

QUICK FACTS

ABOUT

Replacement School Levies

Key facts

Like most other districts in the county and in Washington, we rely on levies to provide essential funding for programs not fully funded by the state.

Two levies on the upcoming special election ballot on Feb. 13, 2024 replace two voter-approved levies from 2020 that expire soon.

- Operations Levy
- Technology Levy

These replacement levies make up nearly 25% of our budget.

Operations Levy



Lowers class size and pays for teachers, counselors, nurses and other staff

Provides arts, music, athletics and other programs for the whole child



Supports field trips and Project Free Education



Funds other basic operations and programs such as safety, Special Education, Multilingual Learners and Highly Capable



Supports food services/wellness



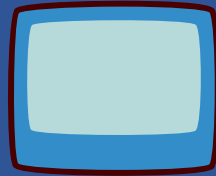
Pays for preventative maintenance in schools

Technology Levy



School safety enhancements: security cameras, door locking systems

School wired/wireless networks



Computers, software, and digital curriculum licensing

1:1 (one-to-one) technology initiative to support learning and prepare students for the future



Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) support



Adaptive technologies and devices for children with special needs



Staff who implement and integrate technology



Developing lessons about online safety, responsibility and digital citizenship

What are
school
levies for?



What is the \$ impact?

These are replacement levies — not new taxes. If approved, the tax rate will decrease over the next four years (including both levies and our recent bond).

The district collects a set amount of money from our community each year. This means you would — pay more if the value of your home goes up.

For example, in 2025, we would collect \$37 million for the operations levy. We would — get more than \$37 million even if all the homes in Bellingham were valued more than they are today.

More information online at:

bellingshamschools.org/levy2024

