Levy Newsletter Davenport School District



Special Edition Levy Newsletter to Community January 2018

Technology, Safety, Security, Facilities Improvement, Capital Projects Levy and Transportation Vehicle Levy February 13, 2018

The Davenport School District will be asking our patrons to vote on TWO supplemental levies. This election will be held on February 13, 2018. Here are some key facts regarding these proposals:

The 2017 State Legislature restricted the amount our District can collect in our Maintenance and Operations Levy (M&O).

District voters approved a \$1,109,000 levy for 2019 but, our district will only be able to collect approximately \$419,000 of that levy amount.

Our current levy is approximately 14% of our revenues.

The Technology, Safety, Security, and Facilities Improvement Capital Projects Levy, and the Transportation Vehicle Levy will replace some of the revenues lost in the mandated reduction to our M & O Levy.

The voter approved levy for 2019 is \$1,109,000 which puts the mil rate at 4.00/1,000. The table below shows the proposed tax rates for the Technology, Safety, Security, and Facilities Improvement Capital Projects Levy, and the Transportation Vehicle Levy:

Tax Impact History and Projected- mil rate per \$1000	2017	2018	2019	2020
M & O / Enrichment Levy ALREADY PASSED	4.01	4.00	1.50	1.50
Technology, Safety, Security and Facilities Improvement Capital Projects Levy NEW			.90	.90
Transportation Vehicle Levy NEW			.45	.45
Total Taxpayer Expense	4.01	4.00	2.85	2.85

Timeline of January

8, 2018

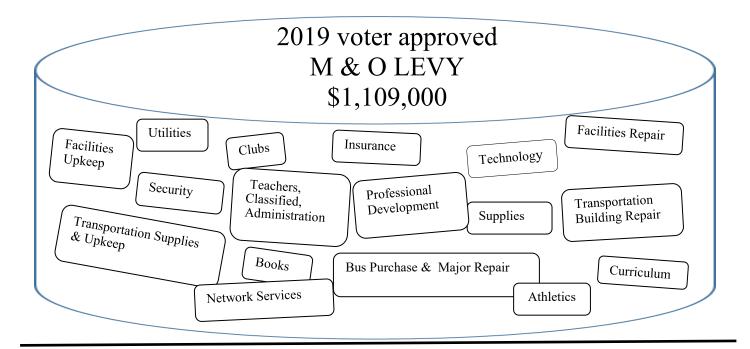
Events:

6 PM: Community Informational Forum at the K-8 Library.

January 22,2018 Ballots Mailed Out-approximate date.

February 13, 2018 Election Day: All ballots must be post marked by this day.

WHAT DOES THE LEVY PAY FOR?



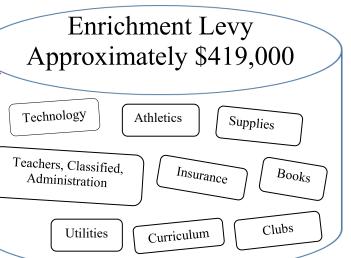
Beginning in 2019 our regular M & O Levy will be reduced to \$419,000 due to the new education funding law...

To compensate for this significant reduction of state funding, two special levies are needed to close the gap.

Transportation Vehicle Levy \$127,000

Bus Purchase & Major Repair

Note: The cost of a brand new bus is approximately \$123,000.



Capital Projects Levy \$253,000

Technology Professional
Development

Facilities Repair

Facilities Upkeep

Technology

Security

Transportation Building Repair

Network
Services

Davenport School District Technology, Safety, Security, Facility Improvement, Capital Projects, and Transportation Vehicle Levy

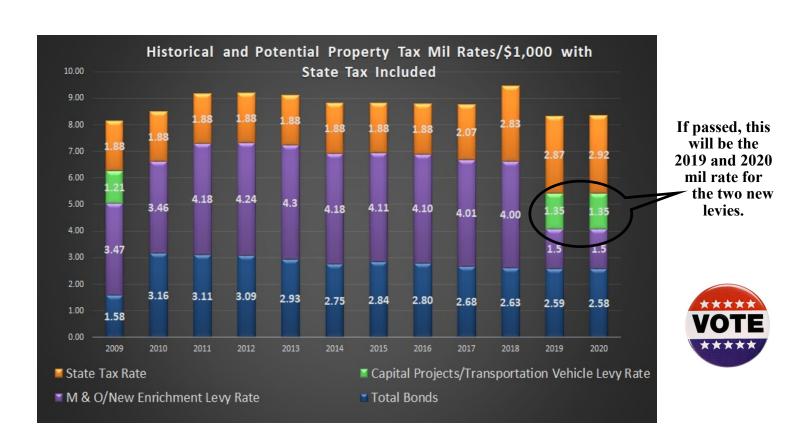
Questions and Answers

Q: What will the Technology, Safety, Security, Facility Improvement, Capital Projects Levy pay for?

- A: Levy dollars will help offset the lack of state dollars needed to maintain our facilities. Here are some specific uses of levy dollars:
 - > Security updates, technology equipment and support, facility upkeep and repair.
 - ➤ Materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC'S).

Q: What will the Transportation Vehicle Levy pay for?

- New school buses, major repairs (when needed).
- Q: What impact will the proposed Capital Projects/Transportation Vehicle Levies have on my taxes?
- A: The Technology, Safety, Security, Facility Improvement, Capital Projects Levy if approved, will cost .90/1,000.
- A: The Transportation Vehicle Levy if approved will cost .45/1,000. If property values change for 2019 or 2020 the rate per thousand will be adjusted to collect only the original requested dollars.
- Q: Are other school districts asking their voters for Capital Projects and Transportation Vehicle Levies?
- A: Yes, several districts across the state are asking patrons to approve Capital Projects Levies and/or Transportation Levies.
- Q: Can senior citizens or disabled persons qualify for tax exemptions?
- A: If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person you may qualify for a tax exemption. Contact the Lincoln County Assessor's Office at 509-725-7011 for information regarding tax exemptions.
- Q: What happens if the levies are not approved by voters?
- A: If these levies don't pass, the District and the Board will have to choose which programs are sustainable.





Davenport School District No. 207

CAPITAL LEVY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 17-04, concerning a proposition to finance instructional technology, safety, and facility improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make instructional technology, safety and facilities improvements (including acquiring instructional technology equipment, replacing classroom computers, and providing related training and support; installing security cameras and entry/access controls; replacing or repairing roofs; upgrading classrooms):

	Approximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$.90	\$253,000
2020	\$.90	\$260,000

All as provided in Resolution No. 17-04.

Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES LEVY NO

You are invited to attend our community forum regarding the levy proposition on Monday, January 8 in the Elementary/ Middle School Library at 6 PM. For more information about the levy, call Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski or Business Manager Leslie Oliver at 725-1481 or visit with any school board member.

2017 School Board Directors



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This will be the wording on each ballot!



Davenport School District No. 207 LEVY TO PURCHASE AND REPAIR SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 17-05, concerning a proposition to finance the purchase and repair of school buses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing new school buses and repairing existing school buses to support the District's aging bus fleet:

		Rate/\$1000		
Colle	ction Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount	
	2019	\$.45	\$127,000	
	2020	\$.45	\$131,000	
All as provided in Resolution No. 17-05.				

Approximate Levy

Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY YES ☐ LEVY NO ☐





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