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## ***2021 Renewal Levy District Information***

### **Facts and Figures**

- ❖ The Educational Programs and Operations Levy that will be on the Feb. 9, 2021, ballot is a three-year renewal of the current levy that is set to expire in 2021. It is not a new tax.
- ❖ The Mead School District has been supported by a levy for more than 40 years.
- ❖ 11.7 percent of the Mead School District's budget comes from local funding, while the other 88% comes from a combination of federal and state funding.
- ❖ The current levy funds many different areas that fall outside of state-funded basic education, including items our community has come to expect of the Mead School District:
  - Extra-curricular activities (sports, music and clubs)
  - Elective courses, staff for smaller class sizes, career-track and work-based learning opportunities
  - Student support (nurses, para educators, counselors and social workers)
- ❖ If approved by voters on Feb. 9, the estimated levy tax rate for the Mead School District would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$600 per year for a \$300,000 home.
- ❖ The Mead School District has listened to the community through multiple surveys and put that feedback into action through reopening schools, developing strategic priorities and planning for future programming.
- ❖ Strategic priorities developed through community feedback are the backbone of the programs that will be funded with the approval of this levy. Strategic priorities that community members identified as very important include:
  - Support for at-risk students K-12
  - Mental health support for students K-12
  - Career-track opportunities such as internships for HS students
- ❖ Mead School District is leading the way in the state. Reopening reports:
  - As of mid-November 2020, data from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) only 3.9% of WA students attended a district that opened in a similar model. The Mead School District makes up:
    - 25% of all students in WA with access to hybrid or full-time
    - 41% of Washington's K-5 full-time students
    - 17% of Washington's 6-12 in-person hybrid students