

**Stevenson-Carson School District 3-Year Replacement Levy – UPDATED on 1.21.2020 due to Skamania
County Assessor’s Office releasing actual 2020 tax rates.**

In February, voters will have an opportunity to vote on a replacement levy for the Stevenson-Carson School District.

Why do districts seek a local levy? Washington State is required by law to fund **basic education** in our public schools; however, basic education is not yet fully funded. State funding does not fund things like elementary music, performing arts, field trips, athletics, playground supervisors, or programs to support social/emotional or mental health. To pay for these types of enrichment programs, individual schools use funds from an approved levy.

Where do SCSD levy dollars go?

	<p>Field Trips and Athletics Levy dollars support the transportation costs for student field trips and away sporting events.</p>
	<p>Technology Levy dollars support the staff who keep the district’s network up and running. These funds also purchase updated technology.</p>
	<p>Curriculum Levy dollars purchase new curriculum. Currently we are adopting a new social studies curriculum. Science is next.</p>
	<p>Improved Safety Levy dollars will improve facility safety at the elementary schools and provides additional staff to meet physical and emotional safety for all students.</p>
	<p>Facilities Levy dollars support maintaining our facilities and to pay staff to spend time seeking grant funds for additional modernizations and updates.</p>
	<p>Academic Success Levy dollars support professional development for staff, intervention support for students, and instructional paraeducators to support all students.</p>

How much will the levy cost? This levy will replace the current levy at the same cost per \$1,000 assessed property value, ~~estimated to be \$2.17~~ per \$1,000. This proposed levy, without a change in the estimated ~~\$2.17~~ per \$1,000, will collect \$2.1 million in 2021, \$2.21 million in 2022, and \$2.3 million in 2023: **\$2.01**

As an example, a homeowner with an assessed value of \$250,000 will continue to pay *about* \$42.00 per month for this levy.

Did You Know?

Levy Equalization is an adjustment made by the state to increase funding for districts such as ours that have lower than average property values. Our anticipated 2020 collection from the state, if we have a voter approved levy, is \$65K. If we do not have a levy, we will also lose out on that money.

Over 97% of all school districts in Washington have a levy that was approved by voters.

This is not a new tax.
This levy is replacing a levy that ends in 2020 .

The district seeks grants and partnerships. This year alone over \$1,090,000 was brought in through grants and cash donations and over \$70K in donated equipment was secured because we looked for it.

Senior citizens and disabled residents may qualify for a property tax exemption.





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LEVY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Monday, January 13th
7:00 p.m.
Carson PUD Meeting Room
1492 Wind River Hwy, Carson

Wednesday, January 15th
10:00 a.m.
District Office
350 NW Bulldog Drive, Stevenson

Wednesday, January 22nd
7:00 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School
100 NW School Street, Stevenson

FAST FACTS

\$2.01

- This is a replacement levy and does not increase the estimated ~~\$2.17~~ per \$1,000 currently approved by voters. We are asking voters to approve a continuation.
- This is a 3-Year Replacement Enrichment Levy for 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- More levy information can be found on our website: www.scsd303.org
- The Stevenson-Carson School District has demonstrated growth on some academic measures and we will continue to make progress! Again, more details on our website.

Our Vision

Students will thrive in an environment where staff, parents, and community partner to nurture a passion for lifelong learning. Through these relationships, students will grow academically and experience success in school and beyond.