 levy replaces it and extends through 2028. The levy helps pay for things the state **does not fund or underfunds**, such as:



SAFETY &
SECURITY



STAFF & SMALLER
CLASS SIZES



BUILDING
MAINTENANCE



TEXTBOOKS
& SUPPLIES



TECHNOLOGY
SUPPORT



ACTIVITIES
& ATHLETICS



BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAMS



ARTS, DRAMA
& MUSIC



SPECIAL
EDUCATION



PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

ESTIMATED COST*

The estimated tax rate for the replacement EP&O levy is \$2.10 per thousand assessed value. This is 7¢ more than the 2024 rate, which amounts to an increase of \$38 per year for the owner of a \$400K home. At the same time, existing bond tax rates are decreasing, so **total school taxes will be less than in previous years** (see rate chart on reverse).

*2024–2028 tax rates are estimates.
Rates are per \$1,000 assessed value.

YEAR	COLLECTION AMOUNT	ESTIMATED TAX RATE*	AVG. COST FOR \$400K HOMEOWNER
EXPIRING EP&O LEVY			
2024	\$2,709,354	\$2.03	\$812/year
PROPOSED EP&O LEVY			
2025	\$2,934,371	\$2.10	\$840/year
2026	\$3,081,090	\$2.10	\$840/year
2027	\$3,235,144	\$2.10	\$840/year
2028	\$3,396,901	\$2.10	\$840/year



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DID YOU KNOW?

Cashmere Schools will receive

**\$1.1 million in extra
state funding**

but **only** if the EP&O
levy passes.

REPLACEMENT EP&O LEVY FAQ



ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED LEVY QUESTIONS:

Q: WHAT IS A SCHOOL LEVY?

A: A school levy is a local funding measure that helps pay for student-centered programs, services, and staffing that the state and federal money doesn't cover. An easy way to remember what levies pay for is "levies are for learning."

Q: IS THIS LEVY A NEW TAX?

A: The Cashmere EP&O Levy on the February 13 ballot is not a new tax. It replaces an existing voter-approved levy to fund the continuation of programs and services families count on. Much like a subscription, every few years the district asks the community to renew this local funding measure and continue to support the programs and services families expect.

Q: DOESN'T THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FULLY FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION?

A: No, the state and federal governments do not fully fund public education. Although the state has invested more money in schools in recent years, it only funds part of the actual cost of education. In Cashmere, the state funds 75% of its budget, the federal government funds 11%, and local tax dollars support the rest—making up 14% of Cashmere's overall operating budget.

Q: DOES CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT GET EXTRA STATE FUNDING IF THE LEVY PASSES?

A: Yes, Cashmere is eligible for \$1.1 million in LEA from the state, but only if the levy passes. The state gives extra funding called Local Effort Assistance (LEA) to a select few districts that meet certain criteria. Cashmere is considered "property poor" meaning that there are fewer property owners to share the cost of a local levy, so the state will provide assistance.

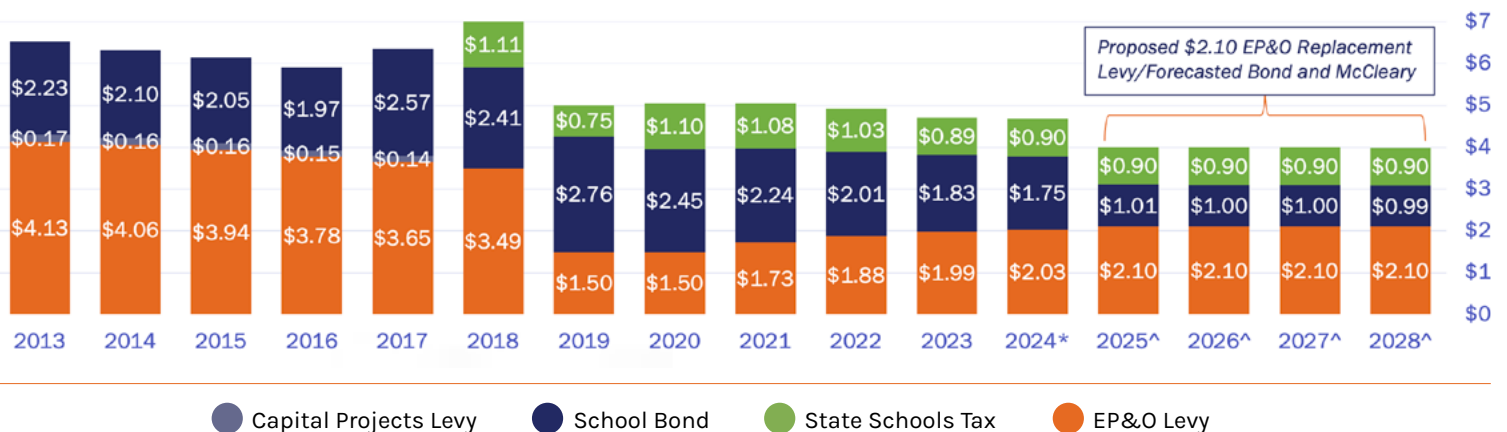
Q: HOW DO I KNOW THAT CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS USING TAXPAYER MONEY RESPONSIBLY?

A: Cashmere School District's per pupil expenditure is well below the state average, which is a good indicator of responsible and conservative spending.

Q: HOW DOES THIS LEVY COMPARE TO PAST LEVIES?

A: Even with a proposed seven cent per thousand tax increase total school taxes are much lower than in past years. The current levy proposal will result in lower overall school tax rates in 2025 than residents have seen in the last 10 years. We are grateful to our community for their support and are conservative with our "ask" to voters, which is less than the state's maximum allowable levy rate.

SCHOOL TAX RATE HISTORY



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Ensuring a Quality Education for Every Student