



Seattle Public Schools Levies 2010 Summary

- To further *Excellence for All*, our five-year plan designed to raise achievement for all students, retain and attract great teachers and increase efficiency, two Levies will be submitted to voters in a special election, February 9, 2010:
 - A 3 year Operations Levy which funds nearly a quarter of the District's day-to-day operating budget and supports educational services not fully funded by the state.
 - A 6 year Capital Levy, Buildings Technology and Academics III (BTA III), which funds major small renovations, major maintenance and improvement projects in our school facilities.
 - School Levies require a 50% "plus 1" YES vote for passage.

 - BTA III Proposed Projects followed Board Guidelines by:
 - Aligning projects with the future Building Excellence IV (BEX IV) Capital Levy and the Facilities Master Plan,
 - Using the Facilities Condition Index (MENG report),
 - Aligning with the New Student Assignment Plan, Capacity Management and School Consolidation,
 - Making progress in managing the maintenance backlog of repairs,
 - Creating a category of energy efficient, sustainable projects
 - Using an inclusive process which included early school surveys and prioritized rankings utilizing cross departmental teams
 - Selecting projects that can be completed within the 6 year life of the levy.

 - Projects were prioritized on a list assembled to four break points: \$210 million*, \$240 million, \$270 million and \$300 million*, with varying amounts apportioned, according to the inclusive process and prioritized rankings. All four break points included funding for buildings, technology, academics, program expenses and escalation.
- *The School Board thereafter directed staff to consider only the \$240 million and \$270 million funding categories.
- The \$240 million break point includes funding categories listed above, as well as additional energy efficiency/sustainable technology retrofits, "Energy Star" technology and sustainable enhancements.
 - The \$270 million break point includes funding categories listed above at the \$210 and \$240 million, as well as building exterior renovations, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical systems, capital eligible projects, additional technology, academics and escalation.

- **BTA III will support Seattle Public Schools' Strategic Plan projects, including building infrastructure, technology infrastructure, hardware and licenses, MAP (measure of academic progress) Assessment, Cleveland STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and the New Student Assignment Plan.**

For further information, please visit www.seattleschools.org; click on Levies 2010.