

2022 Levies

Community webinar
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School District

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin since time immemorial. We respect this place and honor the sacred spiritual connection to the land, water, and its people, past, present, and future ...



How are schools funded?

All school districts receive money from three major sources:

- **State** – About 77% of the district's revenue comes from the state to fund basic education.
- **Local taxes** – About 15% comes from a four-year levy that was approved by the local voters in February 2018 and expires in 2022.
- **Federal** – About 8% comes from the federal government to help fund programs that support special education students, disadvantaged students, students who are learning to speak English and subsidies for nutrition services.



What is a levy?

Levies help pay for educational costs not covered by the state.

A school district may place a levy measure before voters to ask to collect a specific amount of money from local property taxes for a set time period, usually four years for enrichment levies or six years for capital levies.

Levies are approved if the ballot measure receives support from over 50% of voters.



The difference between bonds & levies

Levies are for learning.
They are short-term,
smaller dollar amounts.

Bonds are for building or
remodeling of schools and
provide financing for a
long period of time, like
home mortgages.



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Important voter information

What? – Two upcoming ballot measures

When? – February 8, 2022

How? – All elections in Snohomish County are done by mail



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Replacement of Educational Programs Levy

The Educational Programs Levy provides money for programs and services that are not funded by the state.

A four-year levy for that purpose was approved by the voters in 2018 and will expire at the end of 2022. The measure on the February ballot asks voters to renew funding a replacement levy that will begin in 2023 and continue through 2026.



Educational Programs Levy funds:

The levy will pay for programs and activities not funded by the state. Among the items funded by this levy are:

- Athletics and extra-curricular programs
- Elementary instrumental music programs
- Extended-day lessons for students
- Pay for substitutes
- New curriculum
- Services for students receiving specialized supports



Proposition No. 1 Replacement of Education Programs Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 4/2021-22 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for educational enrichment. This proposition would authorize an excess tax levy in the levy amounts and at the rates below to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District for enrichment of the state's statutory program of basic education, all as described in Resolution No. 4/2021-22:

Collection years	Estimated levy rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy amount
2023	\$1.76	\$43,425,750
2024	\$1.79	\$45,179,064
2025	\$1.83	\$47,003,169
2026	\$1.86	\$48,900,922



Replacement of Capital Projects Levy

A capital levy provides money for facilities and technology needs that a bond and the state do not fund.

The current levy for that purpose will expire at the end of 2022. The measure on the February ballot asks voters to renew funding a replacement capital projects levy that will run for six years beginning in 2023 and continue through 2028.



Replacement Capital Projects Levy funds:

Funds collected through the levy will be used to modernize technology systems throughout the school district:

- Student and staff computers
- Classroom presentation equipment (ActivPanels, document cameras)

Funds will also be used for essential facility needs to ensure ongoing operations and learning environment safety:

- Upgrade and replace security cameras
- Essential building system components for HVAC, electrical, plumbing, fire panels, etc.



Proposition No. 2 Replacement of Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 5/2021-22 concerning a proposition for a capital projects levy. The proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to modernize, renovate, and improve existing facilities of the District, and to replace and improve its technology systems and equipment, including training for installation and classroom use:

Collection years	Estimated levy rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy amount
2023	\$0.61	\$15,000,000
2024	\$0.59	\$15,000,000
2025	\$0.58	\$15,000,000
2026	\$0.57	\$15,000,000
2027	\$0.56	\$15,000,000
2028	\$0.55	\$15,000,000



Hasn't the state invested more money into public education?

The McCleary Case ruling required the state to fully fund basic education.

The state has made strides to fully fund education, however it is still not paying the full cost of meeting the educational needs. The propositions before the voters are not add ons, rather a renewal of our current Educational Programs Levy and Capital Projects Levy.



Property taxes

What do we currently pay in property taxes for local schools and what would we pay if approved?

2021		2023 Estimated	
Existing Educational Programs Levy (Estimated)	\$1.79	Replacement of Educational Programs Levy	\$1.76
Existing Capital Levy	\$0.37	Replacement of Capital Levy	\$0.61
Bond	\$0.90	Bond	\$0.91
TOTAL	\$3.06	TOTAL	\$3.28

