

## Financial Information on Dixie's Levy

Dixie School District is running an Educational Programs and Operations Levy on the ballot for a special election on April 23, 2024. These are not new taxes. This is a replacement levy will continue provide funding to continue our current programs and operations. This levy will fund educational programs (such as reading, art, physical education, science) and operation expenses (such as para educator staffing, field trips, transportation and so on).

The levy will run for two years at an estimated \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed property value:

2025 at \$1.40 per \$1,000 = \$140,000

2026 at \$1.40 per \$1,000= \$140,000

Note that this is the estimated levy rate. As property values go up, what is collected from each property owner goes down. The rate will not go above \$1.40 per \$1,000 and we cap collect at \$140,000 dollars per year, meaning once the county has collected those taxes, it does not take additional monies. The rate will be adjusted once that total is reached.

Back in 2020, Dixie School District passed a Capital Projects Bond which runs through 2026. This bond was for \$1.00 per assessed property value, capped at \$75,000 per year. These dollars have supported the new painting and refinished woodworking that happened this summer. In previous years, that money was used for heating/cooling mini splits on the main floor, and the new boiler.

Looking at the taxes that were collected last year, Dixie property owners paid about \$1.04 for the levy and \$0.59 for the bond. This happened because of the growth and value of the property in this area.

If our district were no longer here, then our students would be consolidated into a neighboring school district, then Dixie property owners would pay the levy and capital project bonds of those districts. Our community would support the schools in those communities. For our neighboring districts:

Walla Walla School District Levy \$2.50 per \$1,000

Capital Project Bond 0.38 per \$1,000

Total Levy and Bond = \$2.88 per \$1,000

Waitsburg School District \$2.50 per \$1,000

This means that Dixie property owners paid about a dollar less, per \$1,000 assessed property value.

For additional information regarding the levy for Dixie School District, please contact the office at (509) 525-5339

DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSITION 1 – REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATION  
LEVY

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Dixie School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, early childhood education, extracurricular activities, athletics, music, art, special education programs, nutrition services, facilities and maintenance expenses, and counseling program support. Further information is available at the District's website <https://www.dixiesd.org/>.

The proposed two-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$140,000 in 2025 and \$140,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Walla Walla County Assessor 509-524-2560.

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