



Why is the district proposing a renewal levy for educational programs and operations?

- Washington State does not fully fund K-12 education. The severe budget cuts of the past 5 years have increased BISD's reliance on local support.
- The EP & O Levy represents 24% of the district's General Fund budget (up from 21% in 2008-09).
- BISD ranks in the bottom 35% of the state in total per pupil revenue (192 out of 295 districts in 2011-12, the most recent year for state comparison data).
- The WA State Supreme Court has ordered the Legislature to increase funding for K-12 education. It will likely be several years before BISD receives a significant increase in funds, since priority is given to high poverty schools.

Why is the district proposing a renewal levy for technology?

- The state does not provide designated funds for technology. Local funds support expenses for almost all instructional technology.
- Technology is an integral component of K-12 education. Curricula require students and teachers to access online textbooks and learning resources.
- Jobs are increasingly dependent on technological skills. All post-secondary institutions expect students to be proficient with technology for communication, collaboration, presentation, and information analysis and management.
- The WA State Supreme Court has ordered the Legislature to increase funding for K-12 education. It will likely be several years before BISD receives a significant increase in funds, since priority is given to high poverty schools.

What would happen if the school district did not pass these replacement levies?

- Without a renewal of the EP & O Levy, BISD would have to cut 24% from its operating budget. One of the outcomes would be eliminating the equivalent of 80 full-time staff positions.
- Without a replacement levy for technology, BISD would have to use General Fund dollars to cover the cost of technology systems and equipment. Staff positions and items typically funded by the General Fund would need to be reduced to pay for technology.

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Where can I get more information?

To find out more about the February 11, 2014, Renewal Educational Programs & Operations and Technology levies, technology planning or educational programs, go to Bainbridge Island School District's website or call the Community Relations Offices, 206-780-1398.

www.bisd303.org/domain/1357
 For more on renewal levies.



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Educational Programs & Operations Levy and Technology Levy Renewal



Intermediate school robotics

State and federal funding does not cover all the costs associated with educating students. Districts must request funds through local educational programs and operations levies to pay for staff positions that are not funded—or are only partially funded—by the state.

Our state provides no designated funding for technology. Many school districts in Washington State have locally funded technology or capital levies that cover the cost of technology hardware, software, training, and infrastructure.

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These two measures, if approved, would replace levies that expire in December 2014. The Renewal EP & O Levy and Renewal Technology Levy would sustain educational programs, student learning and staffing, and instructional technology support for 3 years (2015-2017). Like other Washington school districts, BISD has never operated without local levy support.

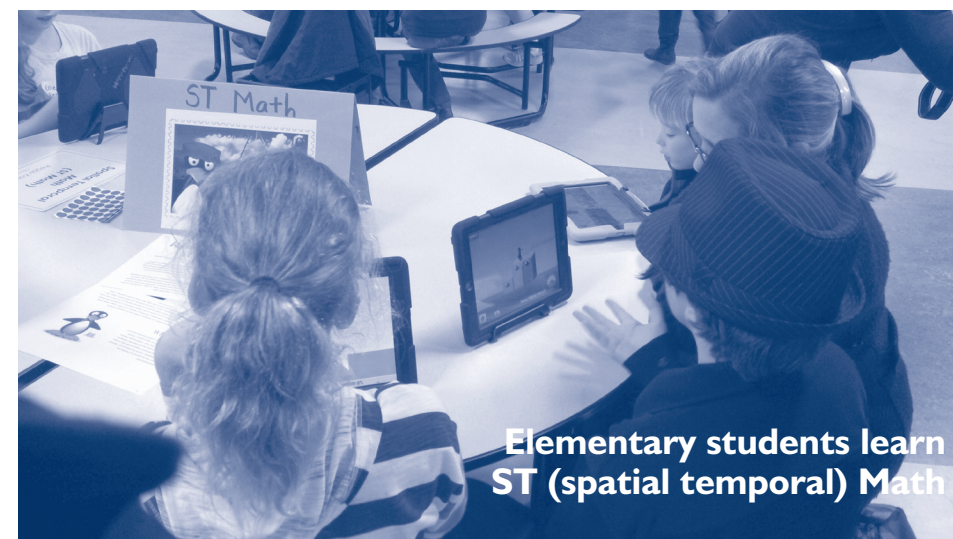
What would these two measures provide?

