Facts about the HOCKINSON SCHOOLS Replacement Levy

- Four-year levy 2023-26
- Not a new tax; replaces current levy
- Continues essential student programs & services
Levy dollars make up the difference between what the state provides for K-12 basic education and what it actually costs to keep students safe and healthy and provide them with the options that prepare them for today’s careers.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**
The state does not fully fund the expenses needed to meet the unique needs of every learner. More than 20% of Special Education funding comes from local funding.

**ART & MUSIC**
Every Hockinson elementary student explores art and music fundamentals to prepare them for secondary Art electives, Theatre, and Music (Grades 5-12).

**SPORTS & ACTIVITIES**
Hockinson students can participate in school sports, music, arts, or interest-based clubs thanks to levy funding.

**TRANSPORTATION**
The state does not provide adequate funding for busing to and from school and doesn’t provide funding for extracurricular activities and field trips.

**TECHNOLOGY**
Chromebooks, instructional technology, and optional online learning support students’ success.

**AP & ELECTIVE CLASSES**
Students can choose from a variety of classes that lead to college credit or trade careers.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING**
HSD Staff has helped hundreds of students through difficult times, reducing misbehavior, maintaining engagement in school, and supporting student mental health.

**TEXTBOOKS & CURRICULA**
Keeping textbooks current is important so our students don’t fall behind.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**
The state does not fully fund necessary maintenance like roofing, HVAC repairs, security upgrades, and repaving projects that maintain the community’s investment in our facilities and keep students safe.

**SECURITY & COMMUNICATIONS**
Keeping parents informed and students safe is a top levy priority.

**ESSENTIAL STAFF**
Teachers, nurses, school psychologists, and technology and teaching assistants provide students with important programs and services.
Four-year levy 2023-26

If approved, the replacement levy will fund essential programs over four years: 2023-2026.

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*Per $1,000 assessed property value.

†Example of a $450K home with a 3% annual increase in assessed value.

Not a new tax; replaces current levy

This levy will replace the existing one that expires at the end of 2022. The $1.89 levy rate, though higher, is needed to cover the costs of student programs and services such as: Extracurricular Activities, Sports, Health & Safety, Transportation, Special Education, Technology, Support Staff, and Curriculum. These programs keep kids safe and engaged, putting them on a path to a brighter future.

LOCAL LEVY DOLLARS make the DIFFERENCE for students’ success

Enzo Solari, 8th Grade

“There are activities I am looking forward to doing in high school, like Key Club and National Honor Society, and school would be boring if those activities weren’t there.”

Addie Chappelle, Senior

“Sports have taught me communication skills, teamwork, and leadership, all of which are very important for my future.”
One of the Lowest K-12 Levy Rates in Clark County

Hockinson Schools pursue their commitment to prepare all students for future success in innovative and efficient ways that make the most of educational dollars. While other districts have multiple levies, Hockinson is proposing just one levy that covers all essential programs.

SAMPLE 2022 LOCAL LEVY RATES:

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HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT’S FUNDING SOURCES:
The levy provided $2,685,783 for student programs and services in 2020-21. The district also received $476,150 in levy equalization from the state.

- **10%** Grants & non-tax funding
- **11%** Local levy funding
- **79%** State funding

Maggie O’Brien, Junior

“Band is entertaining and challenging in a positive way, there’s a lot of growth from it.”

Kylie Ritter, Senior

“Without athletics, school would be way different for me. Sports are something I really look forward to every day, and they keep me focused in school.”
Local Levy Funds Essential Staff

The state pays for a fraction of one school psychologist position. Local levy dollars make it possible to pay for two.

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This list is not inclusive of all levy-funded positions.

Hockinson’s Budget Challenges

The 2018 McCleary Decision actually resulted in a lower level of school funding for Hockinson Schools. Additionally, Hockinson’s federal COVID relief allocation was a fraction of that awarded to other local districts. All of this has left Hockinson in a difficult financial position, resulting in three consecutive years of budget and program reductions (2019-2022).

Didn’t the school district receive COVID-19 Relief Funds?

COVID School emergency relief (ESSER) funds were allocated to schools from the federal government to address the impacts that the pandemic has had, and continues to have, on K-12 education across the nation. Because these funds were distributed according to a district’s poverty index, Hockinson received far less per-pupil funding compared to other districts in our area (ex. HSD received $495 per student v. $3,361 per student in Vancouver SD). These one-time funds do not provide ongoing school funding like levies.

What if the levy doesn’t pass?

The levy provides nearly 11% of the district’s total budget. If it doesn’t pass, Hockinson’s schools will have to cut $4,000,000 resulting in larger classes, deferred building maintenance, and the elimination of most/all extracurricular activities (sports, band, clubs, etc.) and other programs from the 2022-23 budget.

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