

## LEVY RENEWAL

### February 11th, 2025 Ballot

The Evaline School District will be seeking your support for a replacement educational programs and operations levy for two years, to replace the previous two-year levy approved in 2023.



These funds have been essential in maintaining the high standards we expect from our educational programs, from transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. While state and federal governments continue to mandate programs, standards for equipment and facilities, and policies that increase operational costs, their funding remains insufficient to cover these expenses. As a result, we must seek continued community support through this levy to ensure the continued success of our district.

#### What will the renewal levy cost Taxpayers?

Proposition 1 is **not a new tax** and if passed, would replace the expiring local levy at the new annual amount of \$269,000 per year. The new estimated levy rate would be \$0.92 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2026 and \$0.88 per \$1,000 in 2027. The previous voted rate was \$0.83 per \$1,000. This is the first request for a levy increase in 16 years.

#### How do we compare to neighboring districts Rates and bond rates?

Evaline's rate per \$1000 is approximately one third lower than our bordering school districts.

#### How much of the school district's budget comes from the levy?

About 20% of the district's budget comes from the levy.

#### Is there a senior tax exemption?

If you are a senior citizen or disabled person in need of property tax assistance, you may be able to take advantage of the property tax exemption program. To see if you qualify, call the Lewis County Assessor's Office at 360.740.1392 or visit their website at: [www.lewiscountywa.gov](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov).

## What will the levy funds support?

The passage of Proposition 1 supports Evaline School Educational Programs and Operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to:

- Non-high payments: Evaline does not have a middle or high school, therefore the district pays semi-annual levy fees to neighboring districts where our 7th-12th grade students attend middle and high school. Non-high payments consume approximately 20% of these levy dollars
- Class size reduction: Evaline's four classroom model ensures greater personalized learning
- Additional educational supports including Library, Counseling and Social Emotional Learning
- The annual winter play as well as other music programs and activities
- Curriculum replacement
- Technology equipment and enhancements
- Security and emergency preparedness
- Field trip fees and transportation
- Regular transportation not fully funded by basic education
- Student food services: free breakfast and lunch are served daily to ALL students
- District and student support services provided by the ESD113 and other cooperatives and school districts
- Increasing costs for infrastructure such as utilities, maintenance, operations and insurance

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## What's the difference between a LEVY and a BOND?

### Levies = Learning

Levies pay for the learning that takes place inside schools like teaching staff, nurses, utilities and extracurricular activities.



### Bonds = Building

Bonds are for new construction and rebuilding of schools.

- Evaline currently does not have a bond, while most schools have bonds that extend over 20 to 30 years. Remarkably, Evaline's last bond, passed in 2011, was structured for repayment in just 6 years.



### Grants = Good Stewardship

- Evaline has actively pursued grant opportunities, which do not require repayment, to reduce the financial burden on taxpayers and minimize the need for bonds.
- The new portable space now accommodates our 5th-6th grade classroom, the district office, and the boardroom. This change has not only freed up valuable space in the main building for expanded learning areas but also enhanced security by physically separating the office from the schoolhouse.
- Thanks to two State Healthy Kids Grants, we were able to add a covered play structure, along with a fantastic new "big toy" and a basketball area, enriching the outdoor play experience for our students.
- We are excited to be in line for a \$6 million building modernization grant. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this exciting opportunity!

## Upcoming Highlights

### January - SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

- Fri. 10th:** Salmon eggs pick up: salmon rearing begins in the 1-2 classroom - preparing for release in early Spring
- Mon. 20th:** MLK Day: No School
- Tues. 21st:** School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Fri. 24th:** End Of Semester
- Mon. 27th:** Safety City field trip: TK - 2nd grade
- Tues. 28th:** Science on Wheels from the Pacific Science Center comes to Evaline for a full day of learning!!

### February

- Fri. 7th:** Lion Paw Awards Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- Mon. 17th:** President's Day - No School
- Tues. 18th:** School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Mon. 24th - Wed. 26:** Winter Conferences 11:30 Dismissal
- Thurs. 27th - Fri. 28th:** Mid Winter Break

### March

- Fri. 7th:** Lion Paw Awards Day - 11:30 Dismissal
- Tues. 18th:** School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wed. 19th:** Bell School Photos
- Tues. 25th - Fri. 28th:** 6th Grade goes to Camp Cispus



**We are the Evaline Lions!!**  
**Generations have roared**  
**through our halls! We are small**  
**and we are proud!**





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## Working Together

We are proud of our small rural school tradition and success. This is made possible by our dedicated school board, teachers, support staff, booster club, parents, community and eager students!

We are pleased to say our English Language Arts (ELA) and Math State testing scores are among the highest of the elementary schools in Lewis County. This achievement highlights our dedication to academic excellence, while we continue to cultivate the strong character that defines Evaline students and aligns with the values of our community.

We believe that education is a partnership. It is a shared responsibility of each student, staff member, and parent, as well as residents of our community. The role families play in the education of their children is especially impactful.

We are continually looking for ways to improve and refine the programs we implement to provide a high quality learning environment for all students. Your interest and involvement in your child's learning will help us successfully meet the challenges that lie ahead. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

**Kyle MacDonald**  
Evaline Superintendent



**A Unique Learning Experience!**

## 24-25 Evaline School Board

We deeply appreciate your consideration and ongoing support. We are truly grateful for the consistent backing local residents have shown for our small but vibrant school. The Evaline School Board is committed to promoting fiscal responsibility and ensuring high-quality educational management within the district. In partnership with the community, the Board will continue to preserve and elevate Evaline's exceptional educational standards values.



**President:** Michael Porter

**Vice President:** Jamie Moran

**Board Members at Large:**

Ona Felker, Anya Klemmensen, Matt Klemmensen

**Secretary to the Board:** Superintendent Kyle MacDonald

*Regular school board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M.*

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**Ballots mail January 24th**

**Please make sure you vote**

**by February 11th!**