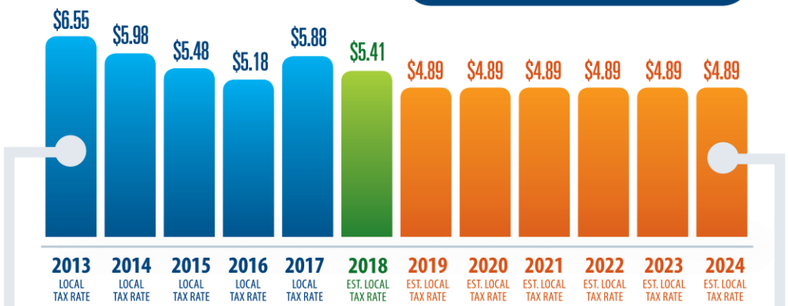
A stable local tax rate is projected for 2019-24 if both the EP&O Levy and Capital Bond pass.

With community input, the board designed levy & bond projects to generate a lower tax rate than existed in 2013-15 and for the tax rate to remain stable from 2019 through 2024. This year, all property owners in the district are paying $5.88 per each $1,000 of assessed properties to support local schools.

Are you a senior citizen or disabled person with your primary residence in Washington? If so, you may be eligible for property tax relief. Details are available from the Snohomish County Assessor's office at 425-388-3433.



Past local school tax rates were higher *than estimated for 2019, the year these Bond & Levy collections begin.*

Lower local school tax rate *projected 2019-24.*

**The above graph shows past & current ACTUAL rates (blue), the rate for 2018 (green) and estimated future rate (orange) for each $1,000 of assessed home value.*

Facilities readiness – Bond funds will modernize and refurbish aging school facilities – to extend their lives as community learning centers and protect the communities' investment in schools.

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Future readiness *is the "why" behind our decision to ask you to consider a Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy and a Capital Bond on Feb. 13, 2018.*

Bond funds will build a new high school, 36 new permanent classroom additions to schools around the district, and it will buy land for a future elementary school.

Bond funds will transform sections of each high school into vocational, science, technology, engineering and math learning centers. Students will have options to choose among traditional classes and vocational pathways for head starts on industry-specific certificates.

Cascade High School's science building will be modernized and enlarged to include vocational focus on aeropspace and advanced manufacturing. In 2016, our area held 43,900 jobs in this category. The employment rate for jobs in these fields is 36 times the national average.

The Capital Bond will rebuild Everett High's vocational building into a vocational center for medical and health careers. In 2015, the county had 13,706 medical and health career positions. By 2020, there will be 35,100.

Jackson High will see some classrooms transformed into communications and information technology vocational learning areas. The employment rates for such jobs here are more than twice the national average.

The district's new high school will include vocational spaces tied to energy and sustainability. This will give students a head start in high growth and high paying careers including agriculture, forestry, information and communication technology, life science and global health, manufacturing and transportation.

Also part of the bond is modernizing aging facilities, including heating, cooling and electrical systems. This will extend those schools' useful lives and eliminate more expensive costs for this work later.

The EP&O Levy makes up the difference between what the state pays to operate schools and what the actual local costs are. Replacement EP&O Levy funds ensure we are able to maintain programs that exist now. The EP&O funds are the infrastructure for building programs like career pathways. Working together, the bond will transform sections of high schools into high-tech vocational training areas, and the levy will provide funds to operate those new areas and the other educational programs our community expects for its children.

Questions? We can help!
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The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

Future readiness

Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy and Capital Bond

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EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2018 Capital Bond focuses on future readiness three ways:

Growth readiness

Adding space for 1,600 more students

- New high school
- Property for future school
- Additional classrooms for smaller K-3 class sizes

Career readiness

Renovating existing spaces to prepare students for future jobs & careers

- High-tech vocational learning and training programs at Everett, Cascade and Jackson high schools and the new high school #4

Facilities readiness

Extending use of aging schools; protecting communities' investment in schools

- Renovating and retrofitting aging school facilities
- Upgrade school "systems" (heating, electrical)

***Growth* readiness –** Everett Public Schools is the fastest growing school district in Snohomish County. Snohomish County is the second fastest growing county in the state.

1,600
MORE STUDENTS IN 10 YEARS!

***Career* readiness –** Did you know our state will add 740,000 jobs in the next five years? That's three times faster than the national average job growth!

740K
JOB GROWTH

PROPOSITION 1

*Levies are for **learning.***

Why a Replacement EP&O Levy?

February 13, 2018 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy replaces the levy expiring Dec. 31, 2018. (Voters approved the expiring EP&O Levy in 2014.)

State law requires school districts to ask local voters to approve ongoing EP&O levies every two to four years. Everett does this every four years.

EP&O levies make up the difference between what the state and federal government pay to operate schools and what the actual, local costs are.

The Replacement EP&O Levy will generate an average of $49 million each year for four years. This is less than the $51 million average per year of the levy expiring on Dec. 31, 2018.

Costs not fully funded by the state include:

- Early learning
- Summer school
- Extended day programs
- Teaching materials and equipment
- Transportation
- Music
- Art
- Drama
- Athletics and extracurricular activities
- Competitive staff salaries
- Professional training for staff
- Special education
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs
- Highly Capable programs
- Ongoing facilities maintenance

PROPOSITION 2

*Bonds are for **building.***

Why a Capital Bond?

Everett Public Schools is the fastest growing school district in Snohomish County. Snohomish County is the second fastest growing county in the state. Pierce County and Snohomish County are the fastest growing counties in the nation! The district's 26 schools are home to 115 portable classrooms.

Among other things, the bond will pay to build 36 permanent elementary classrooms districtwide to lower class size. It will improve safety and access and enlarge Emerson and Jefferson elementary school parking lots.

Modernizing portions of existing high school space will transform that space into career-connected learning centers focused on Aerospace & Advanced Manufacturing (Cascade High), Health & Medical (Everett High), Communications & Information Technology (Jackson High) and Energy & Sustainability (New high school #4).

Working together, the bond will transform sections of high schools into high-tech vocational program centers, and the levy will provide funds to operate those centers and other educational programs.

What are the Capital Bond projects?

***Future readiness–** that's the purpose of the February 13, 2018 Capital Bond.*

$216.8M	New high school #4
$38M	36 new permanent classrooms districtwide to reduce class size; expansion and improved safety and access for Emerson and Jefferson elementaries
$22.8M	Everett High cafeteria building modernization
$20.2M	Cascade High science building modernization and expansion
$11M	Everett High vocational building modernization
$8M	Electrical system upgrades districtwide
$6.5M	Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades at four schools and maintenance facility
$5M	Land for a future elementary school #20
$1.3M	Jackson High classroom retrofits
$1M	HVAC unit upgrades for 12 portable classrooms