Levy FAQ's

What is a levy?

A levy is a local property tax passed by voters of a school district that generates revenue to fund programs and services that the state does not pay for as part of "basic education".

Is this levy a new tax?

No, this levy is not a new tax. This will replace a levy that is currently being collected.

How much is the district seeking and what would that mean for our property tax rates?

The district is asking for an estimated \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

How does the proposed replacement levy compare with other current levies in the area?

As of October 24, 2023 our district's total tax rate was in the bottom 25% of schools in Lewis and Thurston Counties, as well as the bottom 25% in school districts in Washington State with similar assessed value. If this levy is passed, we will remain in the bottom 25% in both of these categories.

Toledo Replacement Levy

Washington School Districts 2023 - With Similar Assessed Values							
Capital							
District	Assessed Value	Bonds	EP&O	Projects	Trans.	Total	
Ephrata SD No. 165	\$ 1,234,595,907	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.62	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.24	\$ 4.43	
Toppenish SD No. 202	904,960,536	0.35	1.64	1.84	-	3.83	
Hoquiam SD No. 028	1,063,162,401	1.31	2.50	-	-	3.81	
Freeman SD No. 358	1,170,102,433	1.48	1.24	0.96	-	3.69	
Royal SD No. 160	940,795,865	1.65	1.46	-	-	3.11	
Kittitas SD No. 403	974,220,328	0.81	1.85	0.41	-	3.07	
Rainier SD No. 307	1,000,595,821	0.77	2.13	-	-	2.91	
Medical Lake SD No. 326	1,233,418,894	1.23	1.24	0.25	-	2.71	
Wapato SD No. 207	1,000,257,432	1.17	1.54	-	-	2.71	
Liberty SD No. 362	1,053,966,641	0.94	1.49	0.17	-	2.59	
La Conner SD No. 311	890,007,167	1.46	1.12	-	-	2.58	
Wahluke SD No. 73	926,244,121	-	2.34	-	-	2.34	
Columbia (Burbank) SD No. 400	1,171,898,676	-	1.92	0.36	-	2.28	
Conway SD No. 317	886,481,018	0.73	1.36	0.09	-	2.18	
Kiona-Benton City SD No. 52	1,083,659,898	0.68	1.44	-	-	2.12	
Grapeview SD No. 54	1,239,292,247	0.82	0.63	-	-	1.44	
Concrete SD No. 11	1,145,566,632	-	1.40	-	-	1.40	
Winlock SD No. 232	977,182,494	-	0.98	0.18	-	1.16	
Toledo SD No. 237	1,037,240,732	-	1.11	-	-	1.11	
Mossyrock SD No. 206	995,030,995	-	0.99	-	-	0.99	
Easton SD No. 28	1,083,278,870	-	0.26	0.31	-	0.57	



^{*}The bond payment is expected to begin in 2026 and will be an estimated \$0.42 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Assessed Value	Current Monthly Amount	New Monthly Amount (\$1.34 per \$1000 of assessed value)	Monthly \$ Increase	Current Yearly Amount	New Yearly Amount	Yearly \$ Increase
\$300,000	\$27.67	\$33.50	\$5.83	\$332.10	\$402.00	\$69.90
\$400,000	\$36.90	\$44.67	\$7.77	\$442.80	\$536.00	\$93.20
\$600,000	\$55.35	\$67.00	\$11.65	\$664.20	\$804.00	\$139.80
\$800,000	\$73.80	\$89.33	\$15.53	\$885.60	\$1,072.00	\$186.40



SBAC Testing 2023 Lewis County High Schools

	English Language Arts	Math	Science
	(ELA)		
Toledo High School, Toledo, WA	75.0%	31.3%	35.6%
WF West High School	63.0%	29.1%	42.1%
Centralia High School	40.3%	18.5%	21.5%
Adna High School	48.0%	22.7%	36.6%
Napavine High School	43.7%	31.9%	45.0%
Winlock High School	39.0%	9.8%	32.7%
Mossyrock High School	47.5%	18.8%	25.9%
Onalaska High School	48.7%	17.1%	25.8%
Morton High School	55.0%	37.5%	54.5%
PeEll High School	35.3%	25.7%	35.7%
White Pass High School	50.0%	18.2%	22.2%
Adna High School Napavine High School Winlock High School Mossyrock High School Onalaska High School Morton High School PeEll High School	43.7% 39.0% 47.5% 48.7% 55.0% 35.3%	31.9% 9.8% 18.8% 17.1% 37.5% 25.7%	45.0% 32.7% 25.9% 25.8% 54.5% 35.7%

^{*} Data sourced from OSPI

Reason Toledo is asking for \$1.34

- Insurance Costs Increased by Over \$100,000
- Lost Over \$430,000 of State Local Effort Assistance (LEA) Funds in 2023-2024
- Rising Utility Costs (The District is Underfunded by the State in Utilities by more than \$150,000 this year)

Potential Cuts if Levy Does Not Pass

- Transportation
- CPA (Alternative School)
- Para Professionals
- Teachers (Larger Class Sizes)
- Activities, Clubs, and Sports
- Band/Music
- Class offerings (Advanced High School Courses)
- **Counseling Services**
- Life Skills