

2020 MVSD Levy Facts Sheet

When is the election date?

Election Day is Tuesday, May 19th, 2020. Idaho's primary election will take place on May 19th, and will be conducted by [mail only](#).

How do I register and where do I register to vote?

There will be no physical polling locations this year. If you are a registered voter, you may have already received your ballot request in the mail. If not, you can request an absentee ballot by either calling the Idaho County clerk at 208-983-2751 or go to idahovotes.gov and click on the **VOTE EARLY IDAHO, Request An Absentee Ballot, link**.

Requests must be made by May 19th, and ballots must be **mailed back and** received by June 2nd in order to be counted

Is the levy an additional tax and will my taxes be in addition to what I already pay for school taxes?

This is a one-year **Replacement** of the current **Supplemental Levy**. This is not a new tax. The Mountain View School District has been running their levy annually for a long time. In fact, Mountain View voters have a history of supporting schools and have not failed a levy since 2007. This year's levy amount is [\\$3,900,000](#) for [one year only](#).

What is the actual cost per \$1000 for this year's levy?

The 2020 supplemental levy will cost \$4.24 per each \$1000 of net taxable market value; or \$424 for each \$100,000 of net taxable market value. The average levy costs in our area per \$1000 for school levies is \$4.31 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

How much more is this year's levy going to cost per \$1,000 than last year's levy?

The 2020 cost will be \$4.24; the 2019 cost was \$3.36.

This is an increase of \$.88 per \$1,000; or an \$88 increase for each \$100,000 of net taxable market value.

We are paying taxes on last year's levy so if this one passes will our taxes remain about the same?

Last year's levy, the levy passed in 2019 expires on 06-30-2020. The cost of the 2019 levy was \$3.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2020 cost is \$4.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This is an increase of \$.88 per \$1,000, an increase of \$88 increase for each \$100,000 of net taxable market value.

At \$3.9 million what is the levy for? Why does the district need the levy money? What does it buy or support? Would there be any cuts as a result of the levy's failure? What might be cut if the levy does not pass?

The State of Idaho contributes approximately 70% of the cost to educate a child. The levy is approximately 29% of the general fund budget. If the 2020 levy fails, we will look for approximately 29% reductions in all programs. In addition to supporting all programs, 4 new teaching positions are included in the levy request. These positions were reduced last year. They include, elementary physical education services, additional elementary counseling services, electives at our high schools, and a teacher to help with 6th-grade transitions into middle school.

What about Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funds and how are they being used?

When SRS funds are authorized by Congress, the funds are received, accumulated, and expended for the construction and remodeling of school buildings within the district's Federal Forest Reserve Fund. This is a "Special Revenue" type of Fund which has restrictions and is not typically used for day to day operation of the school district. From time to time the Board of Trustees may determine that a portion of these funds may be used for other purposes, however, given that nearly all of the district facilities were constructed during the 1950-60s and that the district has not asked taxpayers for a Bond Levy or School Plant Facility Reserve Levy to meet the maintenance and remodeling needs, this leaves the Federal Forest Reserve Fund as the district's only revenue source for taking care of facility needs. Please refer to the [Federal Forest Reserve Fund Budget and Projection Forward](#) document and the two accompanying charts depicting sources of revenue, dedicated reserves, planned expenditures, and the resulting fund balance as projected for the current and next three years.

The district will receive SRS funding during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. There is no federal authorization beyond 2020-21. The Board and administration feel strongly that given the unsteady nature of this funding that it should remain dedicated to facility, technology, and fleet replacement needs as long as possible.