

9 MILE Connected

October 2026
Nine Mile Falls School
District Newsletter

Important Dates

October 9
No School
Professional
Learning Day

October 9
Homecoming
Football Game
with Fireworks

October 13
Public Forum
Lakeside Middle School
Auditorium @6pm

Superintendent's Message

Dear Nine Mile Falls Families and Community Members,

As we move into October, there is a noticeable change taking place around our community. The days are getting a little shorter, the mornings a little cooler, and the trees are beginning to show the beautiful colors of fall. It is one of my favorite times of year in Nine Mile Falls, and it also serves as a reminder of how quickly the school year moves. Before we know it, we will be well into the holiday season and looking toward the new year.

For now, there is plenty happening in our schools and throughout our community. October brings opportunities for our staff to learn and grow together, families to connect with teachers, and our community to come together to support our students. I would like to share a few important dates and events with you.

Professional Learning Day – October 9

Friday, October 9, will be a **non-student day** as our Nine Mile Falls educators participate in professional learning. This time gives our staff an opportunity to collaborate, reflect on student learning, and continue strengthening our instructional practices. We remain committed to our belief that **effective instruction is paramount** and that **each student will succeed**.

That evening, Lakeside High School will host its **Homecoming football game**, with fireworks provided by the LHS Boosters and ASB. Homecoming is always a special opportunity to see our students, families, staff, and community come together to celebrate our Eagles. I hope you will join us for the game and help make it a memorable evening for our Nine Mile community.

Public Forum – October 13

On **Tuesday, October 13, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.**, the Nine Mile Falls School Board will host a Public Forum in the Auditorium at Lakeside Middle School.

The forum will provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about the **Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy** and the **Capital Levy**, ask questions, and hear information directly from district representatives prior to the November election.

The Replacement EP&O Levy provides local funding for programs, services, staffing, and opportunities that the state does not pay for. The Capital Levy will address identified facility, infrastructure, safety, and security needs within the district. We recognize that these are important decisions for our community, and we want our families and community members to have access to clear information and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information on the Replacement EP&O Levy and the Capital Levy, please visit our website at

<https://www.9mile.org/o/district/page/november-2026-levy>



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Important Dates

October 15
Parent Engagement
Meeting
@LHS 6pm

October 21-23
P-8 Parent/Teacher
Conferences

October 27
School Board
Meeting
@NMFE 6pm

Superintendent's Message

Monthly Parent Engagement Meeting – October 15

Because of our fall conferences, this month's Parent Engagement Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on **Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeside High School Library.**

We will continue our work reviewing and selecting questions for our **parent feedback survey**, which will be sent to families in November. I appreciate the parents and community members who continue to take the time to participate in these conversations. Your feedback helps us better understand the experiences of our families and how we can continue to improve.

Fall P–8 Conferences – October 21–23

Fall conferences are another important opportunity for families and educators to connect around student learning. Our **P–8 fall conferences will be held October 21–23.**

For our P–8 students, **Wednesday, October 21, will be a half-day early release**, with conferences taking place that afternoon. There will be **no school for P–8 students on Thursday, October 22, and Friday, October 23**, allowing families and educators additional opportunities to meet throughout these two days.

These conversations are an important part of the partnership between home and school. I encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity to talk with teachers about their child's progress, celebrate successes, and identify ways we can work together to support continued growth.

As the leaves begin to change and fall settles into our community, I am reminded once again how fortunate I am to be part of Nine Mile Falls. It was just two short months ago that fires impacted our community, and once again, we saw the very best of Nine Mile Falls. Neighbors stepped up, families supported one another, and our community rallied around each other when we needed it most. We leaned in together, and in doing so, reminded ourselves what it means to be **9 Mile Strong.**

Thank you for the continued support you provide to our students, staff, and schools. Whether it is attending an evening school event, meeting with a teacher, participating in a parent engagement meeting, or simply encouraging a student in our community, those connections matter. They are what make Nine Mile Falls such a special place to live, learn, and grow.

