



LEVY

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The projected levy rates for 2009-2011 would be less than the current levy rate.

The current levy expires December 31, 2008.

The new levy would not impose a new tax in addition to what is currently in place, but will replace (at a lower rate) the expired tax.

The new levy would be a 3-year levy.

Shelton School District would receive matching money from the state and other districts (non-high districts that send their students to the Shelton School District) only if the levy passes.

The Maintenance and Operations Levy provides about 13.5% of the district's budget. These dollars maintain all or a part of many educational programs and services in addition to the maintenance of facilities.

The levy amount to be collected is as follows:

2009 — \$5,700,000 (\$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation)

2010 — \$5,900,000 (\$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation)

2011 — \$6,100,000 (\$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation)

The current rate (2008 collection) per \$1,000 assessed valuation is \$3.89.

February 19, 2008

Official ballots will be mailed to voters on, or about, January 30th.

Questions & Answers

What is a maintenance and operations levy and what does it provide?

Maintenance and operations levies provide funding for basic education services and day-to-day operating expenses that are not fully paid for by the state such as:

- Elementary specialists (music, art, physical education, intervention specialists, etc.)
- Instructional materials
- Support for students at risk
- Remedial instruction
- Furniture and equipment for classrooms
- Athletics and activities
- Additional transportation costs
- Technology
- Utilities
- Maintenance and repair of existing facilities.

Is this an additional levy or a replacement levy?

This is a **replacement** levy and will replace the current levy which expires December 31, 2008.

For more information, please contact:

Shelton School District
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When would the tax be collected?

Levy dollars would be collected in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Do you qualify for levy exemptions?

Senior and disabled citizens may be eligible for an exemption from all or part of special levies. Call the Mason County Assessor's Office at 427-9670, ext. 499, for applications and additional information.

How can I register to vote?

There are several ways to register to vote, including registration by mail, in person registration, and Motor Voter registration. Registration forms are available at the Mason County Elections Dept., public libraries, schools, and other government offices. You may also obtain a form on-line at www.secstate.wa.gov/voting/register.htm.

You must register at least 30 days prior to an election. If registering by mail, your application must be postmarked by the 30-day cut off. If you miss the 30-day deadline, you may still sign up in person at the Elections Dept., but no later than 15 days prior to the election.

These funds would be used to support the following:	2009: \$5,700,000 Projected at \$3.37/\$1,000	2010: \$5,900,000 Projected at \$3.37/\$1,000	2011: \$6,100,000 Projected at \$3.37/\$1,000
Student academic support and school improvement plans. Classroom and special program teachers and assistants beyond the state's basic allocation including elementary music, physical education, art, technology, NJROTC, highly capable, learning support and alternative education; classroom curriculum materials; classroom furniture; additional teachers, teacher training to meet new federal mandates.	\$3,021,000	\$3,127,000	\$3,233,000
Required programs not fully funded by the state or federal government. Transportation expenses (including fuel), special education, bilingual programs, learning assistance, No Child Left Behind, truancy, nursing services, and school libraries.	\$1,710,000	\$1,770,000	\$1,830,000
After school programs. Coaches and advisors for athletics and activities (band, choir, drama, clubs, etc.), athletic team travel, elementary activities, intramural activities, transportation, and athletics and activities supervision.	\$399,000	\$413,000	\$427,000
Facility operations and safety. Swimming pool operations; high school auditorium costs; school safety; emergency preparedness; increased utilities and insurance costs, and community use of facilities.	\$171,000	\$177,000	\$183,000
Major maintenance of buildings. Scheduled major maintenance; implementation of the district's preventive maintenance plan developed under the strategic plan, which includes, heating/ventilation/air conditioning repair and replacement, on-going upkeep and repair of the facilities and grounds, and upgrades to the school bus garage.	\$399,000	\$413,000	\$427,000

***The mission of the
Shelton School District:***

To provide the highest quality educational opportunities possible to all students, in environments that nurture and promote each student's unique capabilities and finest achievements.

Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy

*An all-mail election will be held on
Tuesday, February 19, 2008, for the Shelton School District for the purpose of
replacing the current maintenance and operations levy,
which expires December 31, 2008.*

*If passed, this levy will not impose a new tax in addition to what is currently in
place, but will replace (at a lower rate) the expired tax.*

This proposal is a **three-year** levy for the years 2009, 2010, and 2011. If passed, it would replace (at a lower rate) the levy approved by voters in 2006, which expires December, 2008.

2009 Levy: \$5,700,000 (collected at a projected rate of \$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation).

2010 Levy: \$5,900,000 (collected at a projected rate of \$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation).

2011 Levy: \$6,100,000 (collected at a projected rate of \$3.37 per \$1,000 assessed valuation).

Note: the projected and actual rates for the levy passed by voters in 2006 were:

2007 — \$3.89 (projected) and \$3.86 (actual)

2008 — \$3.93 (projected) and \$3.89 (actual)



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on, or about, January 30, 2008.*



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