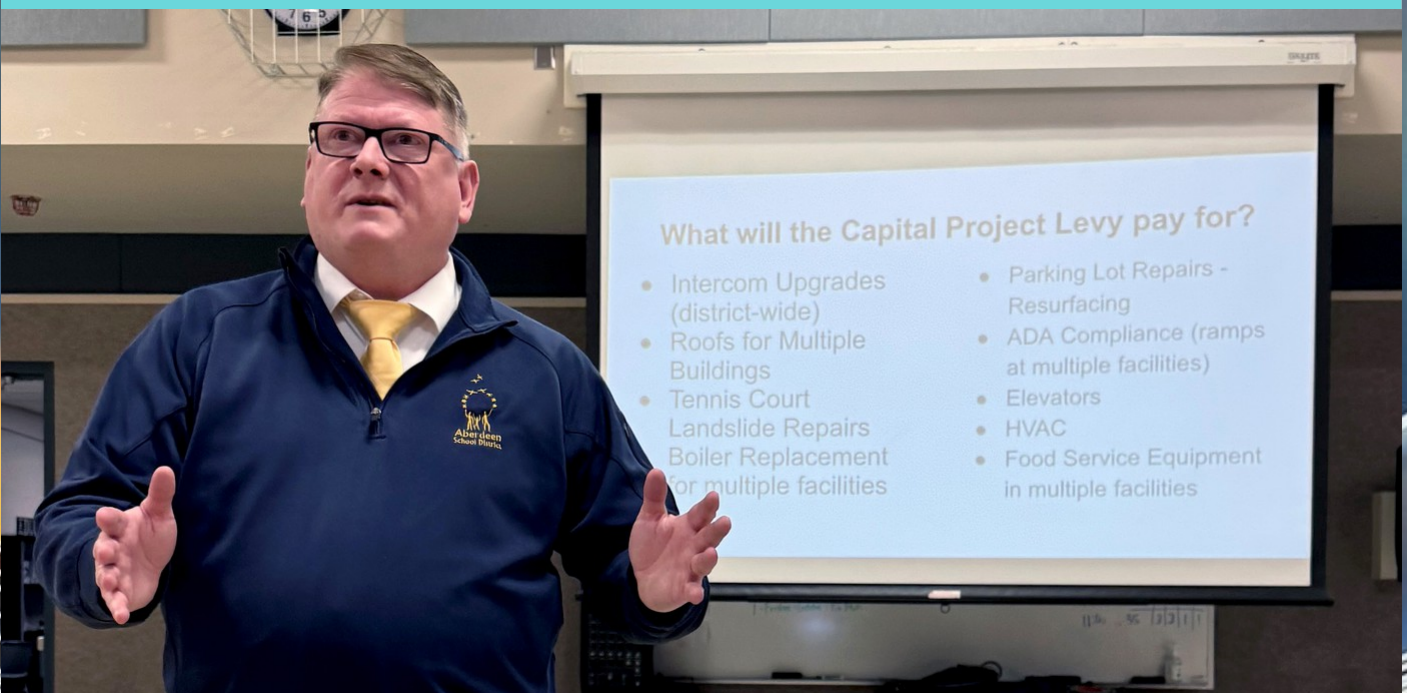


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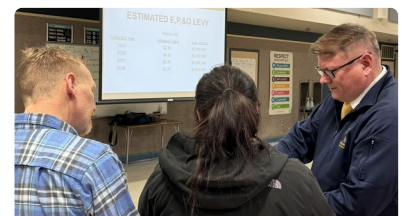


Above, Superintendent Jeffrey Thake presents information on how special levy and capital levy funds will be used during a meeting at Central Park Elementary School. The measures go before voters on the February ballot.

Sharing information on special levies

Superintendent Jeffrey Thake will host two additional town-hall type meetings and host a webinar to give School District residents an opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming EP&O and Capital Projects levies. The upcoming meetings are planned as follows:

- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, via Zoom. Here is the [link to attend](#).
- 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Stevens Elementary School, and
- 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Aberdeen High School.



Both measures go before voters in the February special election. You can review the superintendent's full report [here](#).

There are two measures the community will decide:

1. Renewal of the **Education Programs & Operations Levy**, (aka the EP&O levy). This levy funds programs and activities not funded by the state, especially athletics, music, other extra-curricular activities and maintenance. Local funds are also used to augment underfunding by the state and federal government for important services such as the school health offices and school counselors.
2. A **Capital Projects Levy**. This is new. Now that the bonds for the high school are paid off, the School Board is requesting this special, four-year levy to raise funds for needed capital improvements. The School Board has concluded a capital levy of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the next four years will allow the District to make improvements to our aging school buildings. By comparison, the tax rate this final year of the high school bond payments was \$1.38 per \$1,000.

