



JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 171
Preparing The Next Generation To Thrive



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Dear Joint School District No. 171 Community,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the November 4, 2025 supplemental levy election. Voter engagement is essential to our democratic process, and we appreciate each person who took the time to cast their ballot.

The election results show that 735 voters (50.48%) voted in favor of authorizing the supplemental levy, while 721 voters (49.52%) voted against, with 16 of 16 precincts reporting. The measure required over 50% to pass.

As a reminder, this was a replacement levy with **no increase to the current levy** amount of \$2,685,000 per year for a period of two years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. Due to increased property valuation, the levy rate actually decreased from \$378.17 per \$100,000 value in 2022 to \$248.85 per \$100,000 value in 2025.

How Levy Funds Support Our Schools

The levy funds are designated for the following areas:

Salaries and Benefits for All Staff Positions: \$1,785,000 These funds help support the salaries and benefits for teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, food service staff, bus drivers, administrative assistants, and other essential personnel who serve our students daily.

Safety and Security/Technology: \$75,000 These funds may include safety enhancements for facilities, security system maintenance and upgrades, emergency preparedness equipment, student information systems, classroom technology tools, network infrastructure, cybersecurity measures, and technology support services that keep our learning environments safe and connected.

Maintenance and Operations: \$765,000 These funds cover utilities (electricity, water, heating), building repairs and upkeep, custodial supplies, grounds maintenance, snow removal, routine facility maintenance, and all other operational costs necessary to maintain safe, clean, and functional learning environments across all our school buildings.

Extracurricular & Athletic Programs: \$60,000 This supports athletics, music programs, drama, academic



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competitions, transportation to events, equipment, and other activities that provide students opportunities to develop talents, build teamwork skills, and represent our schools in the community.

Understanding Idaho's Property Tax Relief Program

Idaho provides property tax relief that will help reduce the cost of school levies:

School District Facilities Fund (SDFF) - This state-funded program benefits ALL property owners in our district. The state provides funding to school districts to help pay down existing bonds and temporary supplemental levies like ours, which **reduces the property tax burden for everyone**. This relief appears automatically as a credit on your property tax bill. **Near the top right of your property tax bill/receipt you will see the "School Facilities Fund savings reduced taxes by" (amount listed). This is the reduction to your portion of the school district levy that the State pays.**

This tax relief program is funded by the State of Idaho and appears as a separate line item on your property tax statement, lowering the amount you pay. You do not need to take any action to receive the benefits.

We are grateful for our community's continued investment in Joint School District No. 171 and the students we serve across Orofino Elementary, Orofino Jr/Sr High, Timberline Schools, Peck Elementary, Cavendish Elementary, and Idaho Youth Challenge Academy.

Thank you again for your support of our kids and community! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Hunter
Joint School District No 171
Orofino, Idaho