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Levies and Bond 2024

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 13, 2024 LEVIES & BOND



Prop 1: EP&O Levy Renewal

would continue funding for smaller class sizes, programs, staff and supports that benefit all students.

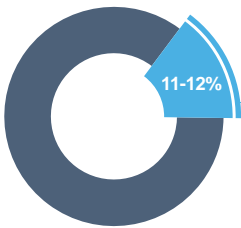
Prop 2: Capital Levy Renewal

would continue supporting the modernization and renovation of school facilities.

Prop 3: Middle School Bond

would fund a new Post Middle School to prepare the Post, Eagle Creek Elementary and Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus for the future.

SUPPORTS 11-12% OF OUR DISTRICT'S OVERALL BUDGET



SCHOOL STAFF



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



SMALLER CLASS SIZES



ROOF REPLACEMENTS



TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



SCHOOL PRESERVATION



HVAC IMPROVEMENTS



What will the measures cost?

EP&O LEVY
CAPITAL LEVY
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND

Year	Prop 1: EP&O Levy Renewal	Prop 2: Capital Levy Renewal	Prop 3: Middle School Bond	Total: EP&O levy, Capital Levy, and Bond
2025	\$1.65	\$0.77	\$0.62	\$3.04
2026	\$1.64	\$0.77	\$0.64	\$3.05
2027	\$1.63	\$0.77	\$0.65	\$3.05
2028	\$1.62	\$0.76	\$0.66	\$3.04

*All rates are estimated per \$1,000 of assessed property value

Please remember to vote by February 13, 2024



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Arlington Public Schools is asking the community to consider three funding measures in the February 13, 2024 election – an Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy renewal, a Capital Projects levy renewal, and a Capital bond to rebuild Post Middle School, and improve traffic safety at the Post Middle School/Eagle Creek Elementary/Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus.

Prop 1: EP&O Levy Renewal

- Funding for student support team: smaller class sizes, teachers, paraeducators, counselors, nurses, custodians, food service, school resource officer
- Helps prepare students for future success by funding STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math), Robotics, Special Education
- Funds technology and instructional classroom materials
- Funding for skill-building programs: athletics, music, drama, performing arts
- **This levy is not a new tax, it replaces an expiring levy that was approved by our community in 2020**

Prop 2: Capital Levy Renewal

- Extends the life of school buildings by funding maintenance projects such as roof repairs, windows, plumbing and water heater maintenance
- Continues funding for technology infrastructure improvements in our schools
- Provides funding for facility improvements across the district
- Roof replacements, building exterior painting, floor and wall covering, floor and wall covering replacements, and parking and drive lane paving
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Prop 3: Middle School Bond:

- Rebuilds Post Middle School to address the gap in support between the two middle schools in the district and ensures all middle school students have access to similar learning environments.
- Post Middle School is past its usable lifetime. If systems or components were to break, it would result in a disruption of student learning. Rebuilding Post is more affordable and less disruptive than renovating.
- The bond also ensures students currently attending Eagle Creek and Kent Prairie have access to a modern learning facility that matches their current schools.
- A new Post will offer students:
 - Learning spaces that are ready for now and in the future that support Career and Technical Education (CTE), woodshop, and robotics
 - A safe and secure campus with interior hallways
 - Energy efficient building which reduces operating costs
 - Updated athletics field and track that also support community youth sports
- Improves traffic safety at the Post/Eagle Creek/SVLC/ECEAP campus
- This bond costs \$95 million dollars and will build a new Post Middle School, while also developing the entire campus including track, field, parking and drive lanes. Compared to the cost to renovate Post Middle School, which would be \$101,083,448.82 and would not address the safety issues with the exterior entry points.

Why do we need school funding measures?

School districts are funded through the state, federal government and local funding measures. There is a gap between what the state funds for K-12 education and what we need to continue to provide our students with a quality education. The renewal of the EP&O and Capital levies will ensure funding continues for the staff, programs, maintenance, and technology that the levies fund.

The state does not provide funding for school construction or building improvements, which is why the district is asking the community to consider the Middle School Bond.

All funding approved in our community supports Arlington Public School students.