

Selah School District No. 119



2008

Maintenance & Operation
(M&O) Levy

Selah School District 2008-2010 Levy Information

- The current M&O Levy expires in December 2008.
- A two-year replacement levy will go to voters on February 19, 2008. The projected rate for collection is the same as the prior levy (\$3.45 per \$1,000).
- This is not a bond election.
- The replacement levy is not a new tax. It is a renewal of the tax that is currently being paid by voters to support current programs.



Did you know...

- The State does not fully fund education for students as required by law.
- The levy provides 18% of the school district's \$30 million operating budget each year.
- Included in the 18% levy funding is \$1.6 million from the state IF the replacement levy passes. The levy equalization allocation is \$0 if the levy fails.
- Simple majority (50%) required for levy to pass

What is the Difference Between a Levy and a Bond?



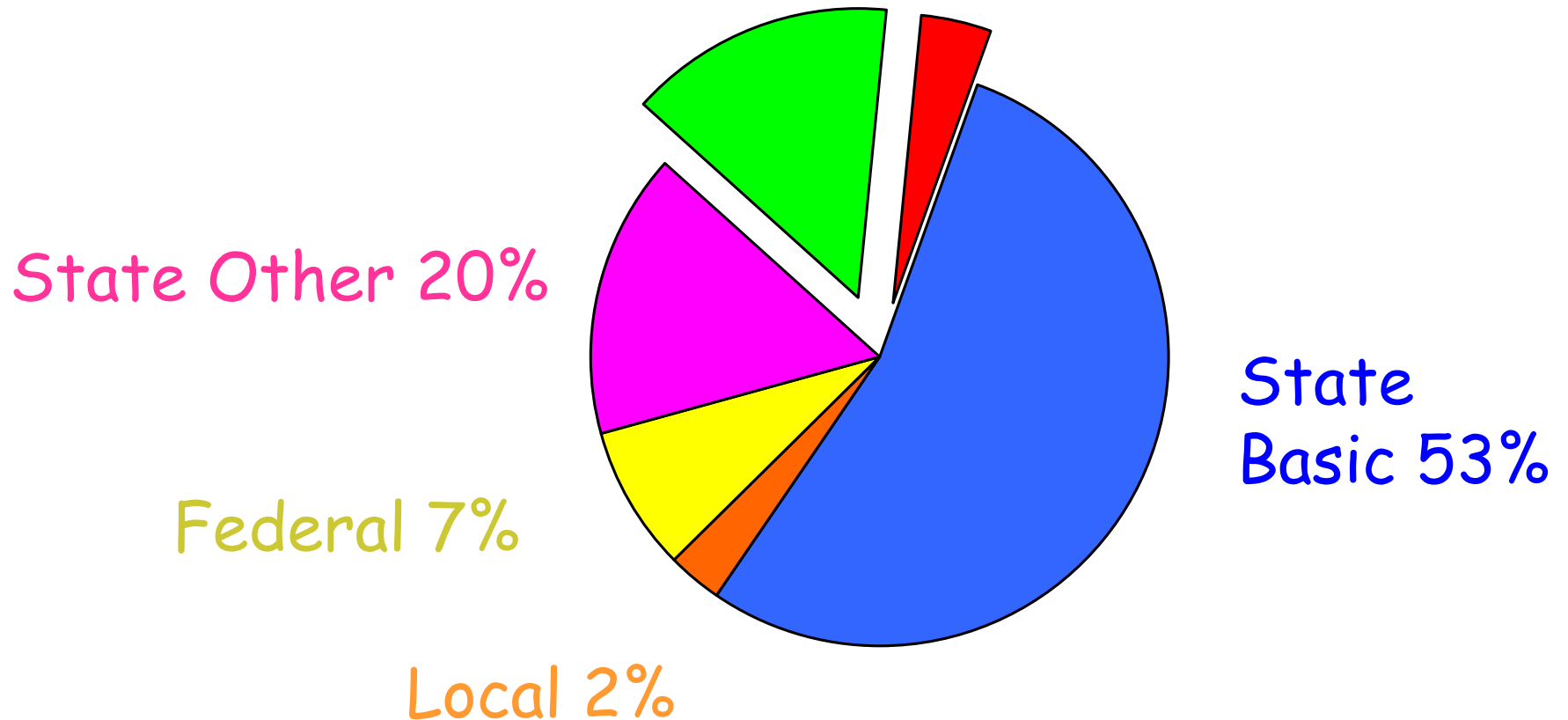
- Levy = Learning, Activities & Operational Needs

- Bond = Building New Construction



District Funding

Levy 13% + LEA 5% = 18%



LEVY Funding is 18% of Total Budget

2007-08 Operating Budget

Total Budgeted Revenues = \$29,972,127

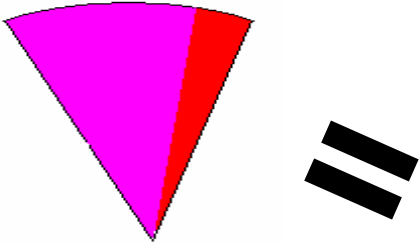
Local Levy Funding = \$3,870,257

Levy Equalization Allocation = \$1,579,025

LEVY (Local and LEA) = \$5,449,282 (18%)

