



SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021 Replacement Levy Election Information
Honoring the Past – Empowering the Future

Our Community Empowers SK Students

Our community support has empowered students of South Kitsap

- ▶ Innovative programs
- ▶ Enrichments beyond basic education
- ▶ Social emotional supports
- ▶ Safe and inclusive environments
- ▶ Athletics, activities, and other growth avenues
- ▶ Community connections



Welcome!



We are South Kitsap –
Levy Dollars in Action

Our Levy empowers our innovative
programs



Educational Programs & Operations
Levy Financial Information

Levy costs, past, present, and
future



Questions & Answers

What are Levies for?

- Local levies are for the **enrichment** of programs beyond basic education
 - Music, arts, athletics, activities, student transportation, technology & tech support, nurses, counselors, etc.
- Our community expects more than a basic education
 - Innovative programs and options for students empower success
- Levy dollars are directed specifically to extending services/programs beyond the State-defined allocations

The Impact of Community Support:

- ▶ Lower class sizes
- ▶ Innovative instructional programs (Advanced Placement, AVID, PLTW, etc.)
- ▶ Music and Arts programs
- ▶ Librarians
- ▶ Instructional Specialists
- ▶ Special Education programs
- ▶ Computers for students
- ▶ Curriculum adoptions
- ▶ Counselors, Social Worker
- ▶ School Psychologists
- ▶ Athletic Programs
- ▶ Nurses
- ▶ Technology backbone/security to support learning
- ▶ Extra Curricular Activities
- ▶ Transportation in lieu of safe walking routes
- ▶ Safety & security, threat assessment, secured facilities
- ▶ Maintenance of facilities and grounds, repairs, upkeep, replacement of aging systems and equipment.



Levy Dollars
Empower &
Engage Students

Community Support for Academic Success



- ▶ Teachers and specialists who support classrooms for lower class size
- ▶ Curriculum adoptions on a cycle that supports learning
- ▶ PSAT tests, Advanced Placement classes, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Project Lead the Way, Spanish Immersion, and more
- ▶ Jumpstart to Kindergarten preparedness program, paraeducator support for Kindergarten
- ▶ Professional development for teachers beyond the state allocation
- ▶ Arts and music at elementary, middle, and high school

Our Staff Empower Students to Achieve

- ▶ Staff connect with students, build relationships, support wellness, and help students find their path for success in the future.
- ▶ The State funds 17 counselors and we have 30 supporting student achievement
- ▶ The state does not fund music specialists and we have 23 to provide music instruction
- ▶ Paraeducators support academic success, including levy funded support for our littlest learners
- ▶ In South Kitsap, whole child support for students reaches far beyond basic education



Our Health Staff Promote Wellness

- ▶ The State funds 1.43 nurses. South Kitsap employs 7 nurses
- ▶ In South Kitsap, nurses support students in many ways:
 - ▶ Students with 1,035 care plans
 - ▶ 38,122 health room visits last year
 - ▶ 762 student medications managed (including seizure medications and epi-pen use/training)
 - ▶ Manage school-day care for students with many health issues including ADHD/ADD, anaphylaxis, asthma, cardiovascular, developmental conditions, diabetes, hematological, mental/behavioral, neurologic, oncological, seizures, and traumatic brain injury
 - ▶ At least 270 of these are life-threatening conditions
 - ▶ Nurses are critical to school operations during the COVID pandemic



Our Special Education Staff Empower Students who Need More Support

- ▶ Our Special Education program has been reconfigured over the past two years to be more inclusive
- ▶ 1,498 students receive Special Education services
 - ▶ Approximately 15% of our student body
- ▶ School Psychologists do legally required evaluations and screenings for services needed – nearly 500 screenings so far this year and over 1,000 in a typical year
- ▶ Services can include audiology, assistive technology, OT, PT, mobility, speech and language, hearing, social emotional behavioral health, and more



Technology Empowers Student Success

- ▶ We support over 13,000 Chromebook, laptop, and desktop devices for staff and students, along with over 500 printers
 - ▶ Five technicians to support/troubleshoot devices
- ▶ Levy funding supports new computers on a refresh cycle, repairs to the equipment we have, web filtering, antivirus software, spam filtering, Microsoft Office tools, etc.
- ▶ We also support and maintain the student and financial systems as well as core network for communications, safety, and internet access
- ▶ Many new devices have been added or are on order to support remote learning during the pandemic including Chromebooks, laptops, and internet access packs



Our Programs Inspire Success & Achievement Outside the Classroom



- ▶ Athletics, activities, and opportunities are crucial for student engagement
- ▶ At South Kitsap High School, more than 1,000 students participate in 27 different athletic teams
- ▶ High School students have access to more than 30 clubs to connect with their peers on common interests
- ▶ Middle School students connect with school through clubs, athletics, and activities
- ▶ Opportunities start early in South Kitsap with elementary music, choir, and strings