Property taxes

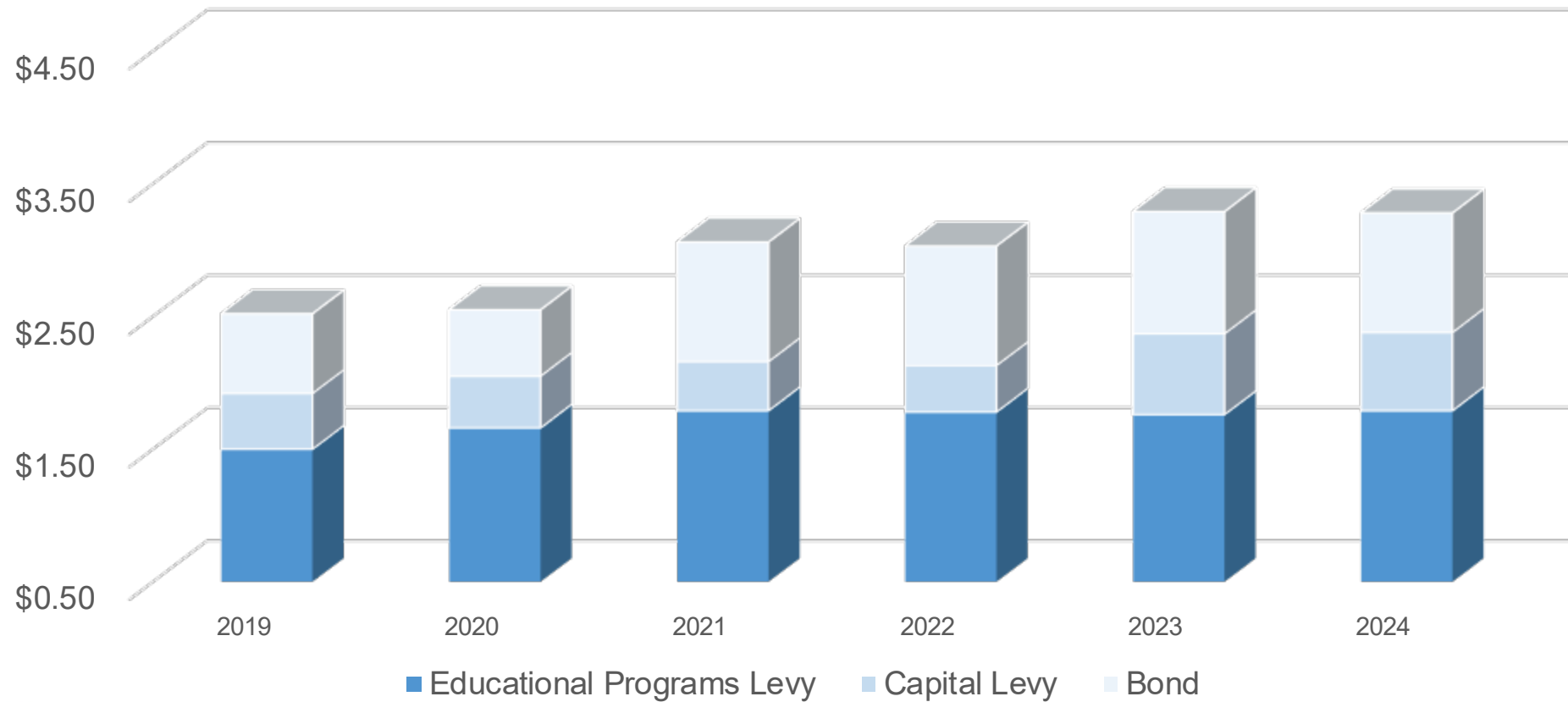
How are property taxes calculated?

