

LONE ROCK ROCKETTS

TECH LEVY

Lone Rock School District is asking voters to consider a \$100,000 Technology Levy in addition to the district's current \$19,650 perpetual technology levy, which has remained unchanged since **2004**. This levy will help the district maintain **safe, secure, and effective technology systems** for students, staff, and daily school operations.

IMPORTANT - Approval of this levy:

NOT increase student time on devices.

WILL increase student safety and maintain essential technology systems.

MONTANA SCHOOL FUNDING

Under Montana law, the state does not fully fund school district budgets.

- The state funds about 80% of a district's maximum budget
- Local voters must approve levies to fund the remaining 20%

For every \$1 needed to operate the school:

- The state provides about 80¢
- Local taxpayers must approve the remaining 20¢

Lone Rock School District is currently operating at 83.8% of the maximum budget allowed by the state, which means the district relies on community support to provide important resources for students.

WHY MOVE TECHNOLOGY COSTS OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND?

Moving technology costs into a dedicated levy allows the district to protect funding for other student priorities, including:

- Keeping curriculum updated on a 5-year adoption cycle
- Updating student assessments to guide instruction
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Investing in professional development for teachers
- Providing additional academic supports for students

TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

Currently, these costs are largely paid out of the General Fund.

YEAR	ENROLLMENT	TECH LEVY AMOUNT	LEVY AMOUNT PER STUDENT	TOTAL ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY COST (2026)
2004	295	\$19,650	\$66.61	\$126,539
2026	274	\$19,650	\$71.72	
ACTUAL TECH COST PER STUDENT 2026...			\$461.82	

TAX IMPACT

HOME VALUE

*\$100,000

*\$300,000

*\$600,000

MONTHLY COST

\$0.83

\$2.50

\$5.74

ANNUAL COST

\$9.99

\$29.96

\$68.86

• Financial analysis per MCA 15-10-425b

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Community Information (Q&A) nights:

- **March 26 @ 5:30 in MPR**
- **April 1 @ 6:00 in MPR**

or www.lonerockschool.org



The goal of this levy is simple: **to keep students safe while maintaining the technology systems that support learning and daily school operations.**

School and Student Safety & Security Building Reserve Levy:

In addition to the Technology Levy, Lone Rock School District is asking voters to consider a \$50,000 School and Student Safety and Security Building Reserve Levy.

This levy is focused specifically on improving the physical safety of the school campus and facilities.

Maintaining a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors remains a top priority for the district.

If approved, the levy would cost approximately:

Home Value	Monthly	Annual Cost
\$100,000*	\$0.42	\$4.99
\$300,000*	\$1.25	\$14.98
\$600,000*	\$2.87	\$34.43

* Financial analysis per MCA 15-10-425b

If approved, the levy would help the district:

- Update aging security cameras and safety systems
- Improve building security infrastructure
- Address needed safety-related building repairs
- Continue strengthening campus safety measures

Some of the district's safety systems and building infrastructure are aging and need updates to continue operating effectively. This levy would allow the district to make these improvements while maintaining a safe learning environment.

Together, the Technology Levy and the School and Student Safety & Security Building Reserve Levy help ensure Lone Rock School can:

- Maintain safe buildings and campus security
- Protect students in an increasingly digital world
- Maintain the systems needed for safe school operations

These investments help ensure Lone Rock School continues to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Our Commitment to the Community...

Lone Rock School understands that many families are facing financial challenges due to rising costs. Asking the community for additional funding is not something the district takes lightly.

District leaders are committed to:

- *Being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars*
- *Using funds efficiently and transparently*
- *Ensuring every dollar supports students and school safety*

Thank you for your continued support of Lone Rock students and school!