

What are funds from the levy used for?

Staffing:

- to pay higher salaries than the state funds
- to attract and retain great teachers and staff
- to hire more staff than the state funds, allowing for:
 - o smaller class sizes
 - o greater student support
 - o counselors
 - o music
 - o P.E. teachers

Programs:

- Library and Art
- Winter Sports
- Expedition Yellowstone (5th Gr.)
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Technology

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Where to vote:

Patrons may vote at any of the following polling places:

Feb. 6 – Absentee ballots mailed

Feb. 9-Mar. 9 – Early, in person voting at Teton County Courthouse

Mar. 10, 8am-8pm, At regular polling places



Teton School District 401

Levy Information

Vote: March 10, 2015

8am-8pm

Invest in Our Children's Future

The Teton School District 401 Board of Trustees is asking patrons to renew the 2 year, supplemental or operational levy of **\$3,100,000/year for a two year period.**

It requires 50%+1 to pass

This is the same amount that voters approved in March, 2013.

This is an effort to continue quality programs and retain staff while managing state funding cuts.

**208-228-5923
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What is a levy?

A levy (supplemental/operational, or plant) is a tax patrons vote to implement, which funds school needs like salaries and staffing, property, buildings, equipment, maintenance supplies, and buses. Using the levy for these purposes allows school districts to provide for ongoing needs and maintain the quality of the educational environment for students.

History of the levy:

In 2007, the community approved a \$2 million/yr supplemental levy as then Gov. Risch moved property tax for schools to sales tax, then the state implemented funding cuts from 2008-2014.

In 2009, the community approved a \$2.6 million/yr supplemental levy.

In 2011, the community approved a \$2.6 million/yr supplemental levy.

In 2013, the community approved a \$3.1 million/yr supplemental levy.

In 2015, the school district is asking the community to renew the \$3.1 million/yr supplemental levy.

Requires 50%+1 to pass

Questions: 208-228-5923

Why do we need a levy?

Voting on this levy will allow the district to do some of the following as well as other things **each year**.

- Pay higher salaries than the state funds, to attract and retain great teachers and staff
- Hire more positions than the state funds, allowing for smaller class sizes and more student support (counselors, music, P.E., art, library)
- Keep important programs in our schools and community, like:
 - o Winter Sports at Grand Targhee
 - o Expedition Yellowstone for 5th grade students
 - o Full-day Kindergarten program
 - o Technology: update computers, Wi-Fi access
- This levy is 34% of the district general budget. Without the levy, dramatic cuts in salaries and positions would be required to balance the budget.



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ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL/OPERATIONAL
LEVY, PLEASE GO TO:
TSD401.ORG, DISTRICT, FINANCIAL
REPORTS, LEVY & BONDS**

The details:

\$3.1 million/yr levy

When to vote

March 10, 2015

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

At regular polling places

What will it cost the taxpayer?

**For 2015, \$100,000 taxable
property: \$231.47/ year,
\$19.29/month**

In 2013, the estimated tax was
\$100,000 taxable property:
\$225.45/year, \$18.79/month

Why the increase of \$0.50/month, for
the same amount of levy?

The payment is a fixed amount
divided into the total market value of
property in Teton County, so as the
market value decreased, more taxes
are required to pay that amount. As it
increases, the tax burden decreases
on a fixed amount like a levy.

Market values for Teton County:

**2012 net taxable value:
\$1,375,041,472**

**2014 net taxable value:
\$1,339,275,685**