

# What are funds from the levy used for?

## Staffing:

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

## Programs:

- Full-day Kindergarten
- Technology, Wi-Fi, Chromebooks
- Expedition Yellowstone (5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)
- Winter Sports (skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, etc.)

**Teton School District 401**  
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## Teton School District 401

### Levy Information

**Vote: Nov. 8, 2016**  
**8am-8pm**

**Oct. 10: early voting is open at the Teton County Courthouse**

## 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.

**This is the same amount that voters approved in March, 2015.**

This is an effort to continue important programs, recruit and retain high quality staff in all positions in the district.

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**[tsd401.org](http://tsd401.org)**

### What is a levy?

A levy is a property tax to help fund D401 schools. Needs like salaries, staffing, and programs are funded through the levy. 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:

<u>2007</u>	\$2 million/yr. supplemental levy
<u>2009</u>	\$2.6 million/yr. supplemental levy
<u>2011</u>	\$2.6 million/yr. supplemental levy
<u>2013</u>	\$3.1 million/yr. supplemental levy
<u>2015</u>	\$3.1 million/yr. supplemental levy
<u>2016</u>	\$3.1 million/yr. supplemental levy,

*(6 months earlier to allow for future school bond planning)*

**Questions: 208-228-5923**

**Details are posted at: [tsd401.org](http://tsd401.org)**

### Why?

The state of Idaho underfunds education. 82% of districts in Idaho run supplemental levies.

Renewing this levy will allow the district to continue the following:

- **Hire 15% of our staff from these funds** (providing smaller class sizes)
- **Pay higher salaries than the state funds**, to attract and retain great teachers and staff
- **Keep important programs in our schools:**
  - o Full-day Kindergarten program
  - o Technology: update computers, Wi-Fi access
  - o PE & Music Teachers
  - o Expedition Yellowstone for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - o Winter Sports (skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, etc.)
- **This levy is 25% of the district general budget.**



### The details:

**\$3.1 million/yr. levy, for two years**

When to vote

**Nov. 8, 2016**

8:00 am – 8:00 pm

At regular polling places

**Early voting is open now!**

What will it cost the taxpayer?

**For 2017, \$100,000 taxable property: \$191.48/year, or \$15.96/month**

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

**Why the decrease of \$39.99/year 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 increases, the tax burden decreases on a fixed amount like a levy.

Market values for Teton County:  
**FY2017 net taxable market value:**  
**\$1,618,928,300**

FY2015 net taxable market value:  
**\$1,392,778,520**