

Maintenance and Operations Levy

Originally presented to the Levy Development Committee on April 1, 2009
The current Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy that was approved for the calendar years 2007 through 2010 will expire on December 31, 2010. To maintain existing programs, it will require the approval of a new levy to replace the expiring levy in February of 2010.

From 2007-2010, the M&O Levy added an average of \$25.9 million annually to the General Fund operating budget. These dollars supported:

- **Classroom Services 57.5% (\$14.9 Million annually)**
Salaries, extracurricular activities, materials, curriculum development, libraries, counseling, supervision/safety and health services, etc
- **Basic Education Support Services 16.6% (\$4.3 Million annually)**
Custodial services, building maintenance and repair, grounds/playfield maintenance, building security, utilities, maintenance of reserves, etc.
- **Special Education Services 12.7% (\$3.3 Million annually)**
Teacher, EA, and specialist salaries, testing materials, contractual services required to meet students' needs, etc., IEP, out of district placement, etc.
- **Student Transportation 10.5% (\$2.75 Million annually)**
Driver salaries, fuel, maintenance, etc.
- **Other Grants and Programs 2.7% (\$700,000 annually)**
Title I/LAP Support, ELL, GLAD, National Board, Summer School, etc.

Because the Issaquah School District depends on the current level of M&O funding to maintain classroom and support service levels, the Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board will be an M&O replacement measure on the February 2010 ballot:

- A four-year M&O Levy at the legally provided cap of 24.97% (of state and federal revenue).

UPDATE: December 2009—Because of updated information from the Governor and the Legislature about the possibility of an increased levy lid, the Maintenance and Operations Levy was revised to protect the District in the case of any changes. The final M&O levy amounts that will be on the ballot are:

Summary (Amounts and Estimated Tax Rate):

2011 \$38,200,000 \$2.06 per thousand dollars of assessed value

2012 \$40,995,000 \$2.13 per thousand dollars of assessed value

2013 \$44,550,000 \$2.24 per thousand dollars of assessed value

2014 \$47,800,000 \$2.32 per thousand dollars of assessed value