Replacement EPO and Capital Levies

The Davenport School District will be asking our patrons to vote on renewing the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the Capital Levy for Instructional Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements. This election will be held on February 11, 2020.

Here are some key facts regarding the school levies:

- These replacement levies will renew two expiring levies that were approved by Davenport School District patrons in 2016 and 2018 respectively.
- The EPO levy makes up approximately 8% of the school district’s general fund budget.
- Remember, these are replacement levies. There is no new tax.

The current voter approved levy amount for 2020 is $1,131,000, but due to legislation passed in 2018, the District is only able to collect $717,000, which is a tax rate of $2.50/$1,000. The table below shows approved tax rates for 2020, which total $3.85/$1,000 assessed value. The projected tax rates for 2021 through 2024 is $3.65/$1,000 assessed value. A projected decrease of $.20/$1,000 assessed value.

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* The District has decided NOT to run a Transportation Vehicle (TV) Levy. The previous TV Levy allowed us to purchase several buses, and our fleet is now in good shape.

**Important Dates:**

- **January 22, 2020**  Ballots Mailed Out (approximate date)
- **January 27, 2020**  6 p.m.: Community Forum in the Elementary/Middle School Library
- **February 11, 2020**  Election Day—all ballots must be post marked by this date

Remember to Vote by February 11, 2020
Questions and Answers

Q: When does the current EPO Levy expire?
A: The current levy expires in December 2020.

Q: Why is this called a “Replacement Levy?”
A: This is a renewal of the educational programs and operations tax currently paid to support programs in the Davenport School District.

Q: What does the EPO Levy pay for?
A: Levy dollars are used throughout the budget to help offset the lack of state dollars needed to provide students with a quality education. Here are some specific uses of levy dollars:

- Textbook adoptions & curriculum updates.
- Materials, Supplies and Operating Costs: Heat, lights, utilities, supplies, and equipment.
- Funding of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities (Knowledge Bowl, drama, choir, FFA, FBLA, athletics, field trips, safety equipment, etc.).
- Bus travel for events (fuel, bus drivers, etc.).
- Portions of the salaries for staff not covered by state funding.

Q: What happens if the levy doesn’t pass?
A: Without levy funds, the district’s operating budget would be significantly reduced. In addition to losing levy dollars, we would also no longer receive Local Effort Assistance (LEA), also referred to as levy equalization from the State. These two funding sources make up 14% of our total budget. The loss of these funds would have a devastating impact on our school district. The Board would be required to make significant program reductions and adjustments in order to balance the budget.
Questions and Answers

Q: What does the Capital Levy pay for?
A: Capital Levy dollars are used to maintain facilities, and to upgrade equipment, technology and security. Some specific uses of the capital levy dollars are:
- Technology equipment including servers, chromebooks, desktops, projectors and copiers.
- Security upgrades and improvements including intercom, security cameras and door-locking mechanisms.
- Facility upkeep and repair (i.e. replacing heating equipment, replacing roofs, repairing our track and tennis courts).
- Equipment and furniture replacement or upgrades, including, washers/dryers, water heaters, desktops, tables and chairs.

Q: Do other school districts ask their voters for EPO & Capital Levies?
A: Yes, almost every school district in the state requests their local patrons to approve EPO Levies. In 2018, 288 of the 295 school districts in the state were accessing local levy funds. All public school districts in Lincoln County run local levies. Levies can be run for one-year, two-year, three-year, or four-year terms.

Q: Can senior citizens or disabled persons qualify for tax exemptions?
A: If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, you may qualify for a tax exemption. Contact the Lincoln County Assessor’s Office at 509-725-7011 for information regarding tax exemptions.

Q: What impact will these proposed levies have on my taxes?
A: These replacement levies, will lower your tax rate for local levies unless property values for Lincoln County change. Cost per thousand, estimated for 2020 is $3.85 The replacement levy is aiming to lower the tax rate to $3.65. If property values change for 2021, 2022 2023, or 2024 the rate per thousand will be adjusted to collect only the original requested dollars.

Q: Is there a dollar limit on how much money school districts can ask their patrons for?
A. YES! In 2019 the District was restricted to collecting $1.50/$1,000 for our EPO levy. In 2020, we will be able to collect $2.50/$1,000. This is well below the amount voters approved in 2016 of $4.00/$1,000.
Our school system is strong and vibrant and this is due to the following:

- A community that consistently provides support
- A dedicated staff focused on helping students succeed
- Caring parents who partner with the school in powerful ways
- Strong & committed principals who continually strive to offer the very best programs
- School board members who consistently focus on “What’s best for kids?”
- A whole bunch of amazing and talented students

When you combine the above “ingredients”, you get a powerful school district that is focused on helping our young people learn skills that will help enable them to be successful in their future endeavors. You will find on this page some of the amazing accomplishments that we are very proud of! Thank you for your continued support!

