

## Renewal Student Programs & Operations

# SP&O LEVY VOTE BY FEB. 10



**NOT A NEW TAX.**

This is a renewal of a voter-approved levy funding measure that expires at the end of **2026**. Local levy dollars support student programs and services that the state does not fully fund. This is different from a bond or capital levy, and cannot be used for school construction or renovation. **If the levy renewal does not pass, HSD would face difficult decisions, including the potential reduction or elimination of:**



**TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF**



**ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS**



**SCHOOL NURSES & SECURITY STAFF**



**SAFETY & SECURITY TECHNOLOGY**



**AP & ELECTIVE CLASSES**



**ARTS & MUSIC PROGRAMS**



**TECHNOLOGY & CURRICULUM**



**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**



### *Did you know?*

Hockinson School District is eligible for an estimated **\$2.2 million** in state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding at no additional cost to taxpayers, if the district has a local levy in place.



### **A LOOK INSIDE HOCKINSON SCHOOLS:**

This school year, about **360 students** are participating in levy-supported band and/or theater programs. About **558 students** are participating in levy-supported athletics.

In 2025, HSD had the **second highest Smarter Balanced state test scores** among K-12 school districts in Clark County.



SEE WHAT HSD SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED SINCE 2022 ON OUR DATA DASHBOARD:





**HOCKINSON SCHOOLS**  
17912 NE 159th St.  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

NON-PROFIT  
PERMIT NO 8  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA  
98606

Hockinson Patron

# 2026 RENEWAL SP&O LEVY FACTS

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
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If the levy is approved, total local school taxes for the owner of an \$800,000 home would be about **\$35 less per month in 2027** than in 2025, because the middle school bond payments step down in 2026.

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**Keeping total local school tax rates LOWER than Clark County K-12 average:**

**\$3.15**

2025 avg. total tax rate of all other K-12 Clark County school districts

**\$2.53**

2027 HSD projected rate if levy passes (\$3.05 current)



13% of our operating budget comes from the local SP&O levy, which funds **33 staff positions**.

## Levy Q&A:

### *Is this a new tax?*

**No.** This proposal would renew an existing SP&O levy that expires at the end of 2026. Local levies require voter approval to renew.

### *Are tax exemptions available?*



**Yes.** Senior and disabled citizens who meet certain income requirements may be exempt from part or all of local school levy taxes.

For more information, call the Clark County Assessors Office at (564) 397-2391.

### *What is state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding?*

State Local Effort Assistance supports school districts like ours by supplementing school levy rates at no additional cost to local taxpayers. In order to qualify for \$2.2 million in extra state LEA funding, Hockinson School District must have an SP&O levy in place.

## Proposed Levy Amounts & Estimated Total Annual Rates\*

|  | SP&O Levy Amount | Est. Rate* | Existing Bonds | Total Rate* | <br><b>State LEA if levy passes</b> |
|---|------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| <b>2027</b>   | \$6.1 million    | \$1.89     | \$0.64         | \$2.53      | <b>\$751,026</b>  |
| <b>2028</b>   | \$6.4 million    | \$1.80     | \$0.64         | \$2.44      | <b>\$692,003</b>  |
| <b>2029</b>   | \$6.7 million    | \$1.72     | \$0.60         | \$2.32      | <b>\$444,758</b>  |
| <b>2030</b>   | \$7.0 million    | \$1.63     | \$0.56         | \$2.19      | <b>\$270,813†</b>   |

\* Future tax rates are estimates. Rates are per \$1,000 assessed property value per year. Tax rates could change if assessed property values change more or less than projections, but the district cannot collect more than the amount approved by voters.

†As local levy rates drop, the amount of state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) that a school district qualifies for also drops.

Find more FAQs and levy information at **[hocksd.org/levy](https://hocksd.org/levy)**

