



RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

On February 14, 2023, voters will be asked to vote on Richland School District's six-year Capital Projects Levy that was approved by the Richland School Board on November 22, 2022.

WHAT WILL THE CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY FUND?



Assist In Further
Protecting
Students



Develop Plans To
Address Overcrowding
and Future Enrollment
Growth



Provide Safety
Training and
Resources For
School Staff



SECURING OUR SCHOOLS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Students who feel safe at school can better focus on learning. Staff who feel safe at school can better engage students. Families that feel their children are safe at school can better support their education.

Richland School District’s Capital Projects Levy will help the district take additional steps and measures to ensure schools are safe and secure for all current and future students in the community.



Richland High School

MODERNIZING OLDER SCHOOLS

Schools rebuilt in recent years have newer safety features, such as secure entrances and building layouts, surveillance cameras and advanced security systems. The Capital Projects Levy will provide funding needed to make similar updates to older schools across the district, including:



Construction of main entrance secure vestibules and potential relocation of some administrative offices at Richland High School and Carmichael and Chief Joseph middle schools



Construction of main entrance secure vestibules at Hanford High School, Enterprise Middle School, Jason Lee, White Bluffs and William Wiley elementary schools

SUPPORTING SAFETY EFFORTS

School staff work hard to keep students safe every day. Giving them the best tools to do that job is crucial. While the district has already begun instituting revised and updated safety best practices and protocols, the Capital Projects Levy will further enhance those efforts by:



Purchasing new surveillance systems and access controls at schools



Providing staff training on new systems and best practices in threat assessment and crisis response



Partnering with outside security experts on identifying and addressing vulnerabilities



Chief Joseph Middle School

SAFE SCHOOLS IN THE FUTURE

When students, staff and families all know each other, they help make schools safe. Hanford and Richland high schools are serving hundreds more students each than they were designed for. That does more than lead to crowded hallways—it makes it harder for students to engage with staff, get involved in activities, know who is part of their school community and makes it challenging to keep students safe. **The Capital Projects Levy will assist the district in developing plans and designs for RSD high school facilities that will address enrollment growth.** This ensures every student is known, every staff member is supported and every family is connected.



Site for third comprehensive high school behind RSD's Teaching, Learning and Administration Center



Development and design of a third comprehensive high school in West Richland



Development and design of a joint campus facility for River's Edge High School & Pacific Crest Online Academy



Development and design of an addition to Three Rivers HomeLink



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Schools pictured on cover (left to right): Jason Lee Elementary, Carmichael Middle School, River's Edge High School, White Bluffs Elementary, and Richland High School.

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Get answers to questions and learn more about the Capital Projects Levy by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rsd.edu/levies.



WHAT WILL THE LEVY COST?

The Capital Projects Levy, if approved by voters, would collect \$23 million from property taxes for six years, beginning in 2024. The estimated levy rate is \$0.31 per \$1,000 in assessed property value.



\$62 per year - for a home assessed at \$200,000*



\$93 per year - for a home assessed at \$300,000*



\$124 per year - for a home assessed at \$400,000*

**Roughly 60 percent of properties in the district are assessed between \$200,000 and \$400,000.*

SENIOR CITIZENS, DISABLED PERSONS AND LOW INCOME EXEMPTIONS

There is assistance for low-income households. District residents should contact the Benton County Assessor's Office about their eligibility for a property tax exemption or deferral. Learn more at www.co.benton.wa.us.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Richland School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This applies to all educational programs, extra-curricular activities, and employment. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

- Title IX Coordinators: Tim Praino, Tim.Praino@rsd.edu (personnel); and Todd Baddley, Todd.Baddley@rsd.edu (students)
- Section 504 Coordinators: Tim Praino, Tim.Praino@rsd.edu (personnel); Richard Krasner, Richard.Krasner@rsd.edu (facilities); and Brian Moore, Brian.Moore@rsd.edu (students)
- Compliance Coordinator for State Law: Galt Pettett, Galt.Pettett@rsd.edu

The Richland School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact the Richland School District State & Federal Programs at 509-967-6363.



Scan the QR code to use RSD's Tax Calculator and see how much you'll contribute to the Capital Projects Levy or visit www.rsd.edu/calculator.