

Educational Programs & Operations 2015 Renewal Levy

Information Flyer

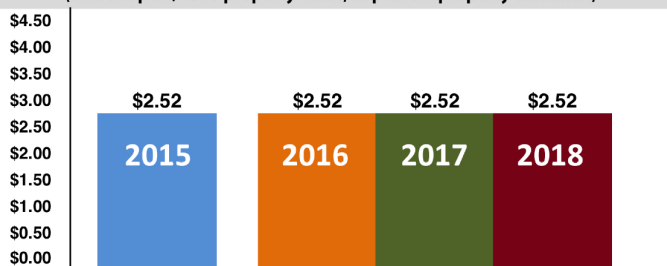


Voters in the Deer Park School District will be asked to consider approval of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy measure on February 10, 2015. The proposed three-year levy replaces the district's expiring levy, last approved by voters in 2012.

About **16%** of the school district's annual budget comes via a voter-approved levy. The levy helps sustain essential educational programs and activities not funded by state and federal dollars.

PROJECTED TAX RATE STAYS THE SAME!

(amount per \$1000 property value, at present property valuation)



VOTER APPROVAL WILL NOT RAISE THE LEVY RATE!

Preserving Quality Education in Deer Park Schools

Increases in levels of student achievement are directly linked to school programs paid for by the levy. To maintain these programs, voters must approve renewal of the expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

Engaging our students...

- ◆ Athletics, music programs, drama, and archery are among the many levy-funded extracurricular activities and programs that keep students engaged in school
- ◆ Technology infrastructure/devices, lower class sizes, College in the Classroom courses and innovative new STEM programs are all funded with levy dollars

Ensuring student safety, security, and support...

- ◆ Using levy funds, Deer Park School District was able to partner with the City of Deer Park to hire a Resource Deputy to serve our schools and our community
- ◆ Security cameras have been added to every school in the district to further increase safety
- ◆ Playground supervision and behavior support positions as well as para-educators providing academic interventions are all levy-funded positions intended to enhance building safety and provide necessary support to all students

Sustaining a commitment to taxpayer value...

- ◆ Out of 11 Spokane area school districts, Deer Park taxpayers pay the lowest local levy rate; even so, DPSD provides quality programs and similar comprehensive offerings at every level
- ◆ Levy amounts are set to meet future enrollment needs without raising the levy tax rate

