Battle Ground Public Schools

CREATING EXCITEMENT FOR LEARNING

IMPORTANT REPLACEMENT LEVY FACTS

The Replacement Levy Provides:

Small class sizes

Teachers, support & administrative staff

Textbooks and curricula

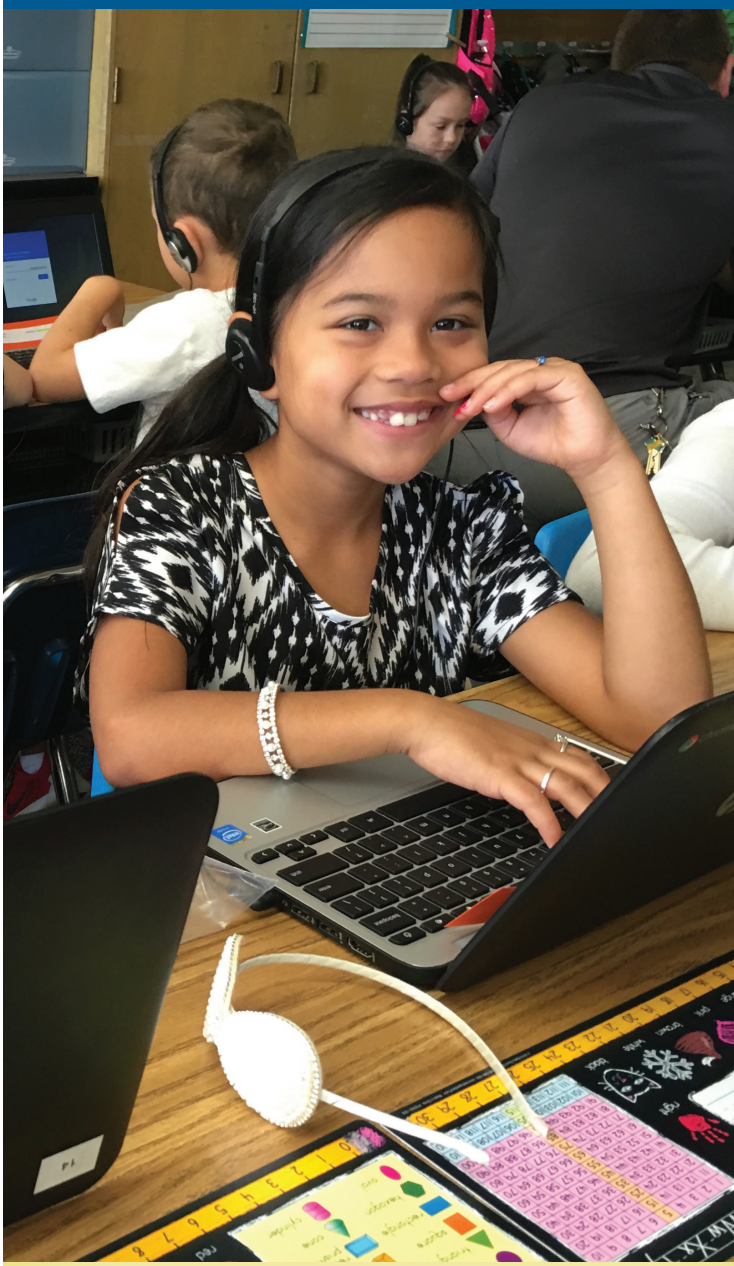
After-school activities

Safety and communications

Transportation

Art, music, drama

Building maintenance



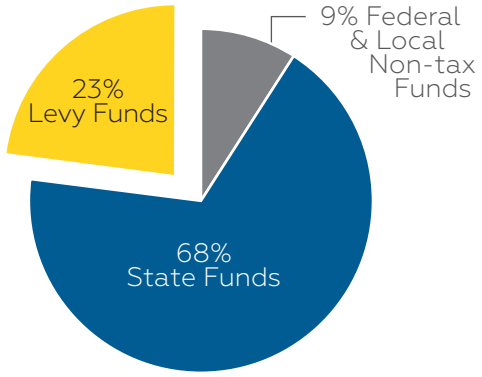
» **Maintains the CURRENT TAX RATE**

» **Provides for programs and materials the STATE DOESN'T COVER**

Proposition 2 is on the ballot:
VOTE FEBRUARY 14

LEVY DOLLARS ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Levy dollars make up the difference between what the state provides for K-12 education and what it costs to operate schools while providing a quality learning environment.

