



April 2026
Nine Mile Falls School
District Newsletter

Superintendent's Message

Dear Nine Mile Falls Families and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. As we move into the final quarter of the school year, I would like to share several important updates and upcoming opportunities to stay connected with our schools.

School Board Vacancy Interviews

The Nine Mile Falls School Board will be conducting interviews to fill the current board vacancy on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lakeside High School Library. Anytime a board member resigns from their board position during their current elected term, the remaining school board members are responsible for interviewing and appointing a replacement. The board meeting on April 21st is for this purpose and is open to the public. All community members are welcome to attend as the school board moves through this important process.

Parent Engagement

Our next Parent Engagement Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lakeside High School Library. During this session, we will provide an update on the recent legislative session and discuss its impact on our district, with a particular focus on Transition to Kindergarten (TTK). This is an important and evolving topic, and we value your participation and input. These meetings are open to all community members.

Capital Levy – April 28, 2026

On April 28, 2026, the Nine Mile Falls School District is asking voters to consider a five-year capital levy to support safety, health, and energy-efficiency improvements at Lakeside High School. This levy is focused on maintaining safe, functional, and dependable facilities for our students and community.

Key priorities identified include:

- Replacement of the failing high school roof
- Replacement of the original boiler system
- Upgrades to original, outdated, and inefficient HVAC controls
- Repair and replacement of the track
- Improvements to security cameras to increase campus safety
- Replacement of a condemned portable classroom



Important Dates

April 13
Return to School
All Grades

April 21
School Board
Work Session-
Selection of New
Board Member
@LHS Library 5pm

April 23
Parent Engagement
Meeting
@LHS 6pm

April 28
School Board
Meeting
@NMFE 6pm



LHS roof continues to fail and needs to be replaced



Original LHS boilers from 1990 - only one is operational



HVAC controls are original pneumatic controls - these two air compressors are used to try to maintain building temperatures



1996 portable has been condemned - for 30 years it housed two classrooms



LHS track has extensive cracking and is delaminating from the asphalt surface

The estimated total cost of these projects is approximately \$6.7 million, with \$600,000 in grant funding already secured to offset boiler replacement costs. The proposal is designed to take advantage of an expiring bond rate, helping to reduce the overall tax impact while addressing critical needs.

For a homeowner with an assessed value of \$600,000, the estimated cost increase over the 2026 tax year is \$120 per year, or \$10 per month. These improvements are essential to preserving our community's high school and ensuring a safe learning environment for years to come. Please see the table below that shows the current 2026 bond rate of \$0.38/\$1,000 that expires on January 1, 2027 along with the Capital Levy increase of \$0.20/\$1,000, beginning in 2027 totaling the \$0.58/\$1,000 proposal to the voters.

Local Tax				
Estimated 2027 Levy Rate = \$0.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value				
Valuation	\$400,000	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$600,000
Utilizing \$0.38 current bond rate (expires January 1, 2027)	\$152/year	\$171/year	\$190/year	\$228/year
Increase with Capital Levy Rate of \$0.20	\$80/year	\$90/year	\$100/year	\$120/year
Total annual cost of \$0.58 Capital Levy	\$232/year	\$261/year	\$290/year	\$348/year
Monthly cost	\$19.33	\$21.75	\$24.17	\$29.00

Ballots will be mailed beginning this week, and we encourage all eligible voters to participate in the election on April 28. Additional information about the Capital Levy will be shared with households in the coming week. You can also find details on our district website under the “For Community” section.

