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Capital Projects Levy Facts & Information

On November 3, 2015, a Capital Projects Levy proposition will be presented to the voters of our community. The levy will address three main areas: School Safety and Security, Technology and Capital Projects.

School Safety, Technology & Capital Projects Levy

Griffin School District No. 324 – Proposition No. 1 *School Safety, Technology and Capital Projects Levy*

On November 3, 2015, a Special/Capital Projects Levy with a focus on **School Safety, Technology and Capital Projects** will be presented to voters. If approved, this levy will allow the District to:

- Install campus-wide security cameras
- Upgrade alarm system; integrating cameras, automatic door locks and secure entries
- Install emergency lockdown mobile response technology
- Provide safety and security training for all Griffin students and staff
- Maintain the current technology infrastructure and equipment
- Continue to support the fully implemented one-to-one technology initiative at the middle school level (6-8) and work toward a one-to-one technology ratio for elementary grades (K-5)
- Provide continued financial support for technology and capital improvements, based on the number of Griffin students attending Olympia high schools

How much would it cost each household per year to support this levy?

Annual Cost: \$58.10 \$145.25 \$290.50

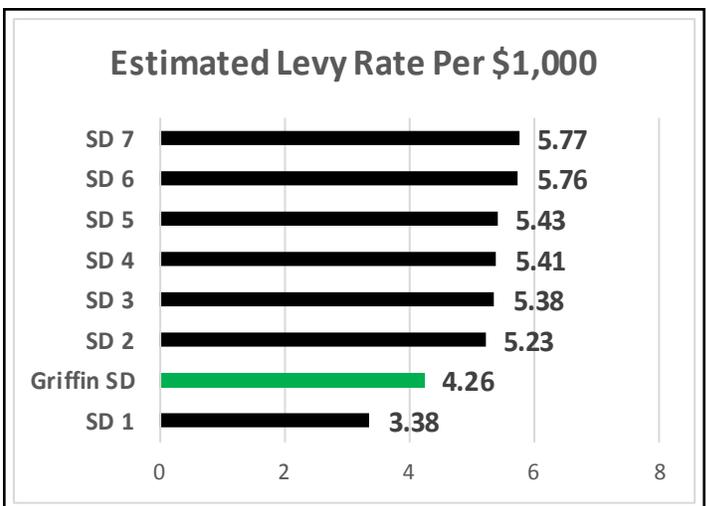


Home Value: \$100,000 \$250,000 \$500,000

These numbers represent how much it would cost each home owner per year, depending on the assessed valuation of each individual home, based upon an estimated rate per thousand of \$0.581.

Levy Year	Est. Rate Per \$1,000	Amount
2016	\$0.581	\$550,000
2017	\$0.581	\$550,000

Levy & Bond Rates for Local Districts





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The **Griffin School District** seeks voter approval in November to authorize a School Safety, Technology and Capital Projects Levy. The Board of Directors for Griffin School District No. 324, adopted Resolution No. 14-15-07, concerning a proposition to support **School Safety, Technology and Capital Projects**. If approved, the District’s combined estimated levy rate will be approximately \$4.26 per thousand. This will be consistent with the Board’s goal to keep our District tax rate as one of the lowest in the area. This levy would replace the recently expired special levy, which was approved by voters in 2010.

Safety and Security

If approved, Griffin School will modernize and enhance the safety and security of its educational facilities. Among the proposed school safety additions and improvements are campus security cameras, an updated alarm system (with integrated automatic door locks and secure entries), as well as lockdown emergency response technology. This mobile device technology will allow Griffin staff to more efficiently initiate emergency procedures (including lockdowns), alert First Responders (if applicable), and provide real time two-way communication.

Technology

Levy proceeds would support the technology systems, licensing software, online applications and training related to the upgraded school safety systems. Proceeds would also allow the District to support our current one-to-one technology initiative for grades 6-8 and expand the initiative to grades K-5.

Legal Obligations

As a non-high school district, the Griffin School District is obligated by law to make payments to the Olympia School District for costs related to further the education of Griffin area high school students attending a high school in the Olympia School District. Such payments for capital and technological improvements are required. Levy dollars would support the continuing education of Griffin high school students.

Current Griffin School District sources of revenue are not sufficient to allow for the continued required payments to the Olympia School District or for the essential upgrades to school safety systems for current and future Griffin students and staff. The Griffin School Board is seeking voters’ permission to levy a tax to provide \$550,000 per year for Griffin’s Capital Project Fund for each of two years commencing in 2015 for collection in tax years 2016 and 2017.

Levy Collection History

Collection Year	Levy Amount	Rate per Thousand
2017 Est.	\$550,000	\$0.581
2016 Est.	\$550,000	\$0.581
2015	\$0	\$0
2014	\$550,000	\$0.613
2013	\$550,000	\$0.625
2012	\$550,000	\$0.571
2011	\$550,000	\$0.549

Questions & Answers

What does the Legislative Budget really mean for Districts?

The Griffin School District estimates it will receive an additional \$362.00 per student from the state as part of their new 2015-17 budget. However, the additional funding is still not adequate to cover “basic education” costs, let alone school safety upgrades or payments to the Olympia School District.

What is a Special/Capital Levy?

Special levies can be used for the following: technology, major renovations of buildings including the replacement of facilities, updating security features for facilities, and maintaining systems where periodic repairs are no longer economical. The Griffin community has generously supported two recent special levies in 2008 and 2010. Those special levies created tremendous opportunities for Griffin students through technology upgrades and helped support the continuing education of Griffin high school students attending Olympia School District high schools.

What is Griffin’s Current Technology Situation?

As a result of previous special levy support, our infrastructure is strong and allows Griffin students to have access to a variety of technology based learning tools. Every Griffin middle school student has access to mobile technology (iPads) throughout the school day. Our middle school students are able to access information and share their learning in new and innovative ways. In addition, our students are able to successfully navigate the rigors of a new “standards-based” classroom, and are well prepared for what awaits them in high school, college and/or career readiness. Our elementary students also have classroom access to mobile technology and their school experience has been greatly enriched by the new learning opportunities that our current level of technology provides. We have seen the success that our middle school students are having with one-to-one technology and would like to give our elementary students a similar opportunity.

Why are we required to pay Olympia School District for Capital Improvement & Technology Costs?

As the only non-high school district in Thurston County, Griffin is obligated by law to make payments to Olympia School District for costs associated with Bond and Levy related technology and capital improvements in their high schools (for Griffin high school students). Griffin pays the Olympia District a percentage of those costs based on the number of Griffin high school students attending Olympia School District high schools. The estimated cost for the 2013-14 school year is \$303,628 and for the 2014-15 school year is \$350,000.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Griffin School District is an equal opportunity employer. The district complies with all federal and state laws/regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, or ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, age, familial or marital status, veteran status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, and or the use of a trained dog guide service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all district employment programs, activities and opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures should be directed to the District’s Compliance Coordinator, Kelli Anderson at 360-866-5908, kanderson@griffinschool.us (6530-33rd Avenue, NW Olympia, WA 98502.