



GriffinLink

"Lifelong learners leading productive, healthy, and responsible lives."



What will the Property Improvements, Capital Projects & Technology Replacement Levy provide?



Facilities, Grounds and Building Improvements

The levy will allow our District to address current capacity needs, complete needed building and grounds improvements, as well continue to address vital systems (e.g. lighting retrofit, HVAC, electrical, water).



Educational Technology

The levy will allow our District to maintain current K-8 technology infrastructure and equipment for students and staff, providing continued and needed support for one-to-one technology access for all students. Access for all students during the pandemic has been vital.



Building Projects at Capital High School

The levy will provide continued financial support for Griffin community high school students through legally required payments for high school related capital improvements. This is our District's sole funding source to meet these legally required payments.



Safety and Security Improvements

The levy will allow for our District to continue to enhance and improve the safety and security of our building and grounds. Previous special levies have allowed our District to implement security cameras throughout the District and upgrade our alarm system.

The proposed replacement levy is not a new tax, but would continue the current expiring levy that our generous community has previously supported. This levy will allow Griffin School District to maintain the level of service you have come to expect and our students/community deserve. This replacement levy is the primary and in many cases, the only funding source for Building and Property Improvements, K-8 Technology, OSD Capital Projects and Safety/Security Upgrades.

Griffin School District Levy Facts

This Property Improvements, Capital Projects, and Technology Replacement Levy is vital for the continued funding of essential and legally required expenditures such as:

- Griffin School District Capital Projects: major and minor building improvements, including the ability to increase our capacity to accommodate physical distancing requirements related to the pandemic.
 - Costs associated with maintaining and upgrading technology for Griffin students and staff.
- Costs associated with maintaining and upgrading our safety, security and communication systems.
- Legally required payments for OSD Capital Projects that benefit Griffin community high school students.
(Example: Capital High School - New Performing Arts Center)

What is a Capital Projects Fund?

Levy proceeds go to a Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund can be used for the acquisition of land or existing facilities, construction of buildings, purchase of equipment, conducting energy audits, making capital improvements and implementing technology systems. In addition, improvements to buildings or grounds, remodeling of buildings and the replacement of roofs, carpets and service systems are included in the Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund is often financed with bonds or special levies.

Supporting Our High School Students: Griffin School District's Legal Obligations

If approved, levy proceeds will allow Griffin to continue making payments to the Olympia School District for costs associated with their Bonds, Special Capital Levies and Technology Levies. As the only non-high school district in Thurston County, Griffin is legally obligated to pay OSD a percentage of their project costs, based upon the number of Griffin community high school students attending OSD high schools. The majority of Griffin community high school students attend Capital High School, where they have completed many new projects including the recently finished Performing Arts Center. Griffin School District has a legal obligation to continue to support our community high school students and our special levies are the funding mechanism that allows our District to do so.

*Griffin Capital Projects Special Levy History

Collection Year	Levy Amount Collected	Tax Rate Per \$1000 of assessed value
2024	\$ 750,000	\$0.43 (new levy)
2023	\$ 750,000	\$0.45 (new levy)
2022	\$ 750,000	\$0.47 (expiring levy)
2021	\$ 750,000	\$0.56
2020	\$ 650,000	\$0.51
2019	\$ 650,000	\$0.56

**Note: The current levy request is for \$750,000 for collection in 2023 and \$750,000 for collection in 2024. The rate per thousand is decreasing while the request remains the same as the expiring levy.*

*Payments to Olympia School District for Griffin Community High School Students

School Year	Capital Special Levy/Technology & Bonds Payment from GSD to OSD
2023-24	\$600,000 (anticipated)
2022-23	\$600,000 (anticipated)
2021-22	\$600,000
2020-21	\$600,000
2019-20	\$380,000
2018-19	\$320,000

**Note: OSD has recently completed several major Capital Projects at Capital High School, which impact our financial obligation.*

Please remember to vote by February 8, 2022

For more information how to vote, visit Thurston County Elections: www.thurstoncountywa.gov/auditor
For more information about Griffin Levies, visit our website at www.griffinschool.us

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