



PROPOSITION 1:

Levies are for Learning.

ABOUT THE LEVY

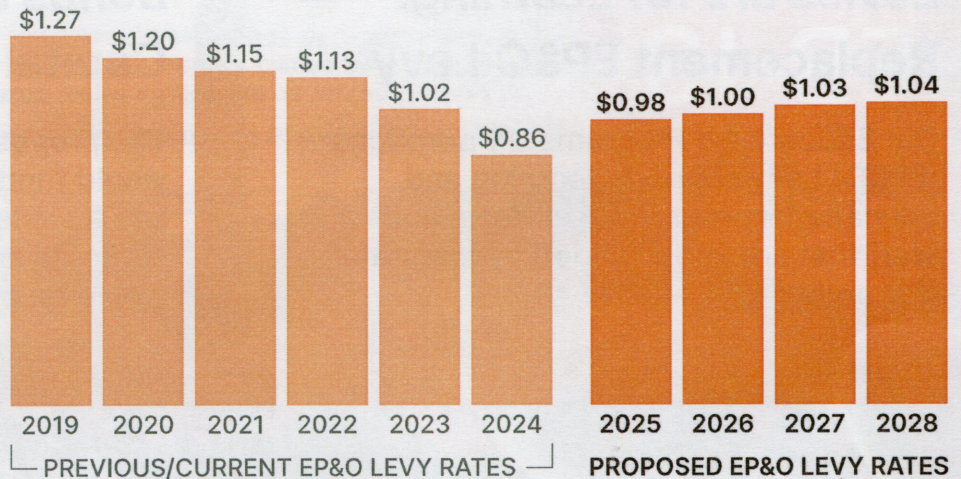
The Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy is used to pay for student programs, services, and staffing not fully funded by the state. In fact, **17% of our current budget comes from the existing local EP&O Levy, which equates to approximately \$7M of revenue in support of student learning.** The current levy ends in 2024. The February 13, 2024 levy replaces it, and will cover 2025 through 2028.

In Blaine schools, levy dollars help support:

- Student transportation
- Food service
- Extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, choir, and drama
- Staff (both certificated and classified)
- Substitute teachers
- Staff costs, such as compensation and benefits (beyond what the state provides funding for)
- Expanded curriculum supplies and subscriptions
- Utilities, like water and electricity
- Updates to software
- State-required programs and services that are underfunded by the state



EP&O LEVY RATES*



DID YOU KNOW?

17% of our budget comes from the local EP&O Levy.

STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING

17% EP&O LEVY

COST FOR THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER

In 2025, at \$0.98 per \$1,000, Blaine homeowners with a home valued at \$500K would pay \$490 for the proposed EP&O levy*. The cost per year will stay around \$500 through 2028, according to projections.



*Tax rates are per \$1,000 assessed property value. Tax rate projection calculations based on 2024 property valuation inflated annually by 2%.