State Funding vs. SK Support – Bridging the Gap

	State Funds:	South Kitsap with Levy Funding
Classroom Teachers	425.46	505 basic ed
Librarians	11.65	15
Counselors	17.06	30
Nurses	1.43	7 RN, additional LPN
Psychologists	.25	11
Technology	5.12	15
Student/Staff Safety	1.69	9 + Safety & Security Staff
Custodians	35.60	54
Facilities	14.80	21
Warehouse, Mechanic	2.71	8
Music Teachers	0	23

This list is a sample only, based on current school year



Levy Financial Information

Background Information

The District Budget is comprised of five separate funds:

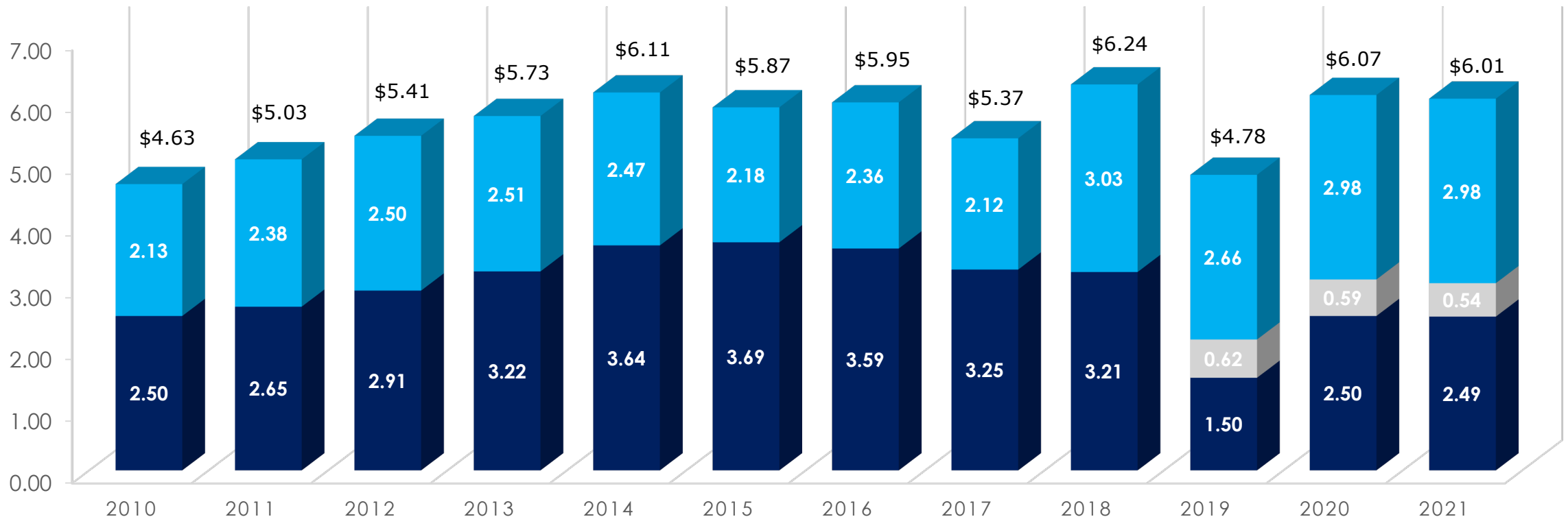
- General Fund – most operating costs
- Capital Projects Fund – construction and major repairs
- Associated Student Body Fund
- Transportation Vehicle Fund
- Debt Service Fund

Our local levy represents 15% of our current budget. State funding from the McCleary lawsuit has decreased the amount we collect in local levies by approximately 5.5% since 2017

School Tax History

SCHOOL TAX DECADE-IN-REVIEW

■ EP&O ■ Capital Projects ■ State Schools Tax



Ballot Measure to Replace EP&O Levy

Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value

Tax Year	Approx. Rate	Amount
2022	\$2.50	\$27,880,220
2023	\$2.50	\$30,386,678
2024	\$2.50	\$33,118,717
2025	\$2.50	\$36,096,640

Levy Lid by Student

- ▶ We will collect either \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or the current maximum per student, **whichever is a lesser tax.**
- ▶ For 2021, this means the tax rate is approximately \$2.49. Future years may be less.

