



2026 TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT LEVY

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

We extend our appreciation to the committee members who dedicated their time and expertise to shape the Technology, Safety, and Facility Improvement Levy. This committee of 20 members included operations staff, teacher-librarians, principals, cabinet members, a board member, and a student representative. Over the course of five meetings, this committee came together to review, discuss, and set priorities for the levy. Your thoughtful collaboration, insight, and commitment were vital in shaping a plan that reflects the needs of our students and schools.



TAX RATE PLANNING

TYPES OF LEVIES AND BONDS

Educational Programs & Operations Levies

- Levies are for learning
- Flexible revenue from local taxpayers to supplement basic education, athletics, and other programs
- Subject to levy lid laws
- Up to 4 years collection
- Simple Majority 50% + 1

Capital Projects Levies (Tech Levy)

- Common uses: Technology, Safety, Security, Facility Renovations, Athletic Fields, Repair Roofs, HVAC, Parking, etc.
- No dollar limit
- Up to 6 years collection
- Simple Majority 50% + 1 no validation required

School Bonds

- Bonds are for buildings (new construction and renovation)
- Funds are received up front, and bond holders are repaid with property taxes
- Up to 40 years until final maturity (20-25 years most common)
- Super Majority 60% plus Validation of 40% of voters from previous general election in November
- Debt capacity limit: 5% of taxable property values within District

TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY & FACILITY LEVY PROPOSAL

Calendar Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Proposed Levy	\$16,703,000	\$17,676,000	\$18,707,000	\$19,901,000	\$72,987,000
Estimated Tax Rate	\$0.96	\$0.96	\$0.96	\$0.97	

Tax Rate Planning Assumptions

- Assessed property value is projected to grow by 5.83%
 - Looking back through 2014, assessed values grew by 7.52%. We removed the high outliers and low outlier, to land at 5.83%, which is also the 20-year average. Details on next slide.
- Aim to keep tax rates relatively stable, inclusive of Bond payments and Education Program & Operations levy collections.