Community Notification - Nine Mile Falls Dam

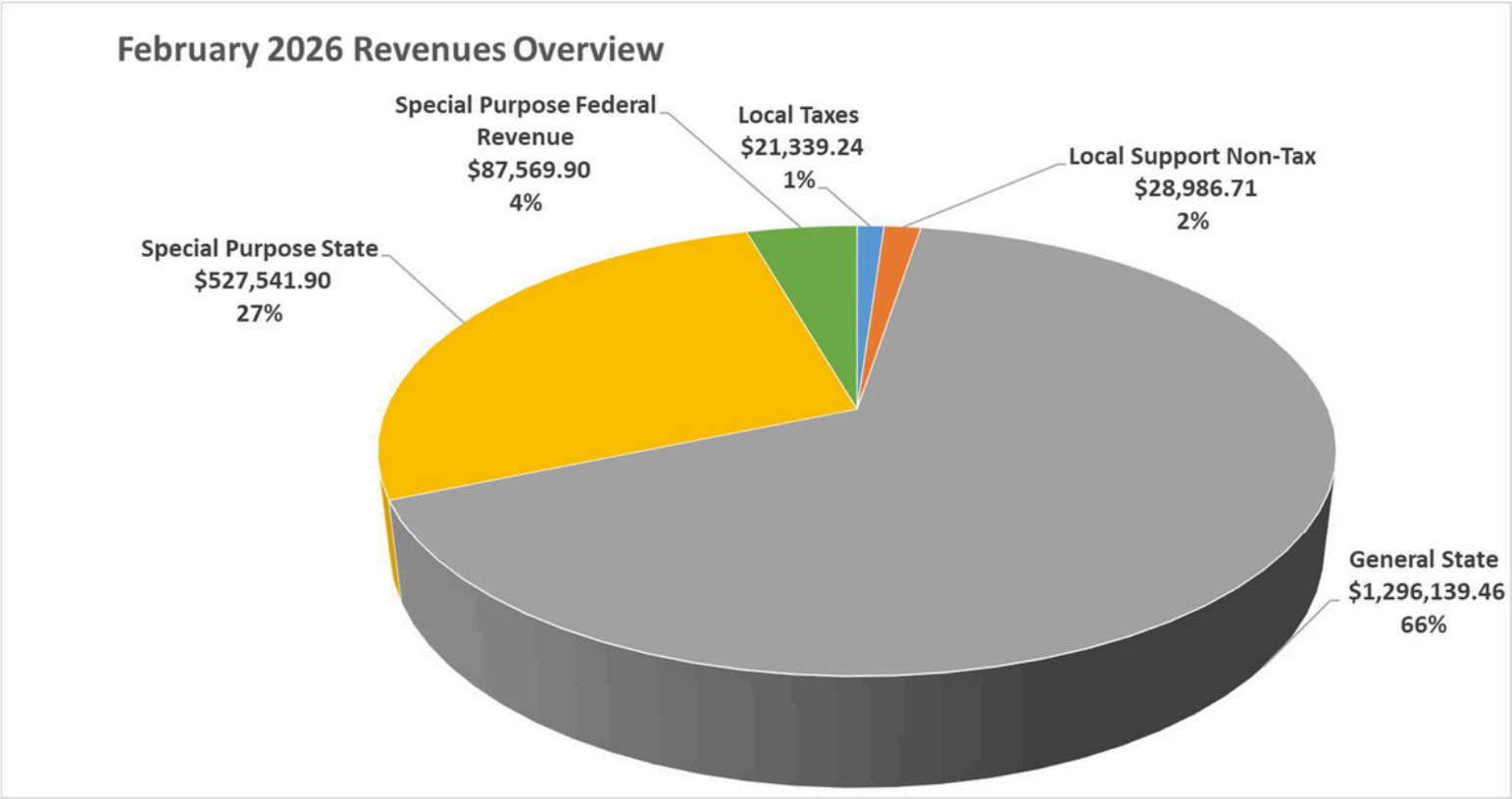
On April 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Avista will be conducting a siren test at Nine Mile Falls Dam. This is only a test; however, we want to ensure our community is aware in advance.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and for staying engaged in the work that strengthens our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or would like more information. You can reach me at (509) 340-4303 / (509) 714-1970 / jbaerwald@9mile.org