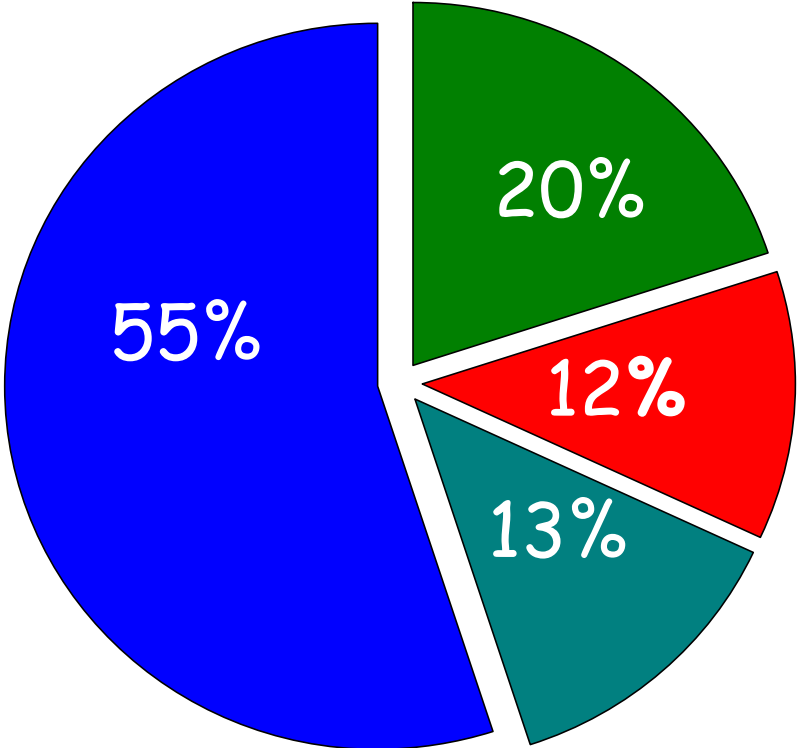
Levy Supported Activities

13% + 5% = 18%
 Levy + LEA



Student Educational Support (Teaching & Learning) 55%

- Professional development
- Student supplies, etc.
- Smaller class sizes
- Drug and alcohol education
- Advanced programs
- Highly Capable programs
- Student supervision
- Classroom support - Paras
- Student remediation support
- Music instruments
- Textbook adoptions



Student Activities 20%

- Music programs
- Academic competitions
- Extra-curricular activities
- Sports (i.e. equipment, travel)
- Transportation to events

Operations 12%

- Transportation
- Liability insurance
- Utilities
- Nursing services
- Campus Security, etc.

Technology 13%

- Computers
- Network support
- Tech support
- Student records system
- Web-site support
- Data support

Proposed Levy Amounts/Rates

Amount

Estimated Rate

Approved by voters in 2006

2008 - \$3,920,500

\$3.45

Proposed for 2008

2009 - \$4,517,203

\$3.45

2010 - \$4,743,063

\$3.45

Election Date – February 19, 2008

Increase in Property Values Will Not Increase School District Tax Collections

- Changes in property values don't change the amount of taxes authorized by the voters
- Local school taxes can only be increased by a vote of the people
- Changing property values will change tax rates, but not tax collections

Tax Calculation

This M&O Levy **REPLACES** the current levy which expires in December 2008.

This is **NOT** a new tax

Sample tax calculation-

\$3.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

On a \$150,000 home, the levy cost to taxpayers would be \$43.13 per month.

Tax Exemptions

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, you may qualify for a tax exemption if you meet the following:

Your total household gross income cannot exceed \$35,000 and the home for which you are filing for tax exemption is your principal place of residence; AND

1. You are at least 61 years of age on December 31; or
2. You are retired because of a physical disability; or
3. You are a widow/widower at least 57 years of age whose spouse had an approved exemption on file with the Assessor at the time of death.

Please call the County Assessor for further details (509) 574-1100.

Voter Registration

You may register to vote (and/or make name or address changes) in person at the Yakima County Elections Department, 128 N. 2nd Street – (509) 574-1340.

OR

On-line registration can be performed at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections.

OR

Voter registration forms are also available at each building office.

Voter registration DEADLINE – January 19, 2008

Summary Information

- When is the replacement levy?
February 19, 2008
- When are absentee ballots mailed?
February 1, 2008
- Who may qualify for levy exemptions?
Senior citizens (age 61 and older) and disabled citizens may be exempt from all or part of levy costs.
- Are you Registered?
You may obtain a voter registration form at your local school or at the county courthouse.
- It takes a 50% simple majority to pass.