Thank you for all you do for our students and for being part of our Nine Mile Falls community.

I am 9Mile Proud!

Jeff Baerwald





**NINE MILE FALLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Providing for the success of each child
through educational excellence.*

PUBLIC FORUM

The Nine Mile Falls School Board will be hosting
a Public Forum to answer questions about the
**November 3, 2026 Replacement Educational
Programs & Operations Levy** and the **Capital Levy**.

We will also address any other questions community
members or parents may have.



DATE

Tuesday, October 13, 2026



TIME

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



LOCATION

**Auditorium at
Lakeside Middle School**

Scan Here for more
information about the Levy

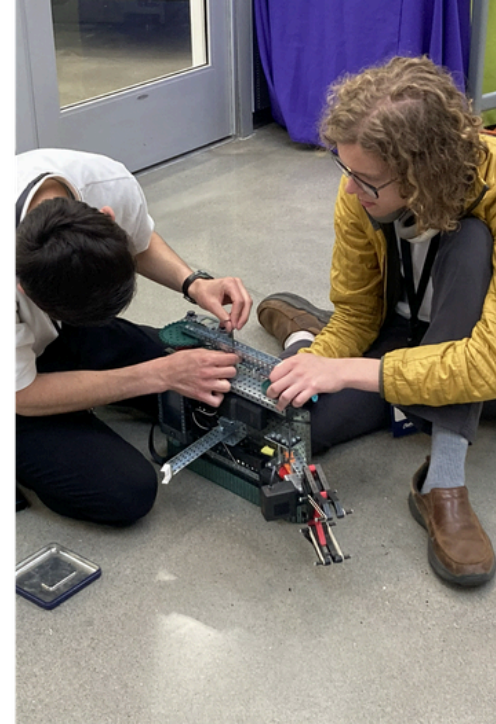


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NOVEMBER 3, 2026

TWO LOCAL FUNDING MEASURES

Replacement EP&O Levy
Capital Levy
Nine Mile Falls School District



WHY LOCAL LEVIES?

Washington State funds basic education, but levies pay for programs, services, staffing, and opportunities that our families have come to expect *beyond what the state pays for.*



For more information about the November 3rd Propositions, please visit: www.9mile.org

PROPOSITION 1 REPLACEMENT EP&O LEVY

Educational Programs & Operations

3-YEAR LEVY

WHAT DOES THE EP&O LEVY PAY FOR?

The REPLACEMENT EP&O levy **continues local funding** for programs, services, staffing, and opportunities beyond what the state funds.

- ✓ Safety and Security
- ✓ Music and Arts
- ✓ Nurses and Counselors
- ✓ Smaller Classes
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ School Resource Deputy
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Extra-curricular Activities
- ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State

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PROPOSITION 2 CAPITAL LEVY

Investing in Our Facilities. Building for Tomorrow.

6-YEAR LEVY

WHAT WILL THE CAPITAL LEVY PROVIDE?

The Capital Levy will provide funding to **replace, improve, and modernize** our school facilities and infrastructure district-wide.

- ✓ Replacing a failing roof at Lakeside High School
- ✓ Replacing condemned portable classrooms at Lakeside High School
- ✓ Modernizing aged security systems district-wide
- ✓ Upgrading fire systems district-wide
- ✓ Improving facilities and infrastructure district-wide

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FAILING LHS ROOF

CONDEMNED LHS PORTABLE

OUTDATED SECURITY SYSTEMS

WHAT WILL IT COST?

A continued investment in our students and our community.