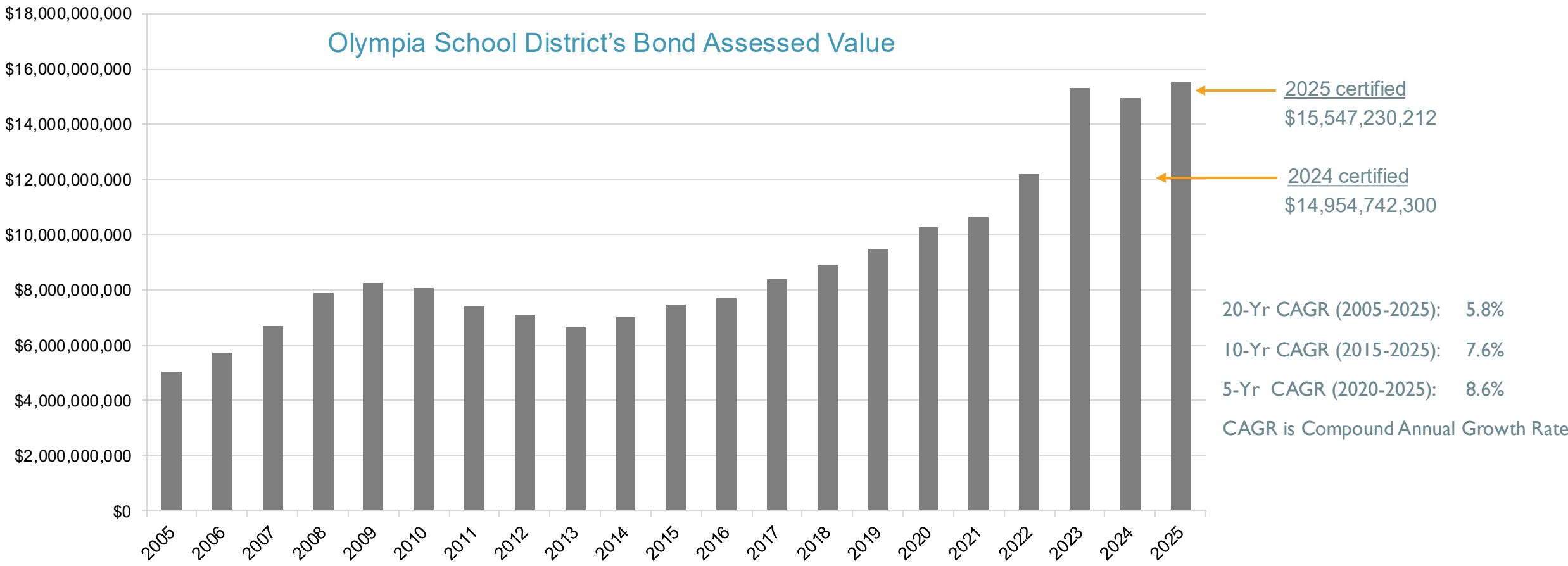
Cost Planning Assumptions

- The previous Technology & Safety levy was \$52,427,000 for 2022-23 through 2026-27.
- Over 90% of costs are maintenance expenditures. Meaning they are replacing similar products or services and funding the same staff to “maintain” the same level of service to our students and school community.
- Cost planning assumes four years of inflationary growth that may vary based on the type of activity or goods/service.

CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY HISTORY & ELECTION RESULTS

Date	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year	% Yes	Result
2026 proposed	\$16,703,000	\$17,676,000	\$18,707,000	\$19,901,000	--	--	TBD	TBD
Feb-22	\$11,887,000	\$13,314,000	\$12,875,000	\$14,351,000	--	--	69.94%	PASSED
Feb-18	\$8,178,296	\$8,575,771	\$8,895,271	\$9,776,618	--	--	69.10%	PASSED
Feb-14	\$4,480,000	\$3,300,000	\$2,710,000	\$2,720,000	--	--	72.71%	PASSED
Feb-10	\$9,835,000	\$10,770,000	\$2,320,000	\$2,330,000	--	--	67.11%	PASSED
Feb-06	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,150,000	\$2,000,000	--	--	67.04%	PASSED
Sep-00	\$2,490,000	--	--	--	--	--	50.17%	FAILED
Feb-00	\$1,030,000	\$1,030,000	\$1,030,000	--	--	--	63.30%	PASSED
Feb-94	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	--	--	--	64.71%	PASSED

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE



Year	Percent
Final 2022	14.9% growth
Final 2023	25.3% growth
Final 2024	(2.3)% growth
Final 2025	4.0% growth

- Higher assessed values will lower the District's tax rates (but not the overall payment)
- An individual's taxes will be based on the assessed value of their own property

TAX RATE HISTORY & PROJECTION

Historically, Olympia School District has aimed to keep total OSD tax collections under \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Resolution 678, Technology, Safety and Facilities levy is estimating tax rates to be \$0.96 to \$0.97 per year. The prior tech and safety levy estimated tax rates to be between \$0.90 and \$0.98.

Every \$0.01 change in property tax on a house assessed at \$550,000 is about \$5.50 per year.

Year	Bond Levy	Tech/Capital Projects Levy	EP&O Levy	Total
2004	\$2.25	\$--	\$2.71	\$4.96
2005	2.78	--	2.45	5.23
2006	2.62	--	2.20	4.82
2007	2.03	0.37	2.10	4.49
2008	1.71	0.29	1.86	3.85
2009	1.76	0.26	1.99	4.02
2010	1.79	0.25	2.18	4.22
2011	0.99	1.32	2.78	5.10
2012	0.98	1.52	2.88	5.39
2013	2.20	0.36	3.16	5.71
2014	1.81	0.33	3.07	5.21
2015	1.56	0.60	3.07	5.23
2016	1.55	0.43	3.04	5.03
2017	1.86	0.33	3.07	5.26
2018	1.83	0.31	2.97	5.12
2019	1.94	0.89	1.50	4.33
2020	1.84	0.84	2.42	5.09
2021	1.64	0.87	2.41	4.92
2022	1.53	0.81	2.22	4.56
2023	1.22	0.78	1.93	3.92
2024	1.23	0.90	1.98	4.11
2025	1.31	0.92	1.92	4.16
2026*	1.24	0.87	2.17	4.29
2027*	1.23	0.96	2.16	4.35
2028*	1.19	0.96	2.15	4.30
2029*	1.15	0.96	2.11	4.21
2030*	1.10	0.97	2.05	4.12

* Future tax rates are projected based on assessed value assumptions presented on previous slides.

