

Election Date

February 14, 2012

# School Board Submits Replacement Levy to Voters



Tenino Tiger Pride shows at TES every day!

## LEVY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

- This is NOT a new tax. It is a replacement of the current school levy.
- The Tenino School District relies on the M & O levy for approximately 23% of its operating budget.
- Without this funding, the basic programs and services of the district will be significantly reduced.
- The Tenino School District currently has the lowest tax rate of any K—12 district in Thurston County.
- The majority of the levy dollars will go directly to support instruction.



Proud Penguins at Parkside Elementary School prepare for the flag salute.

# Replacement Maintenance & Operations Levy 2013-2016

TENINO SCHOOL DISTRICT # 402

## Thurston County K—12 School Districts

### 2011 Total Tax Rates Comparison

District	Assessed Value	Bonds	M & O Levy	Capital Projects	Total
Tumwater	\$4,332,939,291	\$2.13	\$2.72	0.00	\$4.85
Olympia	\$7,427,627,298	\$0.99	\$2.78	\$1.32	\$5.09
Rainier	\$ 447,943,399	\$1.87	\$3.16	0.00	\$5.03
North Thurston	\$9,544,248,387	\$1.40	\$3.26	0.00	\$4.12
Rochester	\$2,023,218,550	\$1.14	\$2.64	0.00	\$4.66
Yelm	\$2,566,496,714	\$1.64	\$3.12	0.00	\$4.76
<b>Tenino</b>	<b>\$876,242,416</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$3.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$3.10</b>

This fact sheet is published by the Tenino School District under the authority of RCW 28A.320-090 which authorizes the Board of Directors to provide information to taxpayers to explain the operation and maintenance of the schools in the district.

### Things to Remember!

- The February 2012 election is vote by mail only.
- Ballots must be postmarked or turned in at a ballot drop site by February 14, 2012
- Call the Auditor's Office at 360-867-2200 to request further information.

## Proposed Amounts for 2013—2016

**2012**  
**(Current Levy)**  
**\$2,746,860**

**2013**  
**\$2,800,513**  
**\$3.37**  
**per \$1000.00 (estimated)**

**2014**  
**\$2,827,633**  
**\$3.37**  
**per \$1000.00 (estimated)**

**2015**  
**\$2,855,909**  
**\$3.37**  
**per \$1000.00 (estimated)**

**2016**  
**\$2,884,468**  
**\$3.37**  
**per \$1000.00 (estimated)**

The district goal is to establish a consistent rate per \$1000 of assessed valuation, (\$3.37) for the 4 years of the levy. Any fluctuation in that rate is driven by property value changeability and the collection limits that are established by the State of Washington.



Tenino High School Students give the train trestle underpass a much needed facelift.



## How will the Levy Money be Spent?

### Instructional Programs—20%

- Purchase up-to-date learning materials and equipment for reading, math, science and other classes.
- Supplies to assist with classroom teaching and learning.
- Extended learning for academically gifted children.
- Support programs for children with disabilities.
- Technology upgrades including classroom computers, software, document cameras, projectors, sound systems and on-line teaching resources.

### Support Staff—15%

- Classroom ParaEducator and library assistants
- Reading and math tutoring
- Playground supervision
- School staff (secretaries, custodians, food service workers, etc...)

### Fine Arts—10%

Provide instructional funding for

- Band
- Choir
- Drama
- Elementary Music
- Art

### Additional Teachers—10%

Provide additional teachers to reduce general education class size and improve instruction.

### Athletics—15%

Provide athletic opportunities for students in grades 7-12.

### Building and Maintenance—10%

Provide funds to maintain and repair facilities and grounds.

### Bussing & Student Support—10%

- Provide additional bus routes and services for safe student travel.
- Support transportation for educational and athletic events.
- Maintain lower student breakfast and lunch meal prices while providing healthy and nutritious food.

### Student Activities—5%

Student clubs such as Knowledge Bowl, student leadership, Fort Flagler, field trips, class advisors, Honor Society and advisory programs are included in this category.

### Special Education—2.5%

Supplement special education programs and services not funded by the state or federal government.

### Intervention Specialist—2.5%

Drug and alcohol counseling for students.

# Levy Questions and Answers

**Q. Is this a replacement levy?**

A. YES. This levy will replace the current levy that expires December 31, 2012.

**Q. Is this M & O replacement levy a NEW tax?**

A. NO. This is a replacement of our current levy. It will take the place of the tax you are now paying. This replacement levy is needed to continue funding existing programs and to continue necessary program and maintain school facilities.

**Q. Why is this replacement levy necessary?**

A. The funds we receive from the state and federal government do not cover all our educational costs to provide the quality education our children need. The replacement levy provides approximately 23% of the District's operating budget.

**Q. Do all senior citizens have to pay for the levy?**

A. NO. A senior citizen would not have to pay if he or she has an income of \$35,000.00 or less per year, is 62 years of age or older, or disabled. If a senior citizen qualifies and would like an exemption, he or she must file an exemption request with the County Assessor. Call 360-867-2200 for details.



Tenino students enjoying reading time in the Library!

**Q. Do the taxpayers of the Tenino School District pay other taxes to the district?**

A. NO. The last bond was paid off in 2007. At this time, the only levy money received from the district taxpayers is the current M & O levy. This will replace that levy.

**Q. Who pays for the levy?**

A. Property owners who live within the Tenino School District pay for the levy based on the value of their property.

**Q. How is the levy amount determined?**

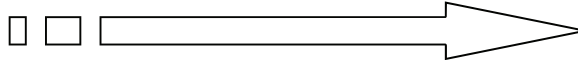
A. The Tenino School District Board of Directors set the amount for this replacement levy. The board believes that this amount is sensitive to people's concerns about taxes and the economy yet addresses the district needs.



**What happens if the levy fails?**

- Funds would be lost for at least the next four school years.
- Jobs would be eliminated.
- Class sizes would increase.
- Supplies and learning materials would be reduced.
- After school activities and sports would be reduced or eliminated.
- Repair and maintenance issues would be delayed or cancelled.

Estimated collection based on \$3.37 per \$1000.



Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities like Homecoming are supported through levy dollars!

Property Value	Estimated Collection
\$100,000	\$337.00
\$125,000	\$421.25
\$150,000	\$505.50
\$175,000	\$589.75
\$200,000	\$674.00

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# Important Election Information

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## Remember to **VOTE!**



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