

Facts about the February 13, 2024, election

North Thurston Public Schools is asking voters to consider two funding measures to ensure thriving schools that foster learning, academic growth, critical thinking, and student success after graduation.

What's on the educational programs and operations levy?

This replacement EP&O levy is not a new tax, and will continue to:



Provide staffing not funded by the state, which is critical to meeting the needs of our students, such as teachers, nurses, mental health specialists, and school counselors.



Ensure our students are college and career ready at graduation and are prepared to pursue a skilled trade, community college, university, or military service.



Fund arts, athletics, and other activities so students can pursue their interests, are connected to their peers and school, and are more successful in school.



What's on the capital levy for safety, technology, and facilities improvement?

Safety

 Complete recommended upgrades to maintain and improve safety on our school campuses.

Technology

- Refresh student Chromebooks and teacher audio equipment.
- Upgrade building wi-fi equipment and classroom technology.
- Replace exterior reader boards.

Facilities

 Replace roofs and upgrade sewer systems at multiple schools, along with other critical infrastructure upgrades district-wide.

Preschool

 Expand capacity in our preschool programs to meet the growing needs of our community.

Nutrition

 Replace large equipment in school kitchens to continue serving nearly 10,000 student meals each day.



What is the difference between the two levies?

School districts rely on voter-approved funding measures to cover costs not funded by the state. All funds approved by North Thurston voters stay in our community for students and schools.

Educational programs and operations (EP&O) levies are used for educational programs, special education services, extracurricular activities, transportation, and more. For our district, we renew our EP&O levy every four years.

Capital levies are used for major repairs and minor upgrades to facilities.

Please remember to vote by February 13, 2024.

For more information on how to vote, visit: www.thurstoncountywa.gov/auditor

For more information on the EP&O and capital levies, visit: www.ntps.news/levies







What would the two measures cost?

NTPS is asking for a four-year EP&O levy and a four-year capital levy.

These measures will provide essential investments in staff and programs to ensure our students are future-ready.

For our area's median home value of \$350,900, the combined rate would equal \$1,796.61 per year.

BOND RATE
(PREVIOUSLY PASSED)

CAPITAL LEVY

\$0.77
PER \$1,000

EP&O LEVY
(REPLACEMENT)

\$2.50
PER \$1,000

COMBINED

RATE