

# School Levy Election Information

Three replacement levies on the February 2018 ballot



# Three Replacement or “Renewal” Levies

- Educational Programs and Operations EP&O (Two-year)
- Bus Levy (One-year)
- Critical Repairs and Technology (Four-year)

The above levies expire December 31, 2018. The measure on the ballot is asking voters to renew these levies.



# Critical Repairs and Technology

- Pays for educational technology in the classroom and online classes and educational opportunities
- Replaces aging computers and other hardware
- Pays for upgrades to wireless, Internet, software, and emergency communications
- Pays for tech support staff and training
- Pays for large critical repairs in our schools
- Adds portable classroom space
- Pays for safety and security upgrades

**Cost:** \$69.5M over 4 years

**Tax Rate:** \$0.52 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value



# School Bus Levy

- Pays for 76 new buses
- Keeps District on schedule to collect state funding to offset the total cost of purchases
- Ensures alignment with safety standards
- Preserves operational dollars for the classroom

**Cost:** \$2M over 1 year (2019 only)

**Tax Rate:** \$0.07 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value



# Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Covers the gap between state funding and the cost to operate the District, about 15% of ISD's operating budget

- Pays for Academic Programs and Classroom Supports
- Allows us to offer athletics, clubs, and extracurricular activities
- Pays for a portion of Special Education
- Supports student physical and mental health, safety, and well-being
- Helps pay for transportation, substitutes, and maintenance staff
- Provides professional development and trainings for teachers
- Provides opportunities to offer programs our community is asking for!

**Cost:** \$81.2 M over 2 years

**Rate:** \$1.13 per \$1,000 Assessed Property Value in 2019 and \$1.33 per \$1,000 in 2020



# What does the EP&O Fund? A closer look

- Certificated and classified staff for Special Education, Highly Capable, and English Language Programs, Paraeducators, and substitute teachers.
- Career and Technical Education, STEM, curriculum materials.
- Professional development for teachers, workshops, training, mentoring.
- Reduced class sizes.
- Nurses, security staff, mental health counselors, student behavior and emotional support coaches.
- Operations including transportation, substitute classified staff, maintenance staff, and custodians.
- Coaches, athletic directors, and club advisors

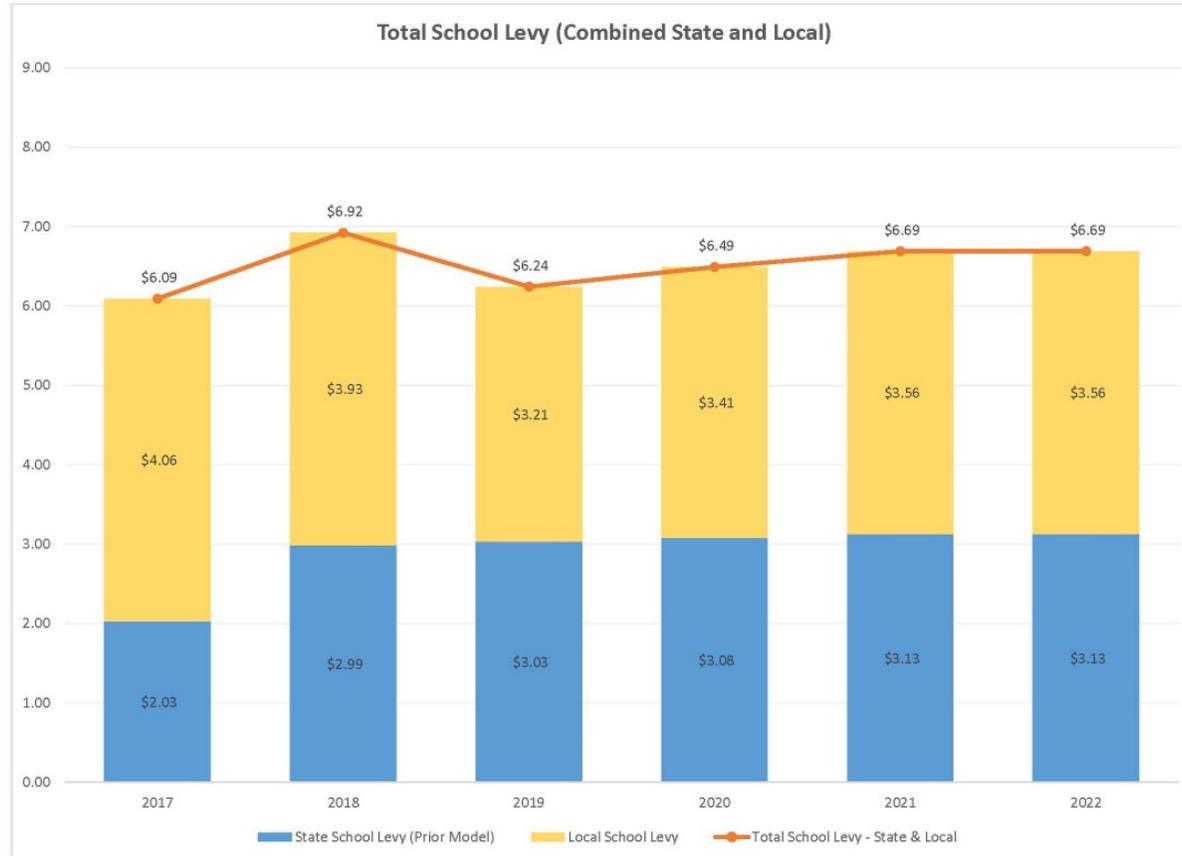
# EP&O – New Opportunities for the ISD

- High school schedules that offer more opportunities for acceleration, exploration, and remediation
- Elementary Dual Language program
- New Teacher Mentoring program
- Increased mental health counselors
- Expanded Early Learning programs
- Additional mental health counselors
- Additional academic guidance counselors
- Expanded equity initiatives

