



## Overview of 2004 Capital Levy

Fall 2003

### History

Seattle Public Schools has developed a 2004 Capital Levy proposal for the next phase of building improvements, which will reach nearly every school in the District. The \$178 million levy would fund more than 600 projects related to school buildings, arts and science labs, libraries, technology, and athletic facilities. The School Board reviewed the levy proposal and provided feedback in spring and summer 2003. The Board is scheduled to vote on the proposal on November 5, 2003, for placement on the February 3, 2004 ballot.

The 2004 Capital Levy would renew the expiring Buildings, Technology, and Athletics levy, approved in 1998, which upgraded or replaced existing systems in schools to create safe and secure buildings. In all, the levy funded more than 465 projects, including roof and window replacements, seismic mitigation, technology upgrades, and athletic improvements.

### Planning Process

Staff members in Facilities, Planning, and Enrollment have been working with Technology Services and other departments to identify schools in need of work under the 2004 Capital Levy. In addition, the results of two surveys helped prioritize projects at each school:

1. Survey of school staff members, distributed by representatives of the Seattle Education Association in fall 2002.
2. Survey of school educational technologists, conducted by Technology Services.

### Community Forums – October 2003

School Board directors will host five forums during October to solicit feedback from the community on the 2004 Capital Levy proposal. See forum schedule below.

**Thurs., Oct. 9**      **Aki Kurose Middle School, Cafeteria**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.      3928 S. Graham St.

**Tues., Oct. 14**     **Chief Sealth High School, Library**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.     2600 SW Thistle St.

**Thurs., Oct. 23**    **Washington Middle School, Cafeteria**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.    2101 S. Jackson St.

**Tues., Oct. 28**     **Salmon Bay School, Library**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.     1810 NW 65<sup>th</sup> St.

**Thurs., Oct. 30**    **Eckstein Middle School, Cafeteria**  
7:00-8:30 p.m.    3003 NE 75<sup>th</sup> St.

Comments on the 2004 Capital Levy will also be taken at a public hearing on October 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence.