

## In Addition, Our Levy Supports...

### Athletics

Our athletic programs for middle and high school students build skills in teamwork, commitment, character, self-discipline and hard work. Many of our graduates also benefit financially, from participating in sports, when they receive athletic scholarships to attend colleges and universities across the country.

### Activities

Elementary-aged children have the opportunity to participate in a volunteer choir program at each of our schools in addition to their music class each week. High school students can participate in a variety of clubs (i.e., Knowledge Bowl, National Honor Society, world language clubs, drama, band, etc.)



### Technology

Our students have access to current technology across the district. Elementary students are learning how to develop Google documents and use Chrome Books while older students benefit from multi-media, CAD and a variety of engineering software.

### Health/Safety

Levies also support school nurses, our School Resource Officer, and emergency preparedness.

## What Are the Estimated Rates for the Levy?

The school district is keeping the levy rate at the same level as the expiring levy. Districts are allowed to collect only the amount of money approved by voters. The amounts Arlington Public Schools is asking voters to consider and the estimated tax rate for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation are in the chart below. When assessed property values change, the tax rate is adjusted to ensure that the district collects only the levy dollar amount approved by voters.

Proposed Four-Year Renewal Levy Estimated Rates			
Tax Calendar Year	Levy Amount	Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Est. Annual Tax for \$200,000 Home
2017	\$13,316,574	3.56	\$712
2018	\$13,982,402	3.56	\$712
2019	\$14,541,698	3.56	\$712
2020	\$15,123,366	3.56	\$712

*Note: These are only estimates of the proposed rates.*

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## Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy February 9, 2016



### How Your Levy Dollars Support Schools

Levy dollars fund necessary educational programs and operations:

- Technology
- Teaching Materials
- Safety/Emergency Preparedness
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Staffing
- Academic Support
- Special Education
- Professional Development



## Important Levy Facts

- On February 9, 2016, voters will be asked to vote on the **Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy** for Arlington Public Schools.
- This is not a new tax, but a renewal of a current tax expiring at the end of 2016.
- These funds support school district instructional programs and operations.
- State law requires school districts to periodically ask voters to consider renewal of the local levy
- The measure on the ballot will be a four-year educational programs and operations levy that would be collected 2017 through 2020.



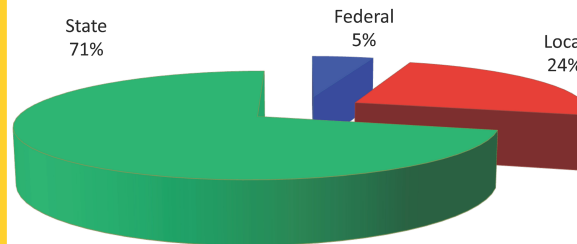
**Every child, every hour, every day!**



## Why Do School Districts Need Levies?

School funding resources are spread across local, State and Federal sources. Approximately 71% of the school districts funding is provided through state allocation, 24% is from local taxes and fees, and 5% is from the federal allotments.

### School Funding Sources



## Arlington Public Schools Acknowledged for Financial Stewardship

The district has received recognition at both the State and National levels for our effective and efficient fiscal practices.

## The Levy Funds our Educational Programs



Preparing our students for their future in college and career is our paramount duty. Your tax dollars are used for programs such as our new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project-based learning programs in middle and high schools; Career and Technical Education; World Languages; Health and Fitness; Social Studies/History; English/Language Arts; as well as Fine and Performing Arts.

### New Programs Implemented

We now have full-time, tuition free kindergarten for all children at every elementary. In addition, we have added art in each of our elementary schools. At Presidents Elementary, students are learning to become leaders in the community through *The Leader in Me* program. Post Middle School students are involved in pilot testing project-based STEM classes. Arlington High School is offering a Manufacturing Program of Study to prepare graduates for high demand, high wage fields within Snohomish County. Weston High School is holding three project-based learning opportunities for their student body. These are a few examples of the wonderful programs we offer our students in grades preschool through grade twelve.