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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS THREE MEASURES IN THE FEB. 13, 2024 ELECTION:

PROP. 1 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS (EP&O) LEVY RENEWAL

PROP. 2 CAPITAL LEVY RENEWAL

PROP. 3 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND



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Levies and Bond 2024

**BALLOTS ARE DUE
FEB. 13, 2024**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE BY FEB. 13, 2024

TAX RELIEF OPTIONS

Senior citizens over the age of 61, people with disabilities, disabled veterans, and people with limited incomes may qualify for property tax exemptions or deferral under Washington state law. Contact the Snohomish County Assessor's office for more information.

 425-388-3540

 contact.assessor@co.snohomish.wa.us

 <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/328/Property-Tax-Exemptions>

PROP. 1: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS (EP&O) LEVY RENEWAL

would continue funding for maintaining class sizes, programs, staff, and supports that benefit all students.

PROP. 2: CAPITAL LEVY RENEWAL

would continue supporting the modernization and renovation of school facilities.

PROP. 3: MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND

would fund a new Post Middle School to prepare the Post, Eagle Creek Elementary and Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus for the future.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why not just renovate Post Middle School? Why rebuild?

A: *Building a new Post Middle School costs less than renovating the building. Renovating would cost the community \$101 million while rebuilding would cost \$95 million. Renovating via capital levy could take up to eight years, while rebuilding via bond funding is estimated to take three years. Renovating would not address the student safety concerns of the current building with all doors that open to the outside.*

Q: Where can I learn more?

A: https://asd.wednet.edu/administration/facilities/school_bond_and_levies

Q: Who can vote in the Feb. 13, 2024 election?

A: *Registered voters residing in the Arlington School District boundaries.*

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

TITLE IX/SEX EQUITY OFFICER AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Mr. Eric DeJong, Executive Director, Human Resources, 315 N French Ave., Arlington, WA 98223, 360.618.6212, edejong@asd.wednet.edu

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB) COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Ms. Kerri Helgeson, Director of Equity and Student Well-Being, 315 N French Ave., Arlington, WA 98223, 360.618.6228, khelgeson@asd.wednet.edu

SECTION 504/ADA COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Mr. Dave McKellar, Director of Special Education, 315 N French Ave., Arlington, WA 98223, 360.618.6209, dmckellar@asd.wednet.edu

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THREE FUNDING MEASURES FOR OUR STUDENTS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND

FUNDING FOR OUR STUDENTS

The three measures provide funding for Arlington Public Schools that's not provided by Washington state. The state does not provide funding for:

- Up to 12 percent of our budget; the EP&O levy makes up the difference
- Improving and preserving school buildings
- Rebuilding old schools to meet students' current learning needs

STUDENT HEALTH AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The three measures fund improvements that provide students with a healthy learning environment to address student health, well-being and academic performance. The improvements include:

- Upgraded heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
- Extending the life of school buildings by replacing roofing and flooring systems

SAFETY AND SECURITY

These three measures will fund safety and security improvements for students including:

- Teaching staff, nurses, school resource officers, and security staff around the district
- Safer bus loops and parent pick-up areas
- A secure Post Middle School campus

INCREASING STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Modern facilities help Arlington Public Schools educate, prepare, and inspire every student. Arlington Public Schools' long-term facilities plan was built with community members to be fiscally responsible and ensure students receive a 21st-century education. The facilities plan prioritizes:

- Maintaining or decreasing class sizes to benefit students
- Rebuild Post Middle School to safely meet the needs of a modern education, including sufficient electrical capacity, fresh air exchange, and secure learning spaces
- Meeting the health and safety needs of students by continuing funding for nursing and school security staff
- Programs that provide students with academic and life skills that support them after high school



PROP. 1: EP&O LEVY RENEWAL

The EP&O Levy was approved by the community in 2020. This levy renewal provides 11-12% of our overall budget which continues funding for:

- Maintaining class sizes
- Teaching, nursing, security, food service staffing
- Student opportunities like clubs, extracurriculars, and athletics
- Programs: Special Education, Robotics
- Technology



PROP. 2: CAPITAL LEVY RENEWAL

The Capital Levy was approved by the community in 2020. This levy renewal continues funding for:

- Facility improvements to extend the life of schools.
- Roof repairs: The Capital Levy will provide a new roof for Arlington High School, Haller Middle School, and multiple buildings at Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center.
- Replace the gym floors at Arlington High School.
- Parking, drive lane paving, and storm water management: The Levy will repair damaged parking and drive areas at all school buildings, repave the Transportation Center yard, and add necessary stormwater management structures there.
- HVAC improvements: The Levy will replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment at Kent Prairie and Eagle Creek Elementary Schools.



PROP. 3: MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND

The Middle School Bond will:

- Build a new Post Middle School. Renovating the school costs more than building new.
- Add parking and drive lanes for Eagle Creek Elementary and Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center traffic to separate cars from buses.
- Provide a modern learning environment for students coming from Eagle Creek and Kent Prairie.
- Improve traffic at the Post/Eagle Creek/Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center campus.

**WHAT
WILL THE
MEASURES
COST?**

	Prop. 1: EP&O Levy RENEWAL	Prop. 2: Capital Levy RENEWAL	Prop. 3: Middle School Bond	Combined tax rate for EP&O Levy, Capital Levy, and the Middle School Bond
2025	\$1.65	\$0.77	\$0.62	\$3.04
2026	\$1.64	\$0.77	\$0.64	\$3.05
2027	\$1.63	\$0.77	\$0.65	\$3.04
2028	\$1.62	\$0.76	\$0.66	\$3.04
PREVIOUS TAX RATES				
2018	\$3.31	N/A	N/A	\$3.31
2021	\$1.07	\$1.15	N/A	\$2.85

All rates are estimates per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

■ EP&O Levy
 ■ Capital Levy
 ■ Middle School Bond