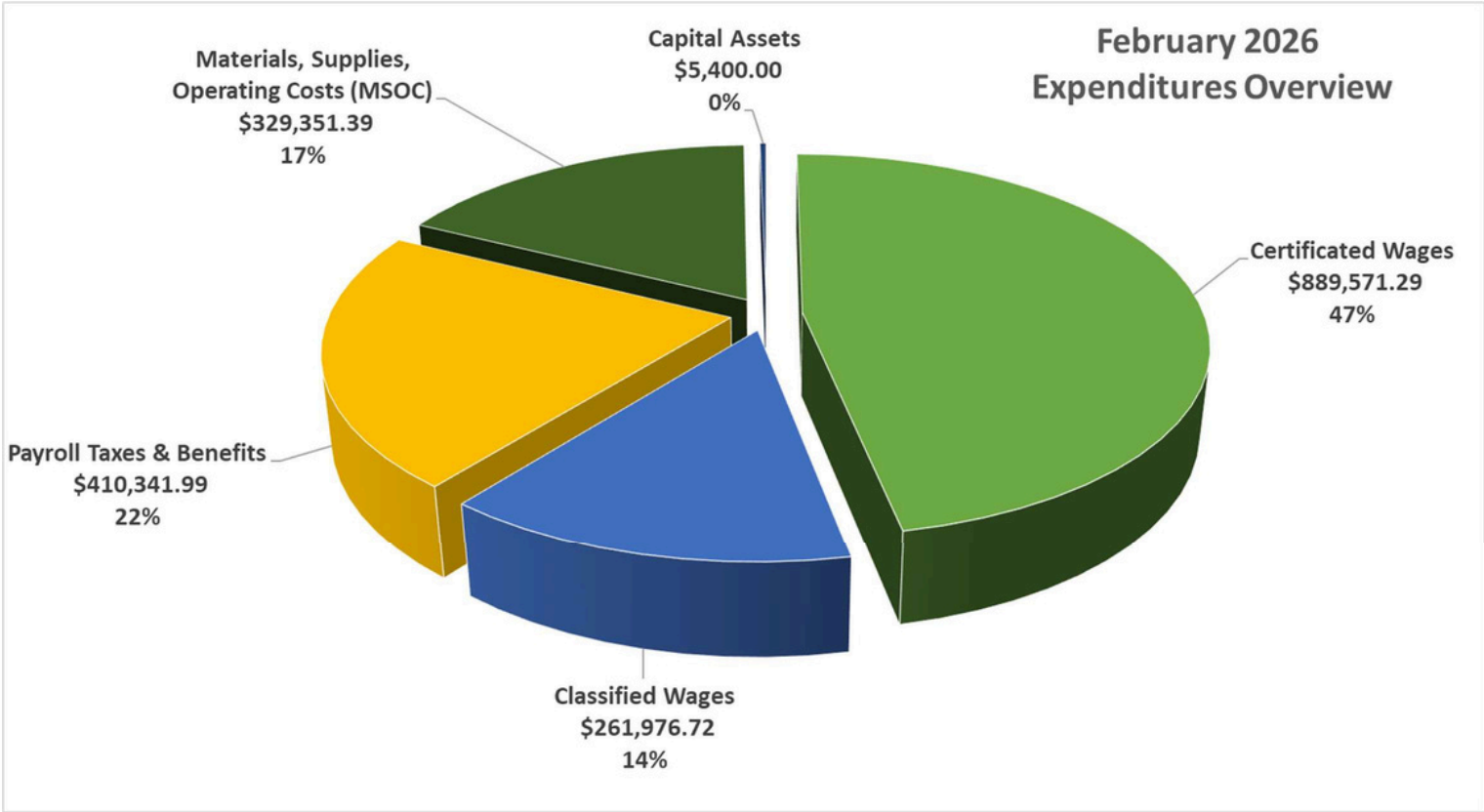
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Jeff Baerwald





Total February Revenues: \$1,961,577.21



Total February Expenditures and Transfers: \$1,896,641.39