

For years, local school districts have asked voters to approve "Educational Programs & Operations" levies to supplement the cost of BASIC EDUCATION not covered by the State.

In July 2017, the Legislature passed HB2242, also known as the " McCleary Plan" that requires the State to take over the funding of Basic Education from school districts. In addition to providing an additional \$7.3 billion in funding for schools, HB2242 authorizes the State to increase property taxes to \$2.70 per thousand beginning in 2018, increasing to \$3.60 per thousand in 2022. (RCW 84.52.065)

As State taxes go up, local school district taxes are supposed to go down - as compensation for the shift in funding. In fact, starting September 1, 2019, school districts are not allowed to fund Basic Education through local tax levies. (RCW 28A.150.276)

Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, school districts are specifically prohibited from collecting local tax dollars for regular classroom teaching, special education, safety net, ELL, gifted programs or any other program that is considered basic education (see table) because Basic Education will be funded by the State.

In other words, school districts can only collect "Educational Programs & Operations" - EP&O funds through 2019 and then in the following years - 2020, 2021, 2022, and thereafter, the districts can only collect levy dollars for documented and demonstrated enrichment. And, before a district can put a levy on the ballot, they must get OSPI approval for their enrichment plan if the levy will collect enrichment funds in 2020 or later.

Beginning in 2019, the Enrichment levies that school district's can collect are capped at either \$1.50 per thousand in assessed value of a property or \$2,500 per student, whichever is less. (RCW 84.52.0531) School districts may only spend levy money on enrichment and their enrichment plan must be approved by the OSPI before the ballot measure is voted on. (RCW 28A.505.240)

Lake Washington School District's Proposition 1.
FEBRUARY 13, 2018 ELECTION

	Collection Year			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
State Tax: <i>(\$ per thousand AV)</i>	\$2.70 / thousand	\$2.70 / thousand	\$2.70 / thousand	\$3.60 / thousand
LWSD Proposition 1:	\$59,200,000	\$62,200,000	\$65,100,000	\$67,700,000
	Funds Regular Programs until 8/31/2019 Enrichment after 9/1/2019	Funds Enrichment Programs only	Funds Enrichment Programs only	Funds Enrichment Programs only