# Why a Two-year EP&O Levy?

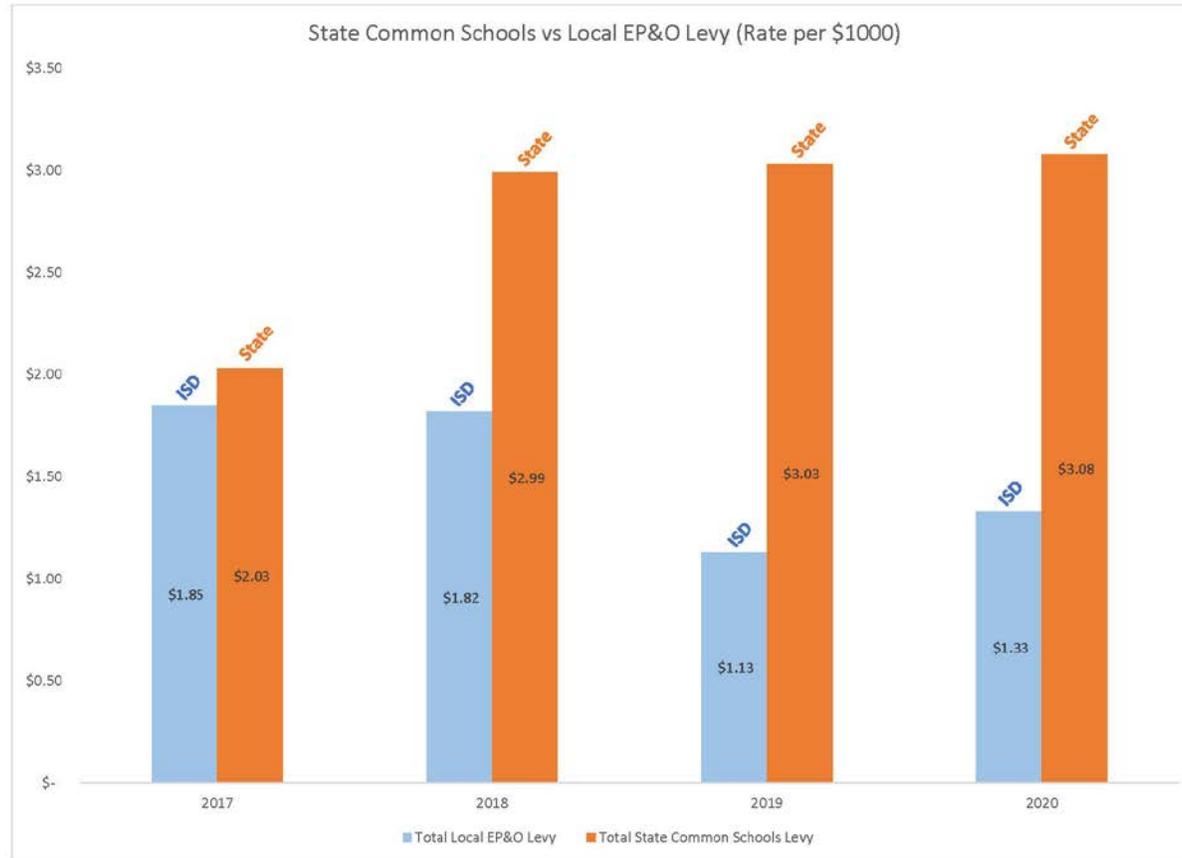
- ISD has traditionally run four-year EP&O or “M&O” levies
- HB 2242 or the “McCleary Fix” – A historic change to the way the state funds basic education
- ISD to benefit from the new funding model after years of being one of the lowest funded districts in the state!
- However, there is **uncertainty** around funding for special education, salary allocations, levy authority, and the ability of districts to actually expend local levies in a manner consistent with statute.
- This lack of clarity makes it difficult to determine how much money the District needs to ask local taxpayers to cover over a span of four years.

# How will my taxes be impacted?



The total combined levy includes all three local replacement levies, local construction bonds, and the state levy. The higher tax rate in 2018 is due to the new state tax and final collection of the local levy that expires in 2018.

# How will my taxes be impacted?



Shift in property taxes due to the new state school levy funding model. Beginning in 2018, the state portion of taxes will increase by an estimated \$.96 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The ISD's local EP&O Levy rate is being decreased by \$.069 per \$1,000 in 2019 and \$.049 in 2020.

# Election Information

- Ballots arrive in mailboxes around January 25 and must be returned by **February 13.**
- January 15 is the deadline to register to vote online or by mail with King County Elections
- February 5 is the deadline to register in person at 919 SW Grady Way in Renton
- Tax exemptions available for seniors and disabled persons, information by calling the King County Assessors Office at 206-296-3920
- Drop box locations at the Sammamish City Hall 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Issaquah City Hall at 130 E Sunset Way, and Renton Public Health Center 3201 NE 7<sup>th</sup> St.



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