How much will both levies cost?

If approved in February, collection would start in 2025. The tax rate for both levies will not exceed \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and would decrease to \$3.32 by 2028. By comparison, this year's tax rate for both the local levy and the high school bonds was \$3.82.

Anyone with questions is invited to contact Superintendent Thake. He is also available to speak to local groups and organizations about the proposals. These meetings can be arranged by contacting him at (360) 538-2002 or via email at jthake@asd5.org.

Election Dates to Remember

Jan. 23-24 -- Ballots scheduled to be mailed

Feb. 13 -- Deadline to drop off or mail ballots. Mailed ballots must have Feb. 13 postmark to be counted.

Event Information

Special Levy Community Webinar

Aberdeen School District residents are invited to hear Superintendent Jeffrey Thake share information about the upcoming levy election at a community meeting via Zoom. There will be time for questions. Here is a [link to the meeting](#). Sign up now so you don't forget!

When?

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024, 06:00 PM

Levy Q & A February 13, 2024



Voters in the Aberdeen School District will decide two levies during the Feb. 13, 2024 special election:

- An Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy for programs
- A Capital Projects Levy for projects

What will the levies pay for?

The EP&O Levy is a renewal of the existing levy, which is expiring. It will continue the community's support for programs such as athletics, music, drama, school counselors, nurses/health assistants, curriculum, technology, building maintenance, and other programs that are either not funded or are underfunded by the state.

The Capital Levy is new and will fund modern upgrades to our aging buildings and technology infrastructure. The bonds for J.M. Weatherwax High School are now paid off. The \$1 per \$1,000 being proposed for building upgrades is less than the annual tax rate was for the high school.

Where do public schools get their money?

About 72% comes from the state, about 18% from the federal government, about 9% from local taxes, and 1% from other sources such as grants or fees.

Why is the District asking for more money?

The current EP&O levy approved four years ago was for \$5,200,000 in each of the four years. This replacement request is for \$5,950,000 per year for the next four years and reflects increased program costs.

Due to the high school bond being paid off, the combined tax rate of both the EP&O Levy and the Capital Projects Levy will not result in a rate increase.

EP&O Levy		
Collection Year	Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.50	\$5,950,000
2026	\$2.50	\$5,950,000
2027	\$2.42	\$5,950,000
2028	\$2.32	\$5,950,000
Capital Projects Levy		
2025	\$1.00	\$2,188,984
2026	\$1.00	\$2,276,544
2027	\$1.00	\$2,367,606
2028	\$1.00	\$2,462,310

How much will the combined levy cost property owners?

Collection Year	Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Cost for \$250,000 Home
2025 (est)	\$3.50	\$875.00
2026	\$3.50	\$875.00
2027	\$3.42	\$855.00
2028	\$3.32	\$830.00

More Information is available at www.asd5.org

How do schools get "local" dollars?

Through voter-approved property taxes such as the two being proposed.

Property owners pay a set amount for each \$1,000 of their property's value (called Assessed Valuation or AV). These levies cannot be increased once approved. Below is the estimated rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for both levies.

Why ask for a Capital Levy and not a Bond?

As you may recall, a bond initiative that was proposed to replace one of our elementary schools at the last election cycle failed by one (1) vote. Bond planning for a new school can take several years. Meantime, we have current facility needs that should be addressed before the next bond initiative for a new school is placed before voters.

When is the vote?

Ballots will be mailed in late January, with all ballots due on or before February 13, 2024.

Do all school districts receive equal state funding?

The state recognizes that some communities have higher property values and can more easily raise funds to support their schools. That is not the case in Aberdeen. For this reason, the state will provide a "match" to districts like ours if the levy passes. In the previous calendar year, the Aberdeen School District received an additional \$2.4 million from the state because voters supported the levy.

This match to our schools is over 3.67% of the total budget and is not available unless the levy is approved.

What programs does the EP&O Levy fund?

All extra-curricular, co-curricular, PE, music, and drama programs are funded with local levy dollars. The elementary swimming program and Outdoor School are supported with levy dollars. In addition, the levy helps fund salaries for staff to improve student learning and other professional development; para-educator support in the classroom and on the playground; improve and maintain technology in our classrooms; support the services and supplies needed to clean and maintain our buildings and grounds. The levy will also augment school counselor staffing above the state funding model so that services remain available. The capital levy will be used for construction/facility upgrades to continue investing in our existing facilities.

Aren't these items funded by the state under basic education funding?

