

BEX/BTA Capital Levy Semi-Annual Report

November 7, 2019

Introduction: Much of the funding to construct, maintain and renovate district educational facilities comes directly from Seattle residents through voter-approved capital levies. By maintaining and regularly improving schools and related facilities, we reduce the cost of ownership, which in turn reduces the costs to local taxpayers over the long-term. Our buildings, however, require consistent, thoughtfully applied fiscal resources to systematically maximize their lifecycle while minimizing the financial burden on the community. Seattle residents have been generous in responding to District requests for fiscal support of our capital needs, approving Building Excellence (BEX) and Building, Technology and Academics (BTA) capital levies since 1995. Successful passage of our capital levies is critical in providing a learning environment that allows staff to focus on positioning students for academic success.

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, Capital Projects and Planning staff focused their efforts on designing, bidding and building projects identified in the capital levies for BTA III, BEX IV and BTA IV. In addition, staff worked diligently on and completed preparation efforts for the BEX V capital levy that was successfully placed before the voters on February 12, 2019, then commenced efforts surrounding the selection of architectural and engineering firms to design the major elementary school projects, selection of construction program managers to oversee the design and construction of the major secondary school projects and roof replacement projects at North Queen Anne School and Rising Star Elementary School (ES) at African American Academy.

At Seattle Public Schools, we remain committed to providing an excellent education for every student, in every classroom, every day. School construction responds to the rigorous educational program and minimizes long-term operational costs through careful selection of materials and stringent criteria for energy usage.

BTA III (2010-2016)

Program Status: Efforts focused on completing remaining projects, including:

1. Construction closeout of: B.F. Day ES seismic improvements; Catharine Blaine K-8 seismic improvements; Dearborn Park ES heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) improvements; Gatewood ES seismic improvements; Leschi ES geothermal well installation and roof replacement; and Leschi E.S. and Salmon Bay K-8 seismic improvements.
2. Physical construction of: Muir ES geothermal well installation; Olympic View ES roof improvements.
3. Design of: Muir ES geothermal well installation; Olympic View ES roof improvements.

Budget Status: As of October 31, 2019, the levy remains within available funds. Levy project expenditures total \$264.2 million of the Board approved budget of \$270.0 million.

Informational: Funds were allocated for implementing fire sprinkler improvements to Mercer MS and HVAC improvements to Montlake ES that have not been spent. Both schools are proposed for either replacement or a major modernization and addition as part of the BEX V capital levy. These dollars were fenced and used to reduce revenue requirements of the BEX V capital levy.

BEX IV (2013-2019)

Program Status: Efforts focused on completing identified capacity/condition projects, including:

1. Construction closeout of: Arbor Heights ES replacement, Cascadia ES new construction, Decatur ES modernization, Robert Eagle Staff MS/Licton Springs K-8 new construction, and Loyal Heights ES modernization.
2. Physical construction of: Broadview Thomson K-8 seismic improvements; Catharine Blaine K-8 seismic improvements; Cleveland HS new field and field lighting; Daniel Bagley ES classroom addition and modernization; Laurelhurst ES seismic improvements; Lincoln HS modernization; Queen Anne ES classroom and gymnasium additions; Sand Point ES seismic improvements; View Ridge ES seismic improvements and, Wing Luke ES replacement.
3. Design of: Broadview Thomson K-8 seismic improvements; Catharine Blaine K-8 seismic improvements; Daniel Bagley ES classroom addition and modernization; Laurelhurst ES seismic improvements; Sand Point ES seismic improvements; View Ridge ES seismic improvements and, Wing Luke ES replacement.

Budget Status: As of October 31, 2019, the levy remains within available funds. Levy project expenditures total \$610.1 million of the Board approved budget of \$694.9 million.

Informational: Funds were allocated for science improvements to Mercer MS and seismic improvements to Alki ES, Mercer MS, Montlake ES, Northgate ES, Rainier Beach HS, Rogers, and Sacajawea ES that have not been spent. These schools are proposed for either replacement or a major modernization and addition as part of the BEX V capital levy. Recommend postponing these projects awaiting the outcome of the BEX V capital levy. These dollars were fenced and used to reduce revenue requirements of the BEX V capital levy.

BTA IV (2017-2022)

Program Status: Efforts focused on completing projects, including:

1. Construction closeout of: Dearborn Park ES roof replacement; E.C. Hughes ES modernization; Gatewood ES envelope improvements; and Lowell ES exterior door replacement.
2. Physical construction of: Ballard HS field lighting; Franklin HS envelope improvements and window replacement; Garfield HS field lighting; Ingraham HS classroom addition, seismic improvements, and waterline and roof replacements; John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence freezer upgrades project; Magnolia ES Phase 1 modernization and addition; Nathan Eckstein MS solar shades; North Queen Anne School seismic improvements; Robert Eagle Staff MS field lighting; Roosevelt HS field lighting; and, Webster ES modernization and addition project.
3. Design of: Cedar Park ES restroom addition; Franklin HS field lighting; Frantz Coe ES classroom addition; Garfield HS field lighting; John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence freezer upgrades project; Magnolia Phase 2 classroom addition; Nathan Eckstein MS solar shades; Robert Eagle Staff MS field lighting; Webster ES modernization and addition; and West Woodland classroom addition.

Budget Status: As of October 31, 2019, the levy remains within available funds. Levy project expenditures total \$301.4 million of the Board approved budget of \$475.3.

BEX V (2020-2025)

Status: Planning staff worked diligently on the preparation of the BEX V capital levy. Efforts focused on updating the 2012 Facilities Master Plan and the identification projects to be placed on the BEX V capital levy. Selection of the schools adhered to the requirements identified in Board Policy 6901 and the Guiding Principles adopted by the Board on May 9, 2018. Eight schools will either be replaced or modernized, with an additional 72 schools receiving needed repairs to their site, playgrounds, building envelopes, roofs, mechanical, electrical, fire alarms, intercom and/or security systems. All schools within the District will receive technology upgrades.

Efforts focused on completing projects, including:

1. Construction closeout of: none
2. Physical construction of: North Queen Anne School and Rising Star ES roof replacement.
3. Design of: North Queen Anne School and Rising Star ES roof replacement; selection of architects for Kimball ES replacement, Northgate ES replacement, Viewlands ES replacement and West Seattle ES classroom additions and modernization; and selection of construction project managers for Asa Mercer MS replacement; Lincoln HS seismic improvements; and Rainier Beach High School replacement.

Budget Status: First collection of the levy will occur Spring 2020. As of October 31, 2019, levy project expenditures total \$.1 million of the Board approved budget of \$1.4 billion.