



# Colville School District

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## 2018 Levy Facts and Information

Colville Replacement Enrichment, Educational, and Operations Levy



*Strong Schools Make  
Strong Communities!*

## Superintendent's Message

Dear Neighbors,

We have much to be proud of in the Colville School District. Our students are thriving. Our graduation rates are at an all-time high (90%) and have improved by 15% over three years. We are outperforming the state **and** the nation on comprehensive tests, including the SAT, ACT, and Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC). Our students can choose from a wonderful and diverse array of clubs, sports, and activities that enrich and enhance their academic experience. Every day we work to ensure Colville graduates are individuals of good character who are well prepared for future success. We are deeply grateful for the community support that has helped us get where we are today.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, school district residents will be asked to vote on a school levy to replace the current levy, which expires this year. Please read this flyer to understand why school districts need local levies and to learn more about what your levy dollars support. Feel free to call us at 509.684.7850 with any questions or if you need additional information.

Together we make a difference for our kids!

Respectfully,  
**Pete Lewis**  
*Superintendent*



Drop off or mail your ballot by **February 13<sup>th</sup>!**

# Colville Enrichment, Educational, and Operations Levy

On February 13, voters will be asked to approve a replacement levy for our school district. Here's what you need to know:

## Why Do We Need a Local Levy?

Washington State is required by law to fund **basic education** in our public schools; however, basic education doesn't include things like music, performing arts, clubs, activities, athletics, or character education. To pay for these **enrichment** programs, individual school districts must pass local levies.

## Where Do Colville Levy Dollars Go?



**Music Programs:** Levy dollars help us bring music education to **all** K-12 students and provide choir, jazz, orchestra, pep band, and marching band performances for parents and community members to enjoy.



**Activities & Athletics:** Levy dollars allow us to offer strong athletic programs and diverse enrichment activities such as: robotics, drama, math team, FFA, rocket club, equestrian, and National Honor Society. Over 80% of our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in these programs.



**Character Education:** With levy dollars, we can continue helping students build strong character through our popular and effective Character Counts! program.



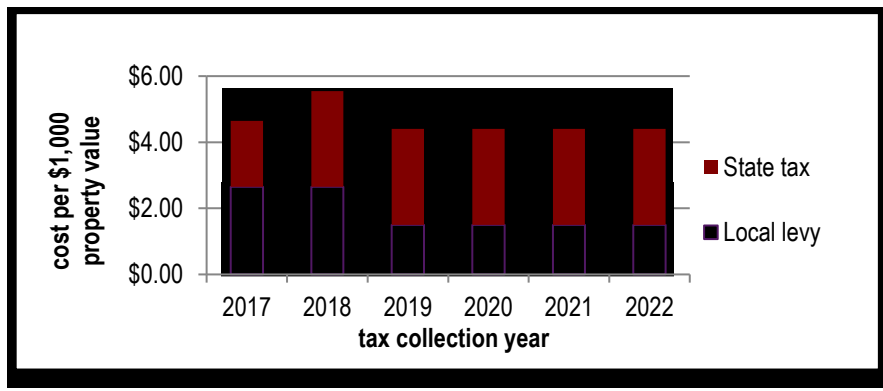
**Staffing:** Levy dollars help pay for essential nursing staff, as well as custodial and maintenance workers who keep our buildings and grounds safe and clean.



**Curriculum:** Levy dollars fund curriculum and teacher training for language arts, math, social studies, science, health, physical education, handwriting, and technology.

## How Much Will It Cost?

This levy will replace the current levy at a **lower** cost; the local levy rate will drop from \$2.65 per \$1,000 property value, down to \$1.50 per \$1,000 (this rate is capped by the state). This means that for an average Colville home, school taxes will drop by about \$14/month in 2019. Note: Because the state raised its tax rate, school taxes will increase for one year (in 2018) before the new levy goes into effect 2019-2022.



## Did You Know?

*Levy Equalization* is an adjustment made by the state to increase funding for districts such as ours that have lower than average property values.

This means that if we pass a local levy, we will receive an additional \$1,000,000 from the state!

If our levy fails, we get **NONE** of this money.

State dollars fund less than one part-time nurse for our entire school district. Levy dollars help us afford the additional nursing staff we need to address hundreds of student care plans and keep kids safe.

Senior citizens and disabled residents may qualify for a property tax exemption.