No. Basic education funds from the state and federal government provide about 90% of the cost of basic education. The funds requested through this levy represent about 9% of the proposed budget for the next four (4) years. When the incentive funds from the state are factored in, the impact on the budget is 12%.

What are co-curricular or extracurricular programs?

These include drama, musicals, the swim program, athletic programs and competitions, performing arts and marching bands, choir, orchestra and other after school activities. These funds also supplement the staff funded by the state to support academic and social emotional support for all students. The levy funds make it possible to provide these opportunities to all students regardless of income.

More Information is available at www.asd5.org

Miller celebrating its 100th birthday this month!



On Sunday, Jan.28, there will be a Centennial Celebration and Open House at Miller Junior High School. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

The program will begin in the MJH Gym at 2 p.m. Following the program, there will be an Open House. Attendees will be able to tour the school and see the exhibits that Miller students and others have created, detailing Miller's storied history over the past 10 decades.

This is a community-wide event and everyone is invited to help celebrate.



Miller Junior High Centennial T-Shirt Order Form.pdf

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336.8 KB

Annual review of sexual health materials set for Jan. 17



The Teaching and Learning Department invites parents with questions about the District's sexual health curriculum to a meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Stewart Building, 900 Cleveland Street, to furnish parents an opportunity to preview the HIV prevention and sexual health education program. All student instructional materials will be available for your inspection.

Following a preview of the materials, parents who wish to have their child excused from the HIV prevention program will sign a release form. State law provides that a parent or guardian must attend such a meeting before they can have their child or legal ward excused from participation in the HIV prevention program.

A letter with additional information is being sent to parents. The letter is posted on the District website in both English and Spanish [here](#).

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Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 16

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to schoolboard@asd5.org. Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent's Office or by contacting individual board members.

Get your game tickets online or at the door



The Athletic Department is pleased to introduce online ticket sales to sporting events through GoFan. You can still buy tickets at the gate. Athletic Director John Crabb said the e-ticket option is available for all home sporting events. Patrons can buy season tickets or individual tickets.

Access the online ticket site using the QR code at left or by visiting [here](#).



ABERDEEN LITTLE LEAGUE

2024 Signups!

It's that time of year again! Aberdeen Little League is having their annual Signups.

Signups will be online starting December 1, 2023 with two in person sign ups located at the Little League concession stand.

When you signup online you will be able to create an account, add your child, select a program, fill out most of the required paperwork. You will still need to print and fill out the medical release and school enrollment forms and upload them.

If you have already created an account online with us in the past, you will still need to sign in and enter your child into an available program.

Please Visit <https://www.aberdeenlittleleague.org> to sign up.

Signup Dates Online:	Player Fees:
December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024	T-Ball (ages 4-6) \$50
	Coach Pitch (6-8) \$50
Signup Dates In Person:	Minors (8-11) \$100
January 20, 2024 – 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Majors (10-12) \$100
January 24, 2024 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	

We accept credit card or cash and will NOT accept checks for registration fees.

Tryout Dates:
Tryouts will be held at the Bishop Building. Time slots are based on last name.
Minors – February 6, 2024 A-L 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; M-Z 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Majors – February 7, 2024 A-L 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; M-Z 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Please watch our Aberdeen Little League facebook page for updated information.

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A.J. West Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2130 / Principal Nani Villarreal

Central Park Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2170 / Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda

McDermoth Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2120 / Principal Mindi Hammill

Robert Gray Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2140 / Principal Sherri Northington

Stevens Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2150 / Principal Jamie Stotler

Harbor Learning Center

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2180 / Principal Lisa Griebel

Hopkins Preschool

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2190 / Principal Darby Carroll

Miller Junior High School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2100 / Principal John Meers

Aberdeen High School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2040 General / Principal Aaron Roiko
- (360) 538-2060 Attendance Line

2023-2024 Aberdeen School District Calendar

August 2023				
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August 2023
 28 Professional Development
 29 Professional Development
 30 First Day of School

September 2023
 04 Labor Day--No School

October 2023

November 2023
 10 Veterans Day Observed -
 No School
 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2023
 15 Early Release
 18-29 Winter Break

January 2024
 01 Winter Break continues
 15 Martin Luther King, Jr
 Holiday--No School

February 2024
 19 Presidents Day Holiday
 --No School
 20 Professional Development--
 No School

March 2024
 15 Weather Makeup Day, If
 Needed

April 2024
 1-5 Spring Break

May 2024
 24 Weather Makeup Day,
 If Needed
 27 Memorial Day Holiday

June 2024
 13 Last Day of School / Early
 Release
 19 Juneteenth

* Denotes Board meeting
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Office of the Education Ombuds

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) was created to help families navigate the education system.

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