

This \$500,000 per year Plant Facilities Levy would be effective for five years.

Teton School District works diligently to properly steward the financial investment of taxpayers. Items listed in this brochure will be prioritized, with additions made as necessary, over the life of the levy.

This is not a new levy. It was started in 1985. The levy was \$400,000 per year between 2006 and 2016. In the last Plant Facilities Levy election (2016), voters approved a 20 percent annual increase to adjust for rising costs. The proposed levy will stay at the same level for the next five years, without any increases.

The district currently collects a school Plant Facilities Levy authorized in the same amount; it will expire before the proposed levy goes into effect. If approved, the proposed levy is not expected to change the amount each taxpayer will pay.

What will this cost the taxpayer?

Estimated for FY2022, per \$100,000 in taxable property: \$22.32 per year (\$1.86 per month).

The estimated payment is a fixed amount divided by the total market value of property in Teton County; as market value increases, the tax impact decreases. We acknowledge this may be offset by an increase in an individual's property value.



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Teton School District 401 Plant Facilities Levy Renewal Information

When to vote: May 18, 2021, 8am – 8pm at regular polling places. (For polling location details, go to tetoncountyidaho.gov.)
Early voting is open now at the Teton County Courthouse, 150 Courthouse Drive, Driggs, Room 208.

The Teton School District 401 Board of Trustees is asking patrons to renew the five-year Plant Facilities Levy of \$500,000 per year. The Plant Facilities Levy allows the school district to maintain and upgrade our buildings, offset the cost to the district for school buses, and improve infrastructure like technology and roads.

We are grateful for your support of your local public schools.



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What is the Plant Facilities Levy and why do we need it?

The state of Idaho doesn't fund school facilities. Previously, only a small amount of Lottery funds were allocated for this purpose. The burden falls on local taxpayers through bonds (to build new schools) and various other levies like the Plant Facilities Levy (to maintain and upgrade schools). For the next five years, the current estimate of needed projects totals more than \$3.6 million.

Have questions?

Call (208) 228-5923

Details are posted at tsd401.org.

On the website, click the link District, then Financial Reports, and Levy & Bonds.

TSD 401 has used Plant Facilities funds over the past five years to:

- Construct a maintenance shop, providing adequate space for equipment, tools, and delivery of materials like bulk copy paper and custodial supplies for a full school year.
- Install fuel-storage tanks at the bus barn for more affordable, reliable, and convenient fill-ups.
- Install new lighting in the auditorium and new security cameras in the gym at Teton High.
- Update PA systems in Rendezvous Upper Elementary and Tetonia Elementary, and fire alarms at Teton High.
- Add WiFi access points and improve computer-network capacity to schools.
- Offset the cost of new school buses that are only partially funded by the state.
- Construct pathways between Teton High School and Teton Middle School.
- Add automatic doors for better ADA access.

How is this levy different from the other school district funding approved by taxpayers?

A levy is a property tax to help fund Teton School District 401 schools. The Plant Facilities Levy provides renewable funds that enable the school district to make additional needed improvements in our buildings, on our grounds, and behind the scenes, including technology infrastructure.

It differs from both the two-year supplemental levy, which supports higher salaries, additional staffing, and student programs, and the school bond approved in November 2017, which supported the construction of two new elementary schools and renovations to four other schools.

Why do we need to renew the Plant Facilities Levy?

Staff and student experience

- Construct pathways at the new Driggs and Victor Elementary Schools.
- Replace two drivers' ed cars.
- Install playground swings and outdoor seating.
- Improve sports fields, including new sod, access, bleachers, protective netting systems, field-lighting, and additional practice areas.

Safety of staff, students, and the public

- Purchase additional school buses to keep the district fleet updated.
- Bury propane tanks.

Technology infrastructure

- Provide interactive white-boards for classrooms, libraries, and labs.
- Replace outdated WiFi access points and increase the number of them to meet school needs.
- Acquire software program licenses.
- Install needed core switches, wiring, routers, and switches for fiber optics.

Increased energy efficiency

- Upgrade all lights to LED, including interior, exterior, and parking lots.
- Upgrade heating systems, exterior doors, and electrical service in older buildings.
- Replace older windows.

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