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School board approves running levies and bond in February election

ARLINGTON- The Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors approved at its Oct. 23 meeting running an Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy, a Capital Levy to support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities, and a bond to replace Post Middle School and improve traffic flow onto the Post/Eagle Creek/Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus. Community members will vote on the levies and bond during the Feb. 13, 2024 election.

The four-year EP&O Levy is a renewal of the existing four-year EP&O Levy, which expires at the end of 2024. The EP&O Levy pays for staffing, educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the state. These include instructional services and support, facility maintenance, technology, special education and extracurricular activities, and other educational programs and operations expenses.

Collection Year	Estimated EP&O Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	Levy Amount
	Assessed Value	
2025	\$1.65	\$13,460,000
2026	\$1.64	\$13,796,000
2027	\$1.63	\$14,141,000
2028	\$1.62	\$14,500,000

The four-year Capital Levy pays for districtwide health, safety, infrastructure and facility improvements, including, but not limited to replacing, repairing, upgrading, modernizing and/or improving roofing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, mechanical and electrical systems and equipment, windows, technology infrastructure (e.g., fiber and telecommunications), kitchen equipment, plumbing, and paving and parking; and making other health, safety, infrastructure and facility improvements at district facilities.

Collection Year	Estimated Capital Levy	
	Rate \$1,000	Assessed Value
2025	\$.77	\$6,334,000
2026	\$.77	\$6,492,000
2027	\$.77	\$6,654,000
2028	\$.76	\$6,821,000

The Post Middle School Bond provides for replacement of the deteriorating, existing Post Middle School. The new school would correct the safety and security concerns of the existing Post Middle School. The new school would be earthquake resistant, have interior hallways for security, have larger classrooms to support Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) education, and be protected from fire with a fire sprinkler system. The cost of the bond is \$95 million.

“It’s important for Arlington students to learn and thrive in a safe and comfortable learning environment,” said Arlington School Board President, Mary Levesque. “The EP&O Levy, Capital Levy, and bond to replace Post Middle School and improve traffic flow onto the Post/Eagle Creek/Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus will further ensure all students will have the best possible educational experience for years to come.”

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