Year	Bond Levy	Capital Projects Levy	EP&O Levy	Total
2026	\$0.38	\$0.00	\$2.27	\$2.65
2027	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$2.32	\$2.70
2028	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$2.10	\$2.48
2029	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$2.10	\$2.48
2030	\$0.00	\$0.38	\$2.10	\$2.48

Estimated tax rates, listed per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

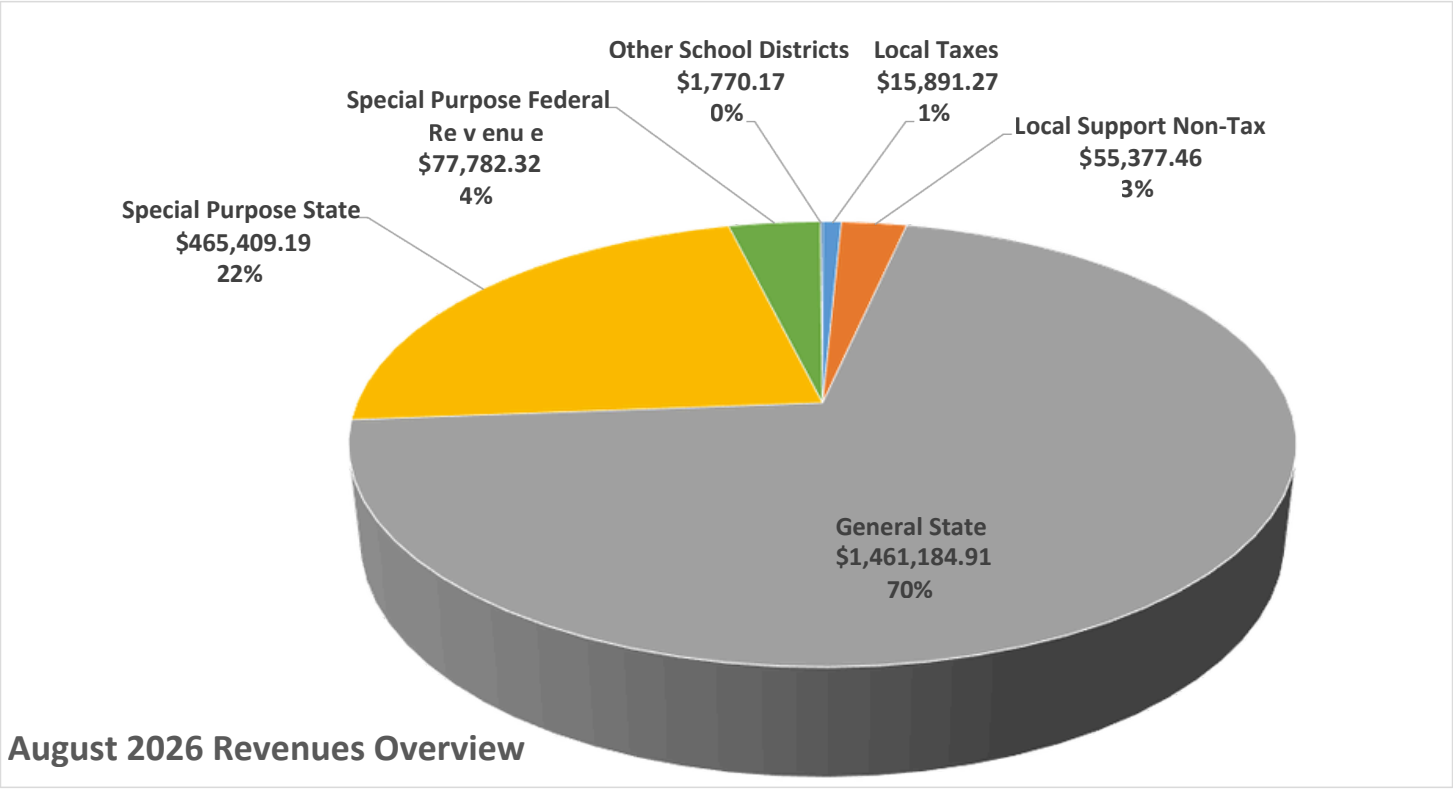
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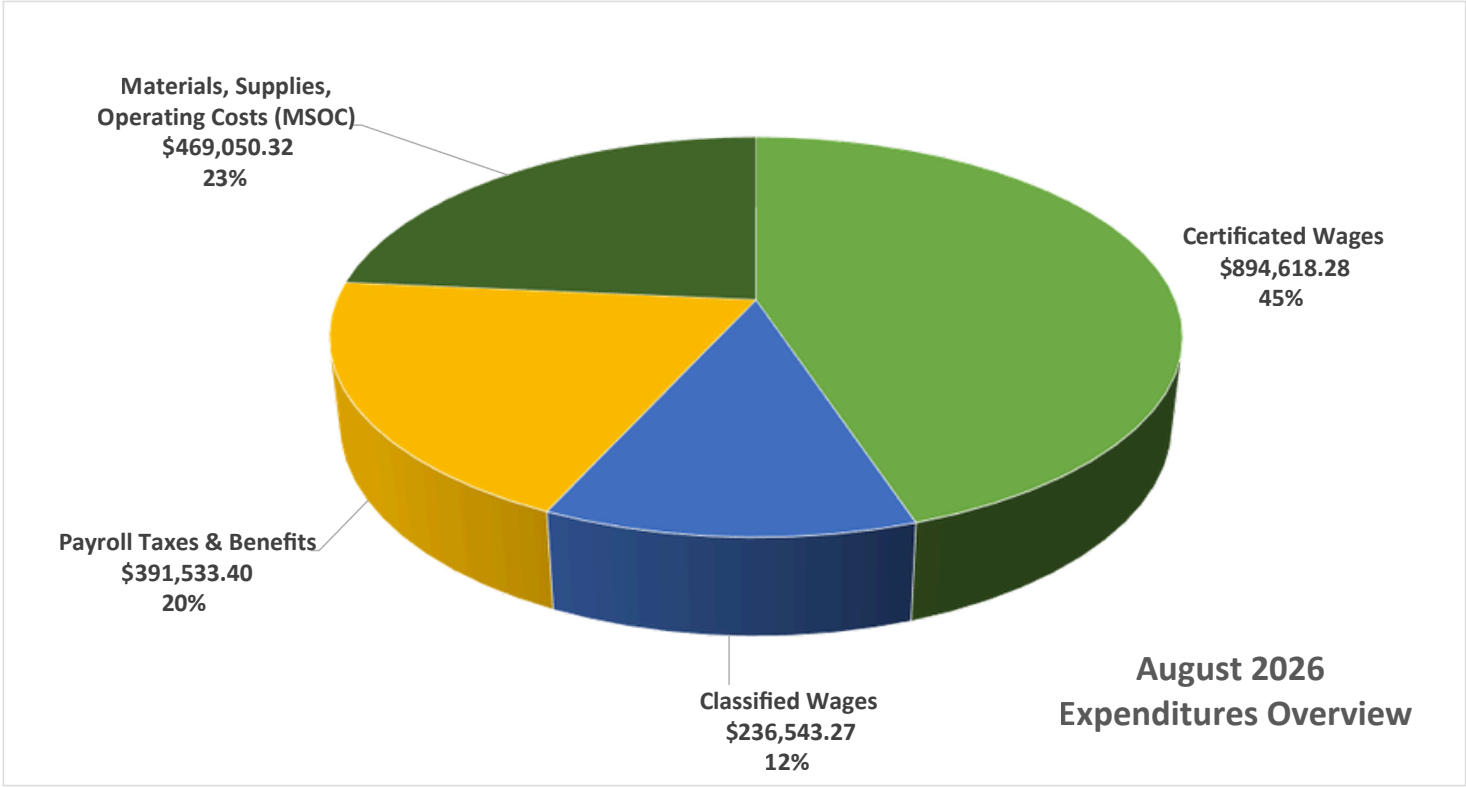
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Total August Revenues: \$2,077,415.32



Total August Expenditures and Transfers: \$1,991,745.27