OSD RANKS #6 IN TOTAL TAXES IN THURSTON & PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Thurston & Pierce County School Districts 2025 Total Tax Rates						
District	Assessed Value	Bonds	EP&O	Capital Projects	Trans.	Total
Sumner Bonney Lake SD No. 320	\$ 15,721,993,394	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.06	\$ 0.32	\$ -	\$ 4.64
Franklin Pierce SD No. 402	8,280,061,823	1.32	2.50	0.46	-	4.28
North Thurston SD No. 3	24,361,717,778	1.53	2.00	0.74	-	4.27
Puyallup SD No. 3	30,034,313,387	1.05	2.30	0.86	-	4.21
Rainier SD No. 307	1,106,893,558	0.69	2.48	0.99	-	4.16
Olympia SD No. 111	15,547,230,212	1.31	1.92	0.92	-	4.16
Tacoma SD No. 10	47,003,127,519	1.57	1.72	0.66	-	3.95
Tumwater SD No. 33	10,385,980,451	1.17	2.10	0.62	-	3.88
Bethel SD No. 403	23,821,986,585	1.75	1.85	0.26	-	3.86
White River SD No. 416	6,328,240,975	1.15	2.04	0.53	-	3.72
University Place SD No. 83	6,557,898,277	0.73	2.50	0.47	-	3.70
Dieringer SD No. 343	4,090,518,302	0.14	1.53	1.71	-	3.38
Fife SD No. 417/888	7,084,846,975	1.34	1.63	0.32	-	3.29
Eatonville SD No. 404	3,128,734,575	0.77	2.03	0.44	-	3.24
Clover Park SD No. 400	11,882,978,530	0.96	2.17	-	-	3.13
Carbonado SD No. 19	200,172,467	0.60	2.50	-	-	3.10
Tenino SD No. 402	2,059,916,800	-	2.01	0.85	-	2.86
Steilacoom Historical SD No. 1	5,627,169,067	-	1.73	1.07	-	2.80
Rochester SD No. 401	2,329,969,906	-	2.41	-	-	2.41
Orting SD No. 344	3,816,755,053	-	1.98	-	-	1.98
Griffin SD No. 324	2,179,448,476	-	1.20	0.62	-	1.82
Peninsula SD No. 401	25,428,099,906	0.46	1.11	0.25	-	1.81
Yelm SD No. 2	6,500,816,356	1.14	-	-	-	1.14

HOW HAVE COSTS GROWN?

- Shifting from \$52,427,000 to \$72,987,000 is an increase of 39%, keeping in mind this is an expenditure estimate over an eight year period.
- Seattle CPI for the same eight year period is estimated to be 30.1%.
 - For 2022 to 2025: 20.9%
 - For 2026 to 2029: 9.2%
- In September 2021, using Seattle CPI, inflation for 2022 to 2025 was estimated to be 8.4%. If costs rise faster than inflation, we need to have sufficient funds available to deliver on the planned projects.
- Staffing and compensation costs make up about 47% of planned expenditures. Compensations costs increase by a different inflation measure, but also need to factor in step and experience increases, and potential changes to staff benefit costs (retirement/SEBB).
- New projects totaling approximately \$7 million that have not previously been funded through a capital levy are proposed, as general fund or bond funding is not available. These projects include replacement of the aging phone system, replacement of the Ingersoll turf field and lights, critical HVAC control modernization, installation of safety sensors in the comprehensive high schools, and replacement of leased unmanaged WAN fiber optic lines.



TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

INSTRUCTIONAL TECH - \$30,159,921

COMPUTER HARDWARE

- Devices for teachers, librarians, administrators, and paraprofessionals
- Transition from a four-year to a five-year replacement cycle
- Library circulation computers
- Maintenance of audio/visual equipment for common spaces and the Performing Arts Center

\$1,532,400

MOBILE/PORTABLE DEVICES

- One-to-one devices for all students
- Touchscreen with 8GB RAM
- Replacement cycles: five years (grades K–4), four years (grades 5–12)
- Replacement of classroom carts for grades K–5
- One cart provided for each K–5 classroom and all libraries

\$5,117,500

CLASSROOM DISPLAY

- Six-year replacement cycle
- Replacement of 575 panels with 86" displays
- Upgrades to classroom audio systems
- Teacher microphones equipped with integrated panic buttons

\$5,200,000

INSTRUCTIONAL TECH - CONTINUED

ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

- Assistive technology for Special Services to support individual student needs

\$200,000

CERTIFICATED TECHNOLOGY STIPEND

- 31-hour stipend per OEA contract

\$17,010,021

TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Six hours of self-directed PD for certificated staff

