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Teton School District 401 Supplemental Levy Information

What is a Levy?

A levy is a property tax to help fund the needs of Teton School District 401 schools, including competitive salaries, student programming, and staffing levels that support our commitment to excellence. The Levy is effective for two years.

Why do we need a Levy?

The State of Idaho under-funds education. Nearly 90% of school districts in Idaho use voter-approved supplemental levies to ensure that their schools have adequate staffing and resources.

The Supplemental Levy is 20% of the district's general budget

History of the Supplemental Levy

Teton Valley has a 15-year history of approving critical additional funding for our schools through the Levy.

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| 2007 | \$2 million per year |
| 2009 | \$2.6 million per year |
| 2011 | \$2.6 million per year |
| 2013 | \$3.1 million per year |
| 2015 | \$3.1 million per year |
| 2016 | \$3.1 million per year |
| 2018 | \$3.1 million per year |
| 2020 | \$3.1 million per year |



What does the Levy support?

Hiring and Retaining Exceptional Staff

The Levy provides additional funding for salaries, allowing us to remain competitive with surrounding districts in attracting exceptional educators.

Appropriate Staffing Levels

The State does not provide enough funding to support the staffing needed in our district. Appropriate staffing ensures smaller classes sizes, program variety, and greater student support.

The Levy allows us to hire the staff needed for three K-3 schools, to support the critical developmental learning of our youngest students. It provides additional counselors, music and physical education teachers, librarians, and administrative support in all schools. It also supports the dual immersion program.

Additional Programming

The Levy maintains important programs in our schools, including full-day kindergarten, experiential learning field trips, and winter sports.



VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

EARLY VOTING IS NOW OPEN AT THE TETON COUNTY COURTHOUSE (CLOSES FRIDAY, MAY 14, AT 5 PM)

The Teton School District 401 Board of Trustees is asking patrons to approve the two-year Supplemental Levy of \$4,932,000 per year over the period of July 2023 through June 2025.

The supplemental levy will continue important programs and recruit and retain high-quality staff in all positions in the district.

We appreciate your consistent support of our local public schools.

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What are the specifics of the Levy this year?

This year, the Supplemental Levy request is \$4.932 million to support staffing a growing district, keep pace with the increased cost of living in our community, and offer competitive compensation to address hiring shortages.

The Supplemental Levy request has not increased in a decade.

What will it cost the taxpayer?

Our current levy at \$3.1 million costs \$108 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value annually (\$9 per month).

If approved, the estimated cost of the proposed levy would be \$172 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value annually (\$14 per month), an increase of \$64 per \$100,000 annually.

The 2020 Supplemental Levy allowed our district to maintain the following positions:

**2 Administrators
9 Teachers
1 Counselor
11 Paraprofessionals
(similar to the full staff of Victor Elementary)**



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