



Olympia School District 2010 Capital Projects and Technology Levy

What is a capital projects and technology levy?

This is a four year levy for \$25,255,000. Funds from the levy will be used to renew the technology levy that was approved by Olympia voters in 2000 and 2006 and address essential capital projects to keep our staff and students safe, warm and dry.

What are the capital projects that will be addressed in this levy?

The capital projects list includes fixing the roof at Capital High School and the Olympia Regional Learning Academy at John Rogers. It adds three additional classrooms at Pioneer Elementary School to accommodate growth in that area and reconfigures the school drop-off area at Roosevelt Elementary School. Finally, it takes care of inadequate heating and ventilation units at several schools, patches leaky roofs and repairs broken siding and gutters.

How were the capital improvement projects selected?

For the past year, the Facilities Advisory Committee, made up of community members and staffed by District employees, toured every facility in the Olympia School District. They worked with an independent consultant who also inspected each of our facilities. After reviewing all of the needs in the District and the conditions of our schools, the Facilities Advisory Committee prioritized those projects. Their list will become the basis for future construction projects.

How will these levy dollars for technology be spent?

A capital projects levy for technology covers the costs of replacing obsolete computers, software and other equipment and training for teachers. If voters approve the levy, the District will devote \$9.5 million for technology over the next four years for these basic purposes:

1. Teaching and learning programs to foster more individualized learning: \$1 million
2. Replacing old computers and equipment: \$2.28 million
3. Introducing other instructional technologies: \$1.15 million
4. Training and support for using the technology in the classroom: \$2.72 million
5. Upgrading the network and technology infrastructure: \$2.59 million

How will this levy enhance learning for students?

Across the District, educators are using more interactive methods to teach higher-level thinking skills. Many technology-based applications can supplement this learning by allowing students to learn both basic and higher-level skills at their own pace. The levy will allow students to have access to proven programs like Accelerated Math, Fast

Forward, Read 180 and others. Replacing computers that are several years old will allow teachers to continue to offer these learning programs and more.

How will the money for training and support be spent?

In order to make sure the new technology is integrated smoothly into classrooms, teachers will receive training on effectively engaging students in the use of computers, document cameras, interactive whiteboards, science tools and software programs.

How will this affect my property tax rates?

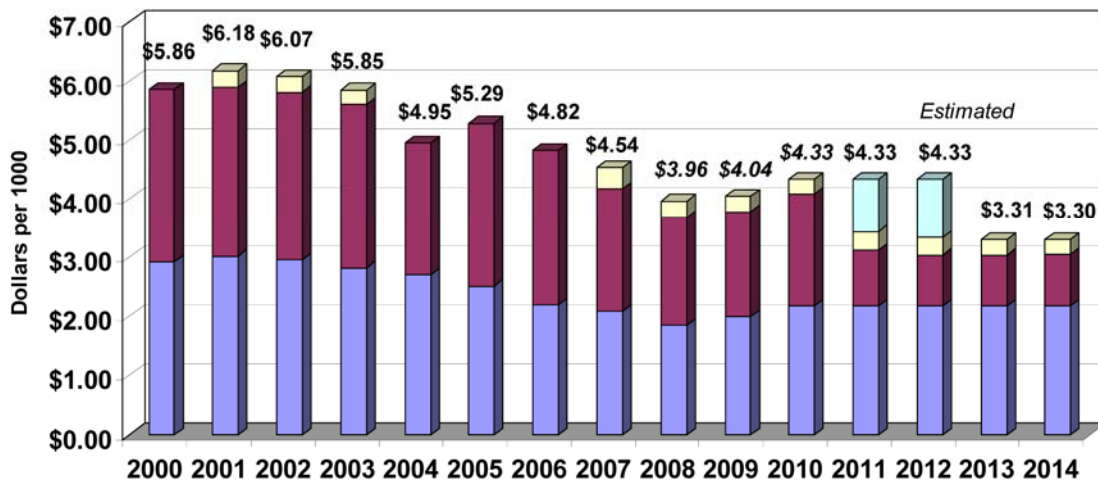
If approved by voters, the tax rate for the levy will be as follows:

- 2011: \$1.22 per \$1000 of assessed value
- 2012: \$1.29 per \$1000 of assessed value
- 2013: \$0.27 per \$1000 of assessed value
- 2014: \$0.26 per \$1000 of assessed value

What is the overall property tax rate for all of the District levies combined?

The goal of the School Board is to keep District levy rates flat for taxpayers so there will be no tax increase if it is approved. The current rate in 2010 for all District levies is \$4.33 per \$1000 of assessed value. If the levy proposal is approved by voters, the 2011 rate and 2012 rate would remain at \$4.33. (See chart below)

Total Tax Rate--Replacment Tech Levy with Two-Year Capital Facilities Component



■ M&O Levy Rate
 ■ Debt Service Levy Rate
 ■ Tech Levy Rate
 ■ Capital Projects Levy Facilities