It’s a great day to be a Gorilla!

Great Things in the District

Davenport Middle/High School Awarded
National Blue Ribbon Award for 2019

On September 26, 2019, we received notification from the U.S. Department of Education that Davenport Middle/High School was selected to receive a National Blue Ribbon Award for exemplary progress in closing achievement gaps. We were one of only four schools statewide to receive this award and one of only seven that were nominated. Not only that, only 41 schools nationwide received this award in our category, and of that, only six were Middle or High Schools. Our school culture challenges us to expand our students’ opportunities by creating partnerships that add programs like Project Lead the Way, Construction Trades, and Certified Nursing Assistant certification. The photo to the left was taken during our “Blue Ribbon Celebration Assembly,” held in the high school on Dec. 19.

National Distinguished School for 2019

In November we were notified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction that that Davenport Middle/High School has been named as a National ESEA Distinguished School for 2019. Only two schools in our entire state were selected for this award that recognized “exceptional student performance and academic achievement for two or more consecutive years”.

State Accolades

The Davenport School District continues to earn State awards year after year! Davenport High School has been rated as the 29th best school in the State of Washington and 4th best in Eastern Washington by US News & World Report as well!
Great Things in the Classrooms and Clubs

Davenport High School 2019 graduate Kendyl Wiley, serving as the first state FFA officer from our school, participated in the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers in Portugal and Spain this winter.

7th grade Green Architecture class working on STEM projects. The class was doing experiments with simple machines.

Hailey Arland, Sydney Zeiler, and Macie Hopkins received 1st Place for their Community Service Project presentation at the Future Business Leaders of America national conference in San Antonio, TX in June.

Another 6th grade real life application field trip to Davenport Food City. This time the students learned about unit rates by comparing products and prices.

Miss Lyle’s 4th grade class working with high school students dissecting sheep brains.

6th grade field trip to Stockland. The students experienced mean, median, mode, ratios, and percentages in real life application.

“Through this experience, participants will visit farms and agribusinesses, share in the local culture and develop themselves as culturally aware students.” -ffa.org

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Thank You!

The Davenport School District has been actively applying for both large and small grants to offset recent Levy cuts and help ease the tax burden on our patrons. These are some of the grants that have been recently awarded to our schools.

Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grant

This is a federal grant awarded to the Davenport Elementary and Middle Schools that spans for five years to promote Whole Child Wellness, Social Emotional Learning, Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Mental Health needs.

Grant from the Hagan Foundation

In December, Davenport High School received a $50,000 Hagan Foundation Grant! The grant is divided over two years and provides the ability to fully develop an Agriculture Engineering pathway at DHS through implementing two new Curriculum for Agriculture Science Education (CASE) courses into our Agriculture CTE program. The grant provides the funding necessary to cover the costs associated with the required training and professional development, as well as the purchase of curriculum, equipment, supplies, and technology.

CASE Grant

The Davenport High School was awarded $30,000 through the Washington FFA Foundation to purchase technology and materials to run the CASE Mechanical Systems in Agriculture class. It is an Agricultural Engineering class that utilizes 3D printers, Vernier high tech sensors, small gas engines and VEX robotics kits. The $30,000 was used to purchase all of the equipment needed to fully teach the class.
What to Look For

Davenport School District No. 207

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 19-02, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including teaching and support staff, smaller class sizes, maintenance, athletics and extracurricular activities):

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All as provided in Resolution No. 19-02.

Should this proposition be approved?
LEVY YES LEVY NO

Davenport School District No. 207

CAPITAL LEVY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY AND FACILITY

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 19-03, concerning a proposition to finance instructional technology, safety, and facility improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to continue instructional technology, safety and facilities improvements (including acquiring technology equipment, providing related support; upgrading security systems; replacing or repairing roofs; upgrading classrooms):

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All as provided in Resolution No. 19-03.

Should this proposition be approved?
LEVY YES LEVY NO

JOIN US!
You are invited to attend our community forum regarding the levy propositions on Monday, January 27 in the Middle School Library at 6 p.m. to answer any questions or provide clarification. For more information about the levies, call Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski or Business Manager Leslie Oliver at 725-1481 or visit with any school board member.

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