

# What do my local school property taxes pay for?



## INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS IN HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2017-19 Levy for School Programs, Maintenance and Operations

This levy, approved by voters on Feb. 9, 2016, funds essential student programs and services that are not paid by the state. These local levy dollars help make up the shortfall, which is approximately 21 percent of the school district's overall budget.

Among other expenditures, this levy pays for 10 teachers and certificated specialists, 22 support staff positions and special education staff that are necessary but not covered by the state.

#### How much does the 2016-19 levy cost?

TAX YEAR	2017	2018	2019
LOCAL LEVY TAX RATE	\$3.20	\$3.43	\$1.50
TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$3,993,621	\$4,732,605	\$2,169,962

Note: Rates are per \$1,000 assessed value. 2019 amount is an estimate based on a 5% increase in assessed value.

#### WHAT THE LOCAL LEVY PAYS FOR

##### School Programs

###### *Three new staff positions*

- Security for the elementary school
- Grounds and general maintenance districtwide

###### *Continued funding of positions not paid for through state apportionment*

- 10 teachers and certificated specialists
- 22 support staff
- Special education staff as needed

###### *Additional working days for teachers*

###### *The levy also supports*

- Professional development for staff
- Cost of living increases for staff
- Student transportation
- Athletics and activities
- Special education costs

##### Maintenance and Operations

- Upgrades to lab computers, servers and classroom projectors as needed
- Upgrades to kitchen equipment that is past its life expectancy at the elementary and high schools
- Repairs to roofing as needed
- Upgrades to the high school athletic track
- Upgrades to the lighting and stage in the high school multi-purpose room
- Fiber cable upgrades to the elementary school

# 2016-2035 Capital Facilities Bond

This Capital Facilities Bond, approved by voters on Feb. 10, 2015, is funding the new Hockinson Middle School, improvements to Hockinson High School and development of a master plan for the elementary school—while maintaining a bond tax rates at approximately the same rate as it was in 2014.

The \$39.9 million bond was recommended based on parameters set by the Citizens Advisory Committee, which researched and prioritized the district’s most pressing needs.

## Did you know?

*A Citizens Facilities Committee recommended a new middle school in 2007, but the School Board decided to wait until the High School bond was paid off before embarking on the new major project.*

### Project Costs:

- **\$29.4 million**—new middle school
- **\$10.5 million**—projects at the high school and elementary school
- **\$39.9 million**—total cost

### How much does the 2015 bond cost each year (through 2019)?

TAX YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TAX RATE	\$1.83	\$2.60	\$2.36	\$2.20	\$2.13
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$1,880,000	\$2,880,000	\$2,973,050	\$3,059,950	\$3,149,000

Note: Rates are per \$1,000 assessed value. 2019 amount is an estimate based on a 5% increase in assessed value.

## WHAT THE BOND PAID FOR

***A new middle school to replace the main building, which was built more than 60 years earlier. The new facility was designed to:***

- Provide a better location for the middle school
- Put all middle school students under one roof
- Address safety and security challenges
- Provide a school that reflects today’s learning requirements, including a focus on career and technical programs

***Additions for growing programs at the high school, including:***

- A music room
- A sports pavilion
- Athletic fields

***A facilitated master planning process to guide decisions at the elementary school campus.***