\$1,100,000

OPERATIONAL TECH - \$9,376,900

COMPUTER HARDWARE

- Machines for office professionals, custodians, food service, transportation, and Knox staff
- Transition from four-year to five-year replacement cycle

\$206,900

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

- Replacement of switches, servers, wireless access points, and UPS systems
- Hotspots provided to students and families in need

\$2,300,000

SAFETY SYSTEMS

- Replacement of 520 elementary school cameras
- Upgrades to aging access control equipment
- Transportation radio system and student safety tracking system

\$3,100,000

TRAINING

- Training funds for Technology Teamsters per the collective bargaining agreement
- Annual Cost

\$28,000

OPERATIONAL TECH - CONTINUED

PHONE SYSTEM

- Maximum budget approved for a future committee to determine system scope
- Will include handsets, voicemail, and other essential features
- Current system: 1,250 handsets with 3,300 extensions

\$1,722,000

DARK FIBER

- Current WAN contract expires in 2029
- Provides all high-speed fiber connections between district facilities
- FCC E-Rate eligible; must be rebid and awarded in 2028

\$2,000,000

POINT OF SALES SYSTEM

- Replacement of portable POS systems in schools
- Five-year replacement cycle

\$20,000

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT - \$6,300,000

FACILITY SAFETY

- Districtwide security upgrades for interior and exterior doors
- Vape sensors for comprehensive high schools

\$2,000,000

OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL PAC INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION

- Phase two: replacement of sound and lighting systems

\$200,000

HVAC PANELS

- Replacement of critical aging software, hardware, and equipment
- Address urgent needs only at limited sites
- Updates will improve energy efficiency

\$1,050,000

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT - CONTINUED

INGERSOLL STADIUM

- Replacement of turf field (currently two years past recommended usable life)
- Replacement of stadium lights for energy efficiency and reduced light bleed

\$1,050,000

SAFE WALKING AND BIKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- Partnership with City of Olympia to improve safe routes
- Reduces transportation costs to the district
- 2022-2026 tech/safety levy is funding upgraded crosswalks, high visibility paint, and traffic calming. Similar traffic calming projects will be explored with the city.

\$2,000,000

TECH SYSTEMS & SUPPORT - \$27,150,179

SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

- Digital subscriptions and software for all departments
- Supports instructional systems and technology infrastructure

\$10,985,000

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

- Assistive/adaptive personnel, technology TOSAs, secondary teacher librarians

\$3,884,207

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

- Technology operations, accessibility specialist, administration, partial student information systems

\$12,280,972



ELECTION & PDC REMINDERS

PDC RULES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

- MAY vote to collectively support or oppose a ballot measure at a public meeting where opposing sides are given an equal opportunity to express views.
- MAY NOT pressure or coerce the superintendent or staff to participate in campaign activities.
- MAY NOT explicitly include the passage of a ballot measure in the district's annual goals.
- Individual board members MAY engage in political activities on their own time if no district equipment, facility, or vehicle is used. If the board has adopted a resolution, then the board member MAY speak on behalf of their district.

PDC RULES FOR DISTRICT STAFF

DISTRICT STAFF ARE OK TO:

- Prepare and share informational content about the needs of schools and what is funded by bonds/levies.
- Say, “Levies help pay for textbooks and learning materials.”
- Host community meetings to share information and facts.
- Remind the community about the importance of voting and important dates.
- Say, “Don’t forget to turn in your ballot on November 4.”
- Inform staff during non-work hours of opportunities to participate in campaign activities.
- Wear campaign buttons or similar items while on the job if the district’s policy generally permits employees to wear political buttons. A sign or sticker supporting a ballot measure may be placed on a privately-owned car, but not on any district building or property.

DISTRICT STAFF ARE **NOT** OK TO:

- Use district funds or resources, including staff time, to create promotional materials that endorse or advocate for a ballot measure. This includes printing, school email systems such as School Messenger or school newsletters, posting to bulletin or reader boards, or using your school email address to send messaging endorsing a ballot measure.
- Say, “Vote YES on the district levy so we can purchase new textbooks.”
- Say, “Don’t forget to vote YES for the district levy on November 4.”
- Act in their staff capacity or represent their school or district to endorse an issue or candidate.

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

For more information about Elections in
Thurston County:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/auditor/elections>

Date	Election Deadline
December 12	Resolution Filing Deadline to County
December 19	For/Against Statement Deadline to County
January 23	Approximate Date Ballots are Mailed
February 10	Election Date
February 20	County Certifies Election Results

QUESTIONS

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