LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT will ask voters to consider renewing two replacement levies—an Educational Programs & Operations Levy and a Capital Technology Levy. The current levies, which voters approved in 2018, expire in 2022.

The replacement levies will provide funding for schools through 2026. These are not new taxes.
The replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy will continue to fund day-to-day school operations to ensure EVERY student in our district has access to a safe and updated learning environment and continues funding for:

- **Student success**
  Making sure our students have enough teachers to keep class sizes low and plan for continued student enrollment growth in our district.

- **Student health and safety**
  Providing full-time nurses at each school, student mental health support specialists at our secondary schools, and guidance counselors in all of our schools. Continuing building security upgrades throughout the district.

- **Student programs and opportunities**
  Continuing funding for early learning programs, Special Education funding and access to extracurricular activities, athletics, arts and music.

If approved by voters, the Educational Programs & Operations Levy levy will generate the following amounts with a varied rate, which will allow us to maintain the programs and services that our students and families have come to expect in Lake Stevens.

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For a property owner with an assessed value of $500,000, this equals an average of approximately $974.73 annually, or $81.22 a month.

In 2021, a property owner with an assessed value of $500,000 is paying approximately $830 annually. If the EP&O levy is renewed, this would be an average increase of approximately $145 annually, or $12.08 per month.
The replacement Technology Levy will continue to fund technology that supports student learning. Renewal of the Technology Levy continues funding for:

**Innovative learning**
Ensuring every student and educator has the technology they need to support our culture of excellence.

**Devices for each student**
Continuing to maintain our investment in technology and our 1:1 program for students.

**Replacing aging devices**
Replacing aging devices so students and employees have access to updated, secure technology.

**Technology support and training**
Making sure our students, staff and families have training on technology, tools and programs to ensure success for all learners.

If approved by voters, the Technology Levy will average $0.24 per $1,000 of assessed property value. This will generate $10 million over four years.

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A property owner with an assessed value of $500,000 will pay approximately $118 annually, or $9.86 a month. As more people move into our school district community, more property owners contribute to the total levy amount. This means that each property owner will likely pay less.

In 2021, a property owner with an assessed value of $500,000 is paying approximately $130 annually. If the Technology levy is renewed, this would be an average DECREASE of approximately $10 annually, or $0.83 per month.
Why does Lake Stevens need levies?
There is a gap between what the state funds and what our students need and deserve, including funding for nurses, counselors, special education, transportation, technology, employee pay and benefits, and other critical needs.

What percentage of “yes” votes are needed for approval of the levy?
Levies require a 50 percent simple majority to pass.

How are tax amounts determined for property owners?
Each property owner pays a different amount of taxes because the assessed value for each property is different. Lake Stevens School District can only collect the amount approved by voters—no matter how much assessed values increase. As more people move into the Lake Stevens School District boundary, more property owners contribute to the total levy amount. This means that each property owner will likely pay less.

Are tax exemptions available?
Yes, if you meet certain criteria. Call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425-388-3540 for more information.

Where can I learn more?
More information is available on our website:

www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/levy