

SCHOOL EDUCATION ENRICHMENT LEVY FACTS

An election will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, by the Mary M. Knight School District for the purpose of **replacing** the current Enrichment Levy (old M&O Levy).

If passed, this levy will **not** impose a new tax, but will **replace** the expiring levy.

Official ballots will be mailed to voters on January 18, 2022.

The district is seeking a two-year, School Education Enrichment Levy (old M&O Levy).

The amount raised will be
\$586,817.00 for 2023 tax year and
\$639,631.00 for 2024 tax year.

The rate will not exceed \$2.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in each year of 2022-23 and 2023-24.
Which is lower than the \$2.50 rate of the previous levy

What will it cost a property owner with this replacement levy?

If your property value is \$100,000 in assessed value, the amount collected would be \$233 per year for each year that the MMK enrichment levy is in effect.

If approved by voters, MMK will qualify for additional Levy Equalization Funds, approximately \$2 Million per year, from the State which allows MMK to compete

financially with communities who have a much larger tax base.

If the levy fails, **MMK will not** receive state equalization funds. Leaving many activities, programs & projects unfunded.

Our local levy provides funding to maintain all or part of our educational programs and services in addition to the maintenance of our facilities.

FAQ's

What is a School Education Enrichment Levy and what does it provide?

The Enrichment Levy, EP&O (which used to be the M&O Levy) provides funding for basic education services and day-to-day operating expenses that are not fully paid for by the State such as:

- Athletics and activities
- Elementary/HS specialists (physical education/math/reading)
- Additional teaching staff
- Instructional materials
- Administrative services
- Furniture and equipment for classrooms
- Additional student transportation costs
- Technology (Chromebooks, digital curriculum.)
- Increases in property insurance, fuel, supplies, and utilities
- Vocational program support and growth
- Special Education
- Maintenance and repair of existing facilities
- Food Services

Is this an additional levy or a replacement levy?

This is a **replacement** levy. The current levy expires December 31, 2022.

When would the tax be collected?

Levy dollars would be collected in the 2023 and 2024 tax years.

Do I qualify for levy exemptions?

Senior and disabled citizens may be eligible for an exemption from all or part of special levies. Call the Mason County Assessor's Office at 360-427-9670, ext. 491, or the Grays Harbor Assessor's Office at 360-249-4121, for applications and additional information.

How can I register to vote?

There are several ways to register to vote, including registration by mail, in person registration, and motor vehicle registration. Registration forms are available at the Mason County Elections Department, public libraries, schools, and other government offices. You may also obtain a form on-line at: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx>

You must register at least 30 days prior to an election. If registering by mail, your application must be postmarked by the 30 day cut off. If you miss the 30-day deadline, you may still sign up in person at the Elections Department, but no later than 15 days prior to the election.

We thank you for your continued support!

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