

# SCHOOL LEVY ELECTION

April 26



## TWO LEVIES ON BALLOT



### Proposition 1

#### Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy

- 4-year levy; funds collected 2023-2026 (Total \$5,000,000/year)
- Accounts for approximately 16% of Granite Falls School District's revenue
- Purchasing curriculum and maintaining programs that are important for our students and our schools such as extracurricular activities, student mental health support, special education, school safety and security resources, and more!



### Proposition 2

#### Replacement Technology & School Improvements Levy

- 4-year levy; funds collected 2023-2026 (\$750,000/year totaling \$3,000,000)
- Provides funding for technology for student learning including computer hardware, software, application and licensing; repairs of facilities and repair or replacement of systems such as windows, roofs, HVAC, electrical, etc., as well as construction as needed.



## About the two propositions:

The Granite Falls School District has two replacement levy measures on the ballot February 8, 2022. Both levies replace existing levies that expire at the end of calendar year 2022. Collection for both replacement levies would begin in calendar year 2023.



# FAQS

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## DIDN'T WASHINGTON SCHOOLS ALREADY RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE STATE BECAUSE OF THE MCCLEARY DECISION?

Yes. However, the funding provided by the state does not cover the actual costs to provide a comprehensive educational program. Because of this, virtually all school districts utilize levies to fill the gap in the funding provided by the state of Washington and the actual cost of providing a comprehensive education program.

The Washington State Supreme Court's "McCleary decision" resulted in public school districts receiving a funding increase in 2018 with a levy funding allowance decrease. However, state funding is restricted to basic education, and only covers approximately 75% of the full educational programs that Granite Falls School District students receive.

## WILL MY TAXES DECREASE IF MORE PEOPLE MOVE INTO THE DISTRICT?

Yes. As the population of Granite Falls School District increases, the cost of school taxes to each homeowner decreases. The amount collected by the district cannot change, so as more people move into our area, individual cost decreases.

## HOW MUCH WILL THIS LEVY COST ME?

In a school levy election, voters approve a collection amount- not a rate. Even if both levies pass, the rate per thousand will be approximately \$1.08 less in 2023 than it was in 2017, before the state changed the mechanisms for funding school operations and programming.

## DIDN'T WE JUST VOTE ON A LEVY?

The Granite Falls School District's current levies will expire on December 31, 2022. Unless voters approve these levies to renew the existing ones, these funds will no longer be available for schools and the Granite Falls School District will be forced to make cuts to pertinent programs and offerings for our students. Important to remember: This is not a new tax.



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