Renewal Educational Programs & Operations Levy dollars would pay for:

- 24% of BISD's operating budget.
- 26 FTE certificated staff—11% of teachers, counselors, librarians, specialists, nurses.
- 58 FTE support staff—48% of classroom paraeducators, school secretaries, custodians, bus drivers.
- Special education and remedial programs.
- Curriculum materials and instructional supplies.
- Student transportation.
- Extracurricular activities, such as clubs, interscholastic sports, band, drama.

Renewal Technology Levy would pay for:

- Student computers and technological devices that are now an integral part of the curriculum in all subjects.
- Teacher computers and presentation tools necessary to implement the curriculum, access instructional materials, and carry out required tasks (attendance, grading, etc.).
- Online subscriptions and information systems.
- Hardware and software to differentiate and individualize instruction.
- Equipment and software for students to complete required online state and national tests.
- Technological systems for communication and collaboration.



What would these two measures cost?

- The two proposed renewal levies would replace existing levies approved by voters in 2010. They are not new taxes.
- If both measures are approved, local school taxes for the median home would increase by \$7 per month.
- The 2014 levy tax rate for all local school taxes will be \$3.54 per \$1000 assessed property value.
- The levy tax rate for all local school taxes is projected to be \$3.65 per \$1000 assessed property value in 2015, \$3.63 in 2016, and \$3.56 in 2017.
- By law, districts cannot collect more than the specific amount approved by voters.

What would happen to the school tax rates?

- Unlike other local agencies that set a specific tax rate, schools are required to present levies and bonds for a specific dollar amount.
- The County Assessor sets tax rates each year to collect the specified amount.
- When assessed values go up, the tax rate goes down; when assessed values go down, the rate goes up. This ensures the district collects only the dollar amount approved by voters.

Projected Total Local School Tax Rates

Tax Year	Proposed EP&O Levy	Proposed Technology Levy	Existing Local Bonds	Total Local School Tax Rate
2015	\$1.81	\$.42	\$1.42	\$3.65
2016	\$1.81	\$.41	\$1.41	\$3.63
2017	\$1.81	\$.41	\$1.34	\$3.56

Note: All rates are estimated and are per \$1000 assessed property value.

Tax exemptions

Seniors and disabled citizens who meet certain income requirements may be exempt from part or all of local school levy taxes. For more information or to find out if you qualify for a property tax exemption, contact the Kitsap County Assessor's Office at (360) 337-7160.

More details about these two measures can be found at:

<http://www.bisd303.org/domain/1357>

What is on the February 11, 2014 ballot?

Bainbridge Island School District #303 Proposition No.1 Renewal of Educational Programs & Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Bainbridge Island School District No. 303 adopted Resolution No. 01-13-14 concerning a replacement levy for educational programs and operations. This proposition would re-authorize the continuation of levies to support educational programs and services, including teaching, instructional support, school supplies, extracurricular activities and transportation, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2015	\$1.81	\$9,500,000
2016	\$1.81	\$9,600,000
2017	\$1.81	\$9,700,000

Should this proposition be approved? YES NO

Proposition No.2 Renewal of School Technology Levy

The Board of Directors of Bainbridge Island School District No. 303 adopted Resolution No. 02-13-14, concerning a replacement levy to modernize technology and telecommunications. This proposition would authorize the District to continue modernization of school facilities through the acquisition, installation and improvement of computer technology and telecommunication systems, equipment and facilities, and levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2015	\$.42	\$2,200,000
2016	\$.41	\$2,200,000
2017	\$.41	\$2,200,000

Should this proposition be approved? YES NO

How do local school taxes compare with other school districts?

Tax Comparison—2013

(amounts for all bonds and levies)

School District	Average Home Value	Total Annual School Tax
Bainbridge Island	\$455,000	\$1,520
Bellevue	\$447,000	\$1,453
Issaquah	\$353,000	\$1,673
Lake Washington	\$424,000	\$1,590
Mercer Island	\$711,000	\$1,891
Northshore	\$414,000	\$2,190
Shoreline	\$270,000	\$1,585

Note: Districts above have similar demographics to BISD and are used in academic comparisons.