



# Community Newsletter

Post Falls School District # 273

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## Board Approves Bond Levy and Supplemental Levy Elections

The Post Falls School District Board of Trustees approved a recommendation for a bond levy election and replacement supplemental levy election to be held concurrently on March 12, 2019. The bond levy amount, if approved by patrons, will be \$19,000,000. The replacement supplemental levy amount requested will be \$4,955,000 per year for two years. The current supplemental levy expires on June 30, 2019. Post Falls School District patrons have approved a supplemental levy every two years for the past 31 years.

These proposals, if approved on March 12, will not increase the district taxes of the average Post Falls taxpayer.

### Bond Levy Election

**New Elementary School**.....\$12,500,000

- School will be built to house 500 students
- Facility will be ready for occupancy in Fall 2020, if approved

**Update and Remodel Senior School Facilities**.....\$6,500,000

- School safety projects
- Asphalt renewal projects
- Multiple roof projects
- Modernization of exterior fascia
- Upgrades of electrical and plumbing
- Addition of air conditioning at several schools
- School security upgrades throughout the district
- Resurfacing and addition of middle school tracks
- Purchase of future school sites

**TOTAL \$19,000,000**

- Even with the addition of these requested funds, district taxpayers will not see an increase in the school district tax rate.
- Post Falls School District will receive about \$86,119 annually from the State of Idaho to help pay bond interest costs.
- Student population growth is expected to continue at 1.5% each year.
- The remodels, if approved, will be completed over three summers based on safety, health and logistical considerations. The district is not able to take any of our school buildings out of service due to the continual increase in student population.

## Bond Levy Q & A

### *What is the cost to an individual taxpayer?*

Approval of this bond levy will **not** result in an increase in the school district tax rate. This is possible because the district is paying off the bond levy that paid for the construction of Post Falls High School, and due to community growth, more taxpayers are paying for the cost of the construction of school facilities.

### *Why a new elementary school?*

Post Falls School District has experienced well documented student enrollment growth. The district grew 180 students this year alone. This growth has resulted in overcrowding in several elementary schools. A new school would also allow the district to move kindergarten students into their neighborhood school.

### *Why update and remodel senior school facilities?*

The district needs to continue to invest and upgrade our senior buildings to ensure the students in those buildings have the same learning opportunities as students in some of our newer facilities. These needed facility remodel projects are too large and expensive to fund with the district's yearly budget.

### *How was this proposal developed?*

A recent committee of 30 patrons and staff convened in the spring of 2018. The committee analyzed district facility needs and submitted recommendations to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees.

## Voters Use Precinct Poll Sites

District voters will go to their precinct poll sites for the March 12 Bond levy election. Elections are run by the Kootenai County Clerk and the County Elections Office.

Precinct	Polling Place	Location
#08	MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CHURCH	3974 N CHASE AVE, POST FALLS
#09	GOLDEN SPIKE REC. CENTER	8580 W YOSEMITE ST, RATHDRUM
#18	NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH	6068 W HAYDEN AVE, RATHDRUM
#23	KOOTENAI FIRE & RESCUE STATION #2	4320 W SELTICE WAY, POST FALLS
#24	CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH	1011 N COMPTON ST, POST FALLS
#25	POST FALLS LIBRARY	821 N SPOKANE ST, POST FALLS
#26	ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH	2004 N LUCAS ST, POST FALLS
#27	AMERICAN LEGION	1138 E POLELINE AVE, POST FALLS
#28	AMERICAN LEGION	1138 E POLELINE AVE, POST FALLS
#29	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	308 W 12TH AVE, POST FALLS
#30	FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH	1220 N IDAHO ST, POST FALLS
#31	POST FALLS LIBRARY	821 N SPOKANE ST, POST FALLS
#32	POST FALLS SENIOR CENTER	1215 E 3RD AVE, POST FALLS
#33	PONDEROSA SCHOOL	3483 E PONDEROSA BLVD, POST FALLS
#34	PONDEROSA SCHOOL	3483 E PONDEROSA BLVD, POST FALLS
#35	HIS PLACE CHURCH	3079 E 16TH AVE, POST FALLS
#36	HIS PLACE CHURCH	3079 E 16TH AVE, POST FALLS
#37	KOOTENAI FIRE & RESCUE STATION #3	3820 E 16TH AVE, POST FALLS
#63	POST FALLS SENIOR CENTER	1215 E 3RD AVE, POST FALLS
#64	POST FALLS CITY HALL	408 N SPOKANE ST, POST FALLS
#65	MEADOWBROOK COMM. HALL	8088 W MEADOWBROOK LP, CDA

**To find their designated poll site, voters can look on the Kootenai County website, [www.kcgov.us](http://www.kcgov.us), and click on the elections tab.** The Polling Place Look-Up button provides a place for voters to enter their home address and get the address of their precinct poll site. Voter questions regarding the election process can be directed to the Kootenai County Elections Office, 208-446-1030.

**Patrons can vote absentee through the Kootenai County Elections Office** either by requesting an absentee ballot to be mailed to them, or by going to the Elections Office at 1808 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Coeur d'Alene. Absentee ballot applications are available through the county website, [www.kcgov.us](http://www.kcgov.us).