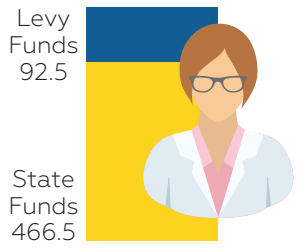


The district's current maintenance and operations levy expires December 31, 2017. This levy will replace it and keep the tax rate the same.

WHAT DOES THE LEVY PROVIDE FOR STUDENTS?

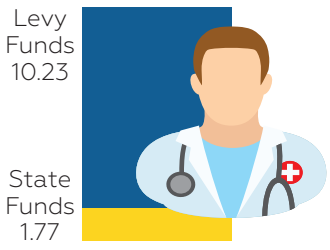
Much of what the levy pays for is people. People are key to providing a quality education and getting students the support they need in both academics and social-emotional learning. The levy helps keep class sizes small by providing an additional 260 teachers and school and district support staff above what the state funds.

Teachers lead classes and programs and classified staff provide educational and administrative support in multiple areas, from health services and safety to office staff and maintenance. This chart shows several examples of positions that the levy funds.



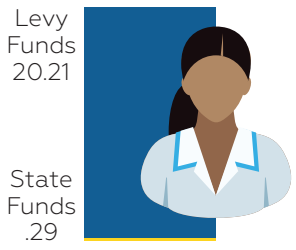
92 CERTIFICATED STAFF

Class size is important to BGPS, and these 92 staff mean that the district can maintain small class sizes.



10 NURSES

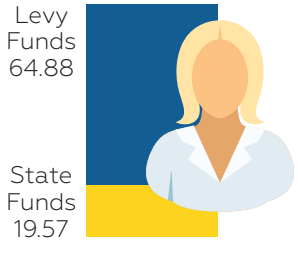
The state pays for less than two nurses for 18 schools. The levy provides an additional 10.23 nurses.



20 PSYCHOLOGISTS

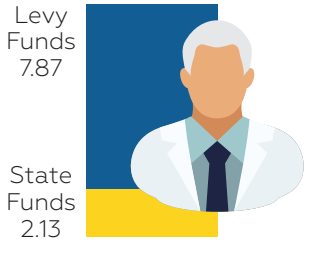
Students perform better academically when their social-emotional needs are met.

STAFF FUNDING



64 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Staff support students in class, at recess, at lunch, before school and at release time.



7 SECURITY STAFF

Students have said they feel safer knowing security personnel monitor their campus.

WHERE ARE THE LEVY DOLLARS SPENT?

Levy dollars are pooled with state funds to help pay for basic services that provide a quality education. The levy enables the district to keep class sizes small, maintain facilities, supply educational and technology resources to students, and provide for staff that enhance security, learning experiences and after-school activities.

$29.8 million
Staff, educational programs, transportation

- » Staff
- » Music and art
- » Drug prevention education
- » Transportation
- » Professional development

$1.8 million
Technology, security, communications

- » Educational technology
- » Safety equipment and security personnel
- » Automated calls, websites

$3.5 million
Teaching & learning and student activities

- » Textbooks and curricula
- » After-school activities
- » Health services
- » Highly capable, ESL, AP programs
- » Education for students with special needs

$1.5 million
Maintenance, grounds, asset preservation

- » Building maintenance
- » Utilities
- » Insurance

MAINTAINS THE CURRENT TAX RATE

Local funding provides the difference between what the state pays for and what it actually costs to operate schools. In Washington, 97 percent of the 295 school districts rely on levy money to provide important student programs and services. This Tax Rate Chart shows the maintenance and operations levy tax rate and levy dollars collected.

Year	Total levy amount	Projected levy rate per $1,000 assessed value	Estimated tax on property assessed at $250,000
2018 projected	$31,680,000	$3.66	$915
2019 projected	$33,260,000	$3.66	$915
2020 projected	$34,930,000	$3.66	$915
2021 projected	$36,670,000	$3.66	$915

More information, including an FAQ, is on the district website at www.battlegroundps.org/levy

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NOTE: Some senior and disabled homeowners may be eligible for a property tax exemption, based on income. Please call the Clark County Assessor's Office at (360) 397-2391 for details.

More information about Battle Ground Public Schools finances and the levy is online at www.battlegroundps.org. District administrators and board members are available to answer questions and share additional details about the replacement levy. To schedule an informative presentation for your community organization or civic club, please call the district office at (360) 885-5300.

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