

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS LEVY

Levy Facts for the Feb. 11, 2020 election

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HOW FUTURE READY IS TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT?

- ✓ Academically, Tahoma ranks among the top 5 % of the state's 295 districts.
- ✓ Career & Technical Education courses: 59 (2,093 students taking one or more classes)
- ✓ AP, pre-AP & College in the High School courses: 37 (1,335 students taking one or more classes)
- ✓ Number of teachers in the district who have earned their National Board Certification: 90
- ✓ Since the Future Ready Initiative rolled out in 2014-2015, THS has an average graduation rate of 89.8 %

PROGRAMS & STAFF FUNDED PRIMARILY BY EP&O:*

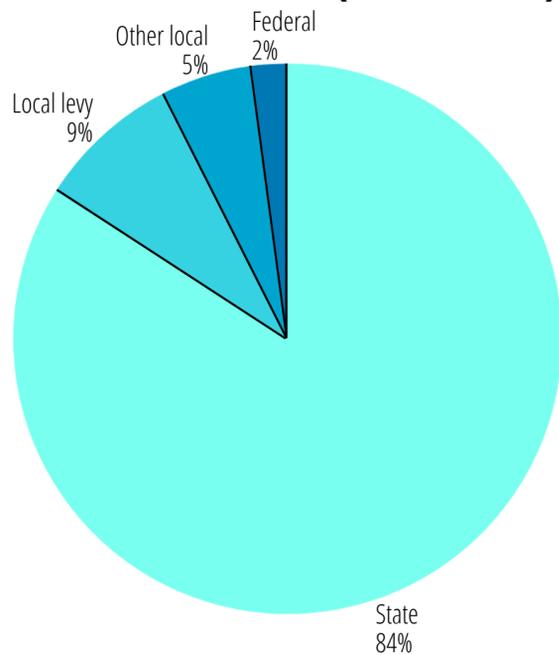
- Athletics
- Academic and athletic coaches
- Activities and clubs (drama, Camp Casey, We the People, Speech & Debate, leadership, coding, robotics, etc.)
- Field trips
- Summer school
- Facility use
- Zero hour classes
- Increased mental health support
- Elementary art and STEM
- Extended Enrichment Program

PROGRAMS & STAFF SUPPLEMENTED BY EP&O:*

- School nurses
- Paraeducators, teaching assistants
- Counselors/social workers
- Reading and math assistance programs
- Elective classes/ 8-period day at THS
- Safety and security
- Food service
- Transportation
- Materials and supplies
- Special Education
- Teachers

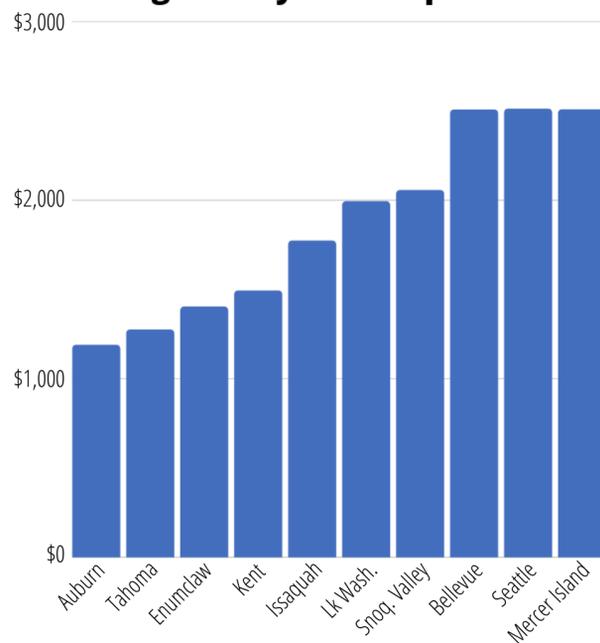
*The existing EP&O levy will expire in 2020.

2019-2020 Revenue (\$127 million)



There is a funding gap between what the state provides for education & the cost to operate the Tahoma School District. Local levy dollars help fill the gap.

2019 King County EP&O \$ per student



Tahoma receives fewer levy dollars per student than surrounding school districts.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

HOMEOWNERS WOULD PAY ABOUT 50 CENTS MORE IF THE REPLACEMENT LEVY IS APPROVED, FOR A TOTAL OF \$2 PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE



So, the owner of a \$500,000 home would pay about \$250 more per year than the current amount.

WITHOUT LOCAL LEVY SUPPORT

TAHOMA WOULD CUT OR REDUCE PROGRAMS, AND SPEND DOWN ITS RESERVES



The School Board would consider where to reduce programs and staffing to balance the budget.