# What is a Supplemental Levy?

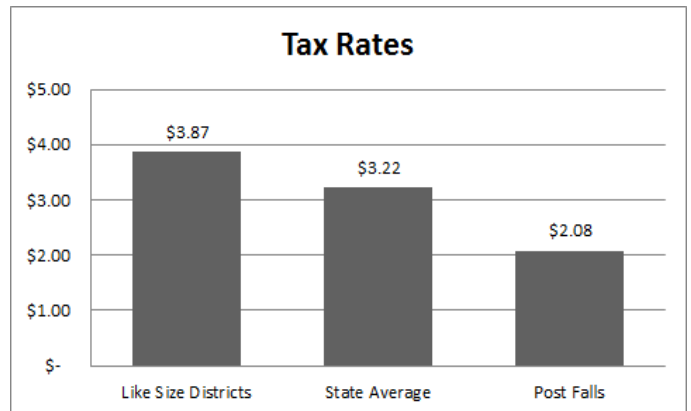
Idaho school districts have the ability to “supplement” the basic budget revenue they receive from the state by asking local school district patrons to vote for additional funds. A simple majority of local patrons can approve a supplemental levy request.

## *Why do we need a replacement of the current supplemental levy?*

Even with limited state funding, the district continues to make student programming its number one priority. For example, we need to update curricular materials and student access to technology. The supplemental levy will be used to address these issues as well as maintain current educational opportunities and programs for our students.

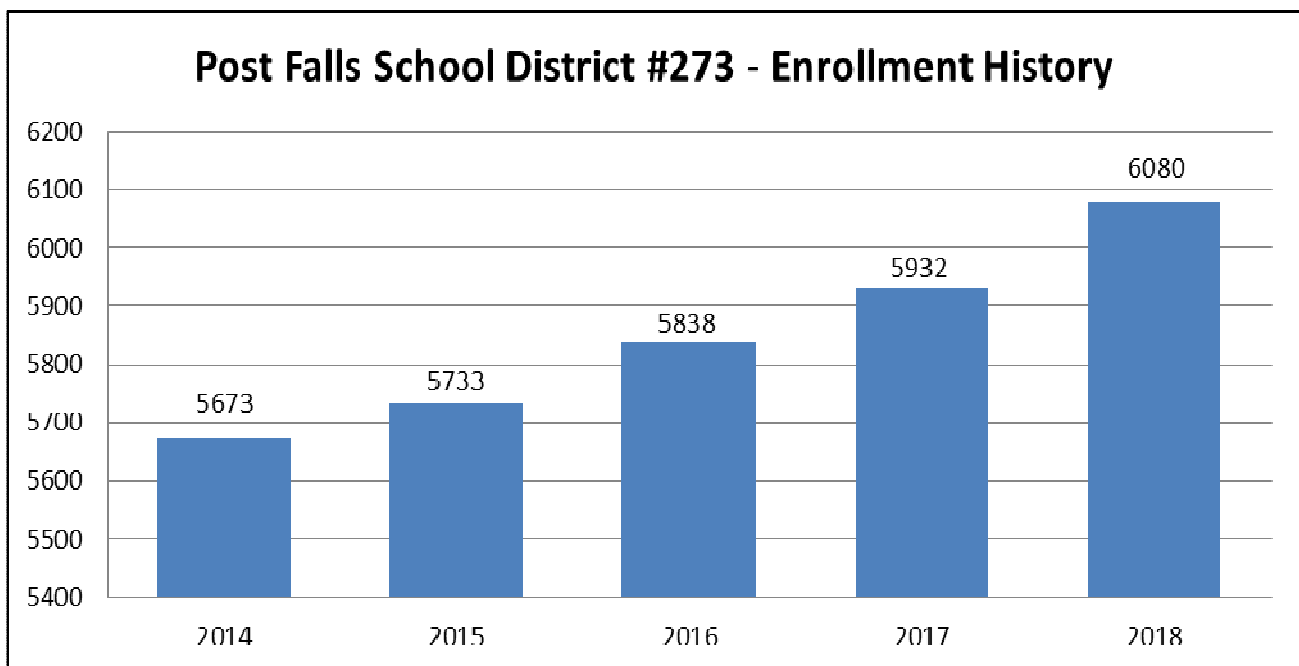
## *How is the district able to not increase taxes if the proposal is approved?*

The supplemental levy amount is the same amount requested and approved in 2017. Further, the district will no longer be paying for the construction of Post Falls High School. The continued growth of the community means more taxpayers share the cost of paying for district needs thus reducing the amount each individual pays.



## *How does Post Falls School District compare with other school districts' supplemental levy amounts?*

Post Falls School District has the lowest per student tax rate in the area and one of the lowest in the state. The average for a school district of similar size to Post Falls is \$3.87. Post Falls School District's tax rate is \$2.08.



### **RevTrak Online Payment Available**

If you have already established a Skyward Family Access password, making payments to your student's meal account is fast, easy, and convenient. Pay when it's most convenient for you via computer or mobile device at <https://pfsd.revtrak.net>. This real time payment option makes paying for your student's food service needs worry free, and the auto replenish option allows for recurring payments that save you time.

If you have any problems with your password, please contact your student's school directly.

Visit the Nutritional Services tab at [www.pfsd.com](http://www.pfsd.com) for more information and guidelines for setting up your account. Please feel free to contact the School Nutrition Office at (208)773-1625 if you have any questions regarding RevTrak.

### **Dates to Remember:**

February 18.....President's Day, No School K-12  
March 20.....End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (K-8), No School K-8  
March 21.....Conferences, No School K-8  
March 22.....End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (9-12), No School K-12  
March 25 – March 29.....Spring Break, No School  
May 27.....Memorial Day, No School  
June 4.....Post Falls High School Graduation  
June 5.....New Vision High School Graduation  
June 6.....Last Day with Students

Comments, suggestions or questions regarding the Post Falls School District Community Newsletter should be directed to Jerry Keane, Superintendent.

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