Example: A house valued at \$600,000 with a tax rate of \$3.28

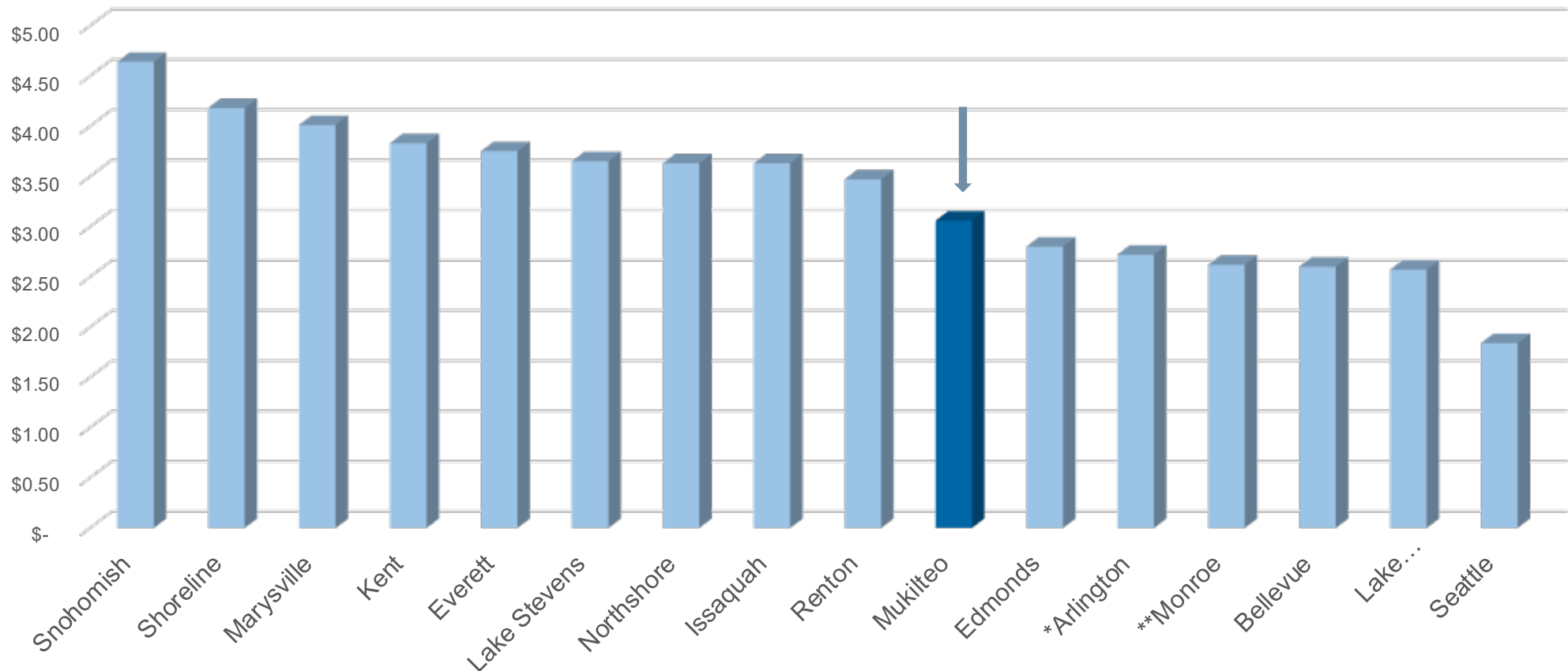
$\$3.28 \times \$600,000 / 1,000 = \$1,968$ a year or \$164 per month



Total school district tax rate



Comparison of 2021 tax rates



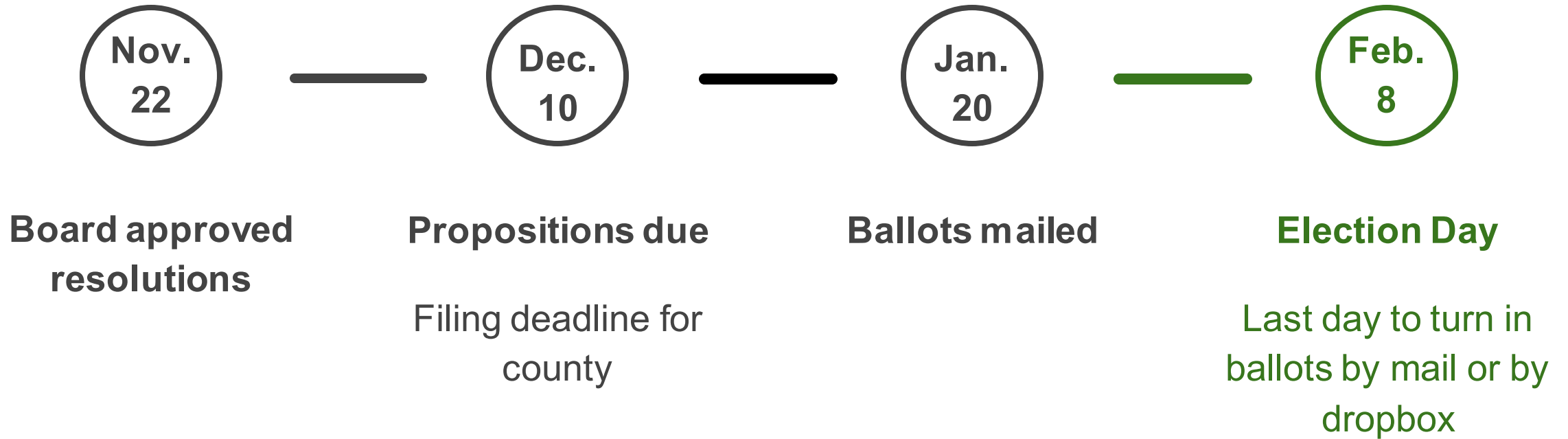
*No Bonds

** No Capital Levy



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Timeline



Thanks, and please remember ...

- Both levies are not additional, they are renewals
- Both levies fund existing programs and services
- Levies must pass with a minimum of 50% plus one vote of the total votes cast
- Vote by February 8, 2022!
- We're hiring! See all positions on the district website under Employment.



Questions?

Please use ThoughtExchange to type questions and rate others' questions.



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