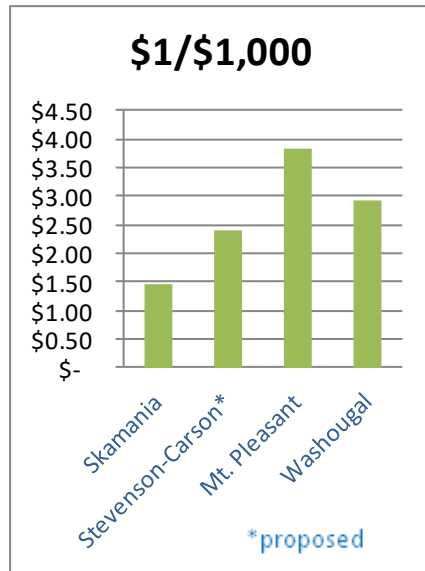


Skamania School District levy rates are the lowest in the area.



Skamania's levy request, \$1.46/\$1,000 valuation, will maintain the current levy amount of \$175,000 for the next three years.

Questions? Concerns?

For more information, contact:

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Levy Facts



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be mailed by
August 1, 2017*

Facts for Every Voter to Consider

Skamania School District relies on local, state, and federal funding.

- Local levy funds currently supply approximately 15% of the district's annual revenue.
- The state is planning to increase basic education funding in 2018, but the increase will still not completely support the educational needs of our students. The district has made many cost-saving measures in recent years. The costs of services needed by the district, such as utilities and insurance, have continued to increase.
- Federal forest funds provided through the Secure Rural Schools program have not been renewed by the federal government. The revenue from this valuable source has steadily declined and is no longer a source of income for the districts in Skamania County.
- Local levy dollars provide a stable, predictable source of revenue. The levy dollars enable the district to be efficient in budgeting and planning.

The mission of Skamania Elementary is to provide opportunities which prepare students in becoming responsible decision makers, lifelong learners, and caring, contributing members of society.

The levy funds will be used for:

- Classroom instructional support, supplies, textbooks, and technology equipment.
- High quality school lunches and breakfasts. More than half of the students enrolled in Skamania School qualify for free or reduced price meals, and eat two meals each day at school.
- Utilities, facilities, and grounds upkeep.
- School bus fuel and maintenance.
- Music and art programs. Both are considered core subjects in Washington State.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a new levy?

No! This is a continuation of the levy that was approved by voters in 2014, which expires at the end of 2017. The district is appreciative of past support and is not asking for an increase in the local levy.

Is this the same as the Stevenson-Carson School District levy?

No! Skamania School District and Stevenson-Carson School District are separate, individual districts. Skamania School District has only one school, Skamania Elementary, which serves grades K-8.

Isn't the state supposed to pay for basic education?

Yes! This year's state legislature has approved a plan to gradually increase state funds for local districts over the next several years. While that plan is being implemented, local levy dollars are still needed to adequately educate the community's children.

Do all property owners have to pay this tax?

No! Some low-income senior citizens or disabled residents may qualify for exemptions. Contact the Skamania County Assessor's office, 509-427-3720.