Seattle Voters: Learn About the Levies
Seattle Public Schools to Hold
Three Community Information Meetings

SEATTLE – Seattle Public Schools (SPS) will host three community meetings in January to provide information and answer questions about two levies that Seattle voters will consider in a special election on Feb. 12, 2019.

The two levies are the Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) and the Building Excellence V Capital Levy (BEX V).

If approved, the two levies will replace two expiring levies that voters previously approved in 2013 and 2016.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

SPS staff members will present detailed information and be available for questions at each of the three Seattle meetings.

All meetings: 7-8:00 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019**: John Rogers Elementary School cafeteria, 4030 NE 109th St.
- **Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019**: Montlake Elementary School gymnasium, 2409 22nd Ave. East
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019**: Rainier Beach High School cafeteria, 8815 Seward Pk. Ave. South

TWO LEVIES

The **EP&O Levy** replaces the expiring operations levy approved by Seattle voters in 2016. This levy helps fund day-to-day operations and pays for critical programs and services that are not fully funded by the state.
• **Funds necessary school staff** beyond what the state allocates. For example, SPS employs 63 school nurses for our 53,000 students. State funding only pays for nine nurses.

• **Helps pay for instructional materials and textbooks.**

• **Provides funds for Special Education** to ensure our 7,000 students who need special education services have necessary supports.

• **Helps close the opportunity gaps** by continuing to provide programs to support our most vulnerable students.

The **BEX V Capital Levy** replaces the expiring capital levy approved by Seattle voters in 2013. This levy would fund capital improvements, including modernizing or replacing aging schools. Additionally, BEX V:

• **Improves safety and security** at every school in the district.

• **Reduces the number** of portable classrooms.

• **Adds urgently needed schools and permanent classrooms** to the district.

• **Improves technology** infrastructure for schools.

• **Provides greater access** to classroom technology.

• Comments and questions from community members can be sent to the district via email or mail.

• BEX V Capital Levy: capitallevy2019@seattleschools.org

• Operations Levy: budget@seattleschools.org

• Mail: Levies 2019, Seattle Public Schools, MS 22-336, PO Box 34165, Seattle, WA 98124

• For more information, visit [https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pagId=36191053](https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pagId=36191053)

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