Estimated Levy Rate Based on Per Pupil Maximum

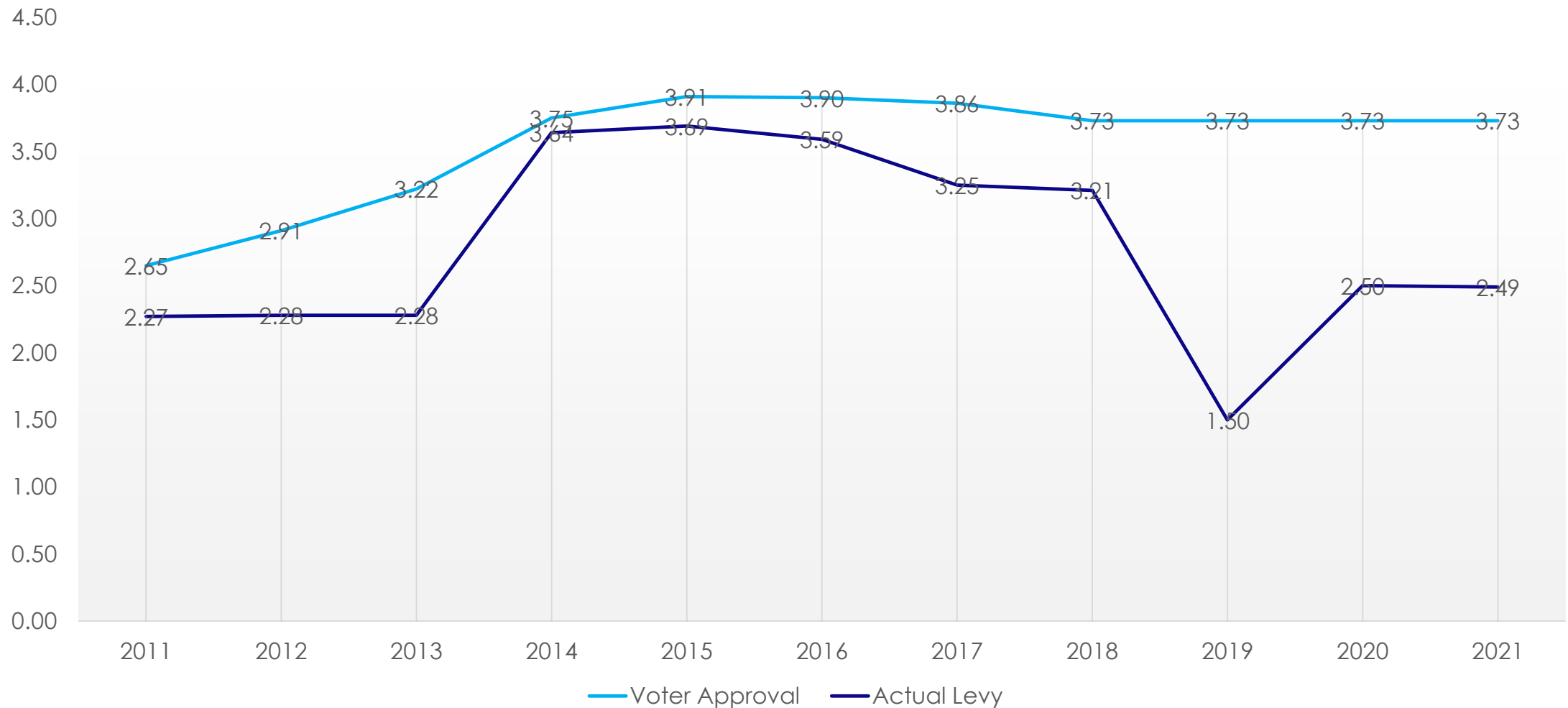
Year	Potential Levy Rate
2022	\$2.35/thousand
2023	\$2.34/thousand
2024	\$1.91/thousand
2025	\$1.84/thousand

- ▶ These estimates are based on current best thinking but are affected by these factors:
 - ▶ Growth Rate
 - ▶ Consumer Price Index
 - ▶ District Enrollment

In 2020, the tax rate is \$2.50

In 2021, the tax rate is currently estimated to be \$2.49

Local Levy Rate Historically Lower than Voter Approval



Replacement Levy Ballot Measure

- ▶ On February 9, 2021, South Kitsap will have the opportunity to empower student support and success by casting their vote for the Educational Programs & Operations levy
- ▶ This is a **replacement** levy – not a new tax
- ▶ The levy would be collected in calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025
- ▶ Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value will not exceed the current rate of \$2.50 and may be less over the course of the levy

Our Community Empowers SK Students



- ▶ We will continue to offer programs to support our Priority Plan and our goal of success for each student
- ▶ Levy programs and enrichments empower our students to explore options, access enhanced learning opportunities, attend safe school facilities with the staff and technology tools they need to achieve success.
- ▶ Thank you for your past support



Questions?

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Remember to vote by
February 9, 2021