

Vote

March 14, 2017

Replacement Supplemental Levy

Board Approves Supplemental Levy Election

The Post Falls School District Board of Trustees approved a recommendation for a replacement supplemental levy election to be held on March 14, 2017. The replacement levy amount, if approved by patrons, will be \$4,955,000 per year. The current supplemental levy expires on June 30, 2017. Post Falls School District patrons have approved a supplemental levy every two years for the past 31 years.

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 to approve an additional amount. A simple majority of local patrons can approve a supplemental levy request. The money the district receives from a supplemental levy "supplements" the basic state appropriation.

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

Even with limited state funding, the district made and continues to make student programming its number one priority. As a result, many needs have not been appropriately addressed. We need to update curricular materials and student access to technology, to name a few. The supplemental levy will be used to address these issues as well as maintain current educational opportunities and programs for our students.

How can the school district increase the levy amount without increasing taxes?

The district has seen increased taxable value because of increased construction. Also, the restructure of district construction bonds will create the opportunity to increase the supplemental levy without increasing taxes for local patrons.

The levy, if approved on March 14, will not increase the district taxes of the average Post Falls homeowner.

How does Post Falls School District compare with other school districts' supplemental levy amount?

Even with the increase to the supplemental levy, Post Falls School District has the lowest per student supplement levy amount in the area and one of the lowest in the state. The average supplemental levy rate per student in the area is \$2,038 as compared to \$814 in Post Falls School District.

Voters Use Precinct Poll Sites

District voters will go to their precinct poll sites for the March 14 supplemental levy election. Elections are run by the Kootenai County Clerk and the County Elections Office.

To find their designated poll site, voters can look on the Kootenai County website, 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 and site photo of their precinct poll site. Voter questions regarding the election process can be directed to the Kootenai County Elections Office, 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. 3rd Street, Coeur d'Alene. Absentee ballot applications are available through the county website, www.kcgov.us.

Who approves a Supplemental Levy election?

The Post Falls School District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected by the citizens of the district to serve overlapping terms of four years each. Board members are not paid for their services.

Board of Trustees **Post Falls School District 273**

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For additional information on the supplemental levy, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 773-1658 or info@pfsd.com.