

# 2016 MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS LEVY

Dear Montesano School District Residents,

The Montesano School District is asking voters to approve a four year Maintenance and Operations Levy on February 9, 2016 which will replace the current levy that voters approved in 2012.

This levy request supports the annual cost of running our schools. The levy money is used to support educational programs that are not fully funded by the state such as maintenance and operations of our district, instructional support and materials, and extra-curricular activities.

The Maintenance and Operations Levy on February 9, 2016 is not asking for a new tax. At its meeting on November 18, 2015, the school board adopted a resolution setting the requested levy amount at \$2,317,041 for collection in 2017, and again in 2018, 2019, and 2020. The request is the same amount that was collected in the previous four year levy.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 360.249.3942 or by email at [dwinter@monteschools.org](mailto:dwinter@monteschools.org).

Sincerely,  
 Dan Winter  
 Montesano School District Superintendent

## PROPOSED FOUR YEAR LEVY

Collection Year	Tax Rate*	Levy Amount
2017	\$3.80	\$2,317,041
2018	\$3.80	\$2,317,041
2019	\$3.80	\$2,317,041
2020	\$3.80	\$2,317,041

*\*Tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.*

Considering these estimated tax rates, your home would be taxed for the school levy based on the assessed value of your home as shown in the examples below.

Value of Home	2017 Tax	2018 Tax	2019 Tax	2020 Tax
\$200,000	\$760	\$760	\$760	\$760
\$300,000	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$1,140
\$400,000	\$1,520	\$1,520	\$1,520	\$1,520

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Q. How do public schools get their money?

A. We receive funding from four sources. 70% comes from the state, 10% from the federal government, 3% from grants and/or fees and 17% from local taxes.

### Q. What does the levy funding pay for?

A. Levy funding pays for programs and services which are not funded, or are only partially funded by the state and federal governments including: support and instructional staffing such as nurses and counselors, curriculum, extra-curricular programs, maintenance, transportation and food service.

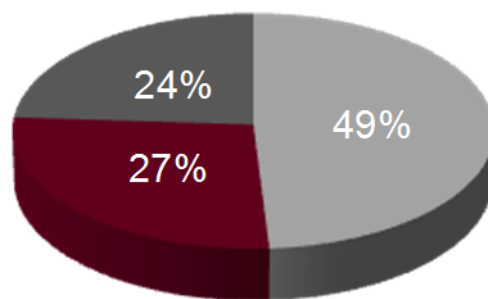
### Q. What are extra-curricular programs?

A. Extra-curricular programs include drama, band, choir, athletics and other after school activities. Levy funds make it possible to provide these opportunities for our children.

### Q. Are any citizens exempt from local levy taxes?

A. Yes. Some senior citizens on fixed incomes may qualify for an exemption from voted taxes. For more information or to find out if you qualify for a property tax exemption, please contact the Grays Harbor County Assessor's Office at 249-4121.

## HOW IS CURRENT LEVY MONEY USED?



- Instructional Support and Materials
- Maintenance and Operations
- Extra-Curricular / Activities

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**January 22, 2016**

**Ballots are mailed to registered voters.**

**February 9, 2016**

**Ballots must be returned to Grays Harbor County.**