



Horseshoe Bend School District

March 14, 2017 Supplemental Levy Election

Questions and Answers

Q. Why does the district need a supplemental levy?

A. While state funding for schools increased last year, it was only after a steady decline beginning in 2008, forcing nearly every school district in Idaho to ask their patrons to support supplemental levies. In 2008, state support for our school was \$2.13 million. In 2016, state support for our school was \$1.75 million. Additionally, the Secure Rural Schools Act (federal forest funds) has expired and is unlikely to be reauthorized.

Q. How will the supplemental levy impact my property tax bill?

A. The annual cost of the supplemental levy to the taxpayer will be \$260 per \$100,000 of taxable value (this is a decrease from \$302 for the current levy). With the 50% homeowner's exemption, and with a home valued at \$100,000, the annual cost would be \$130.

Q. Will my property tax rate increase if the supplemental levy passes?

A. No. Your tax rate will not increase as this is a replacement of the current supplemental levy. In fact, the overall tax levy rate which includes tort, construction bond (PTE Building), and supplemental levy will decrease as we will be lowering the rate levied on the construction bond.

Q. How will the money be used?

A. The levy money will be used to:

- Maintain current staffing and programs
- Improve campus safety and security
- Provide curriculum and materials for students
- Maintain/improve buildings and facilities
- Provide technology and technology upgrades
- Fund athletics

Q. How was the money spent from the current supplemental levy that expires on June 30, 2017?

A. Thanks to the soon-to-be-expired supplemental levy, we have been able to:

- Fund preschool
- Keep full-day kindergarten
- Fully fund athletics
- Fund the mini-house project and robotics club
- Maintain current teaching staff
- Hire additional paraprofessionals
- Purchase a new school bus
- Increase class offerings in middle/high school
- Replace the cafeteria roof
- Purchase mobile computer labs
- Purchase new playground equipment
- Create a state required contingency fund

Q. Have my tax dollars resulted in overall school improvement?

A. Our school is improving every year, and some of our notable achievements include:

- Horseshoe Bend Elementary being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School for growth and performance
- Multiple college credits earned by our high school students
- Graduates attending college at a rate higher than the state average
- Increased test scores across the board
- Improved financial practices resulting in greater accountability and a positive fund balance

Q. Whom do I contact with questions?

A. Dennis Chesnut at chesnutd@hsbschools.org, Cora Larson at larsonc@hsbschools.org, or your school board representative.

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Voting and Voting Registration Information

Election Date/Time/Location

- March 14, 2017
- The polls will be open from 8:00AM until 8:00PM at the following location:
Mutual Improvement Club (Formally known as the Ladies' Auxiliary Building)
121 W. Boise St.
Horseshoe Bend, ID

Absentee Voting

- Registered voters may fill out an absentee ballot request form and mail it to:
Boise County Clerk's Office
420 Main St.
Idaho City, ID 83631

Or fax to 208-392-4473
- The absentee ballot request form can be found at <http://www.idahovotes.gov/VoterReg/absentee.pdf>
- The last day a request for an absentee ballot will be accepted is 5pm on March 3
- The absentee ballot itself must be received at the county clerk's office at the address above by 8pm on Election Day (March 14)

Registration

- If you are not already registered to vote, you can send in a completed voter registration form with your absentee ballot request form as long as it is postmarked 25 days prior to the election (February 17)
- The voter registration form can be found at http://www.idahovotes.gov/VoterReg/voter_registration.pdf
- You can also register to vote on Election Day (March 14) at the polling location, and you will need to bring a government-issued ID and proof of residency (power bill, phone bill, lease agreement, etc...)

More Information

- For more information on voting/voting registration, contact the Boise County Clerk's Office at 208-392-4431 ext. 121