



**Issaquah School District**

**February 2018 Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The two-year Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy (formerly M&O Levy) is the only locally approved ballot measure that directly pays for basic general classroom and operational needs such as special education, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and staff salaries that are not fully funded by the state. Like a subscription, local school levies must be renewed with the approval of voters or the funding will be lost. Our current levy expires in 2018! If renewed, the EP&O Levy will allow the District to collect \$81.2M over two years, which represents 15% of our total operating budget or 15¢ of every classroom dollar.

**What is funded by the EP&O Levy?**

Category	Items Funded
Student Support and Safety Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nurses</li> <li>• Mental health counselors</li> <li>• Student support coaches</li> <li>• Security staff</li> </ul>
Academic Programs and Classroom Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificated and classified staff for Special Education, Highly Capable, and English Language Learner programs</li> <li>• Paraeducators</li> <li>• Professional development for teachers including professional learning days, training, and workshops</li> <li>• Substitute teachers</li> <li>• Career and Technical Education/STEM learning</li> <li>• Early Childhood Learning</li> <li>• Curriculum materials and training</li> <li>• Reduced class sizes</li> </ul>
Activities, Athletics and Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities and club advisors</li> <li>• All extracurricular activities</li> <li>• Sports</li> <li>• Athletic Directors</li> <li>• Coaches</li> </ul>
Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Substitute classified staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Custodians</li> </ul>
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school schedules that create opportunities for acceleration, exploration, and remediation.</li> <li>• Elementary Dual Language program</li> <li>• New teacher mentoring program</li> <li>• More academic guidance counselors</li> <li>• Increased mental health counselors and support</li> <li>• Expanded Early Learning programs</li> </ul>
Average Annual Levy Amount Per Year	\$40.6 million (\$81.2M total over two years)