



Levy election Feb. 9

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The 2006 operations levy expires at the end of 2010. The local levy funds 22 percent of school and district operations and provides funding for teachers, support staff, activities and programs.

- **Not a new tax – Replaces expiring operations levy**
 - **22% of basic day-to-day operations of the district are levy-funded.**
 - The expiring levy provided funds for 2007- 2010.
 - The replacement levy will continue levy funding for 2011- 2014.
- **Helps support class sizes**
 - Teachers, librarians, counselors, instructional support staff and para-educators in every neighborhood school are funded with levy dollars.
 - Pays for the equivalent of 600 teachers in our schools.
- **Provides for areas not funded by Washington state**
 - Helps fund safety, security, technology, textbooks, materials, transportation, special education, gifted education, athletics and substitute teachers.
 - Heating, lighting, utilities, insurance, custodial and maintenance costs are supported through levy funds.

Capital Levy

Capital funding for major modernization and replacement of schools can be provided through a six-year capital levy. This levy can only be used for facilities. It will enable the district to continue a long-range plan to address the needs of our aging schools.

- **Health, safety and access issues in our schools**
 - The capital levy provides funds for system improvements including seismic (earthquake), roofing, plumbing, drinking water, heating and ventilating systems as well as modern teaching and learning spaces.
- **Aged and deteriorating buildings in serious need are addressed**
 - Tacoma is an historic district with many old buildings. Since 1986 we have replaced or modernized 65 percent of its school sites. Of the remaining buildings, this capital levy will fund work on four of the oldest and neediest schools.
- **Funds our long-range plans for technology and school buildings**
 - The Tacoma Public Schools has been implementing its long-range plan for facility needs for 20 years. There are more than 20 schools yet to be served. This levy funds the next steps for continuing the long-range plan.

For questions or information please go to www.tacomaschools.org or call the Public Information office at 253.571.1015.