



vote Yes!

on February 13, 2024

Paid for by Yes for ESD Kids

A parent and community-led volunteer committee advocating on behalf of school elections



Today's Objectives:

Follow along with us!

1. **Explain** the role of Yes for ESD Kids vis-à-vis the Edmonds School District.
2. **Identify** the two school funding measures on the February 13, 2024 ballot, and **describe** what they fund.
3. **Explain** why this funding is so needed.
4. **Name** the various ways to get involved in this year's campaign.

What is the Role of Yes! for ESD Kids?

The Edmonds School District can run levies and bonds.

The Edmonds School District can educate the community about its levies and bonds.

But the Edmonds School District cannot advocate in favor of its own levies and bonds.

That's where Yes! for ESD Kids comes in!

We are the parent and community-led group responsible for advocating in favor of levies and bonds on behalf of the Edmonds School District.



Proposition 1:

School Construction Bond

- **Replace** Aging Facilities
 - **Improve** Safety & Security
 - **Maintain** Buildings, Assets, and Athletic Fields
 - **Build** Future Capacity
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If approved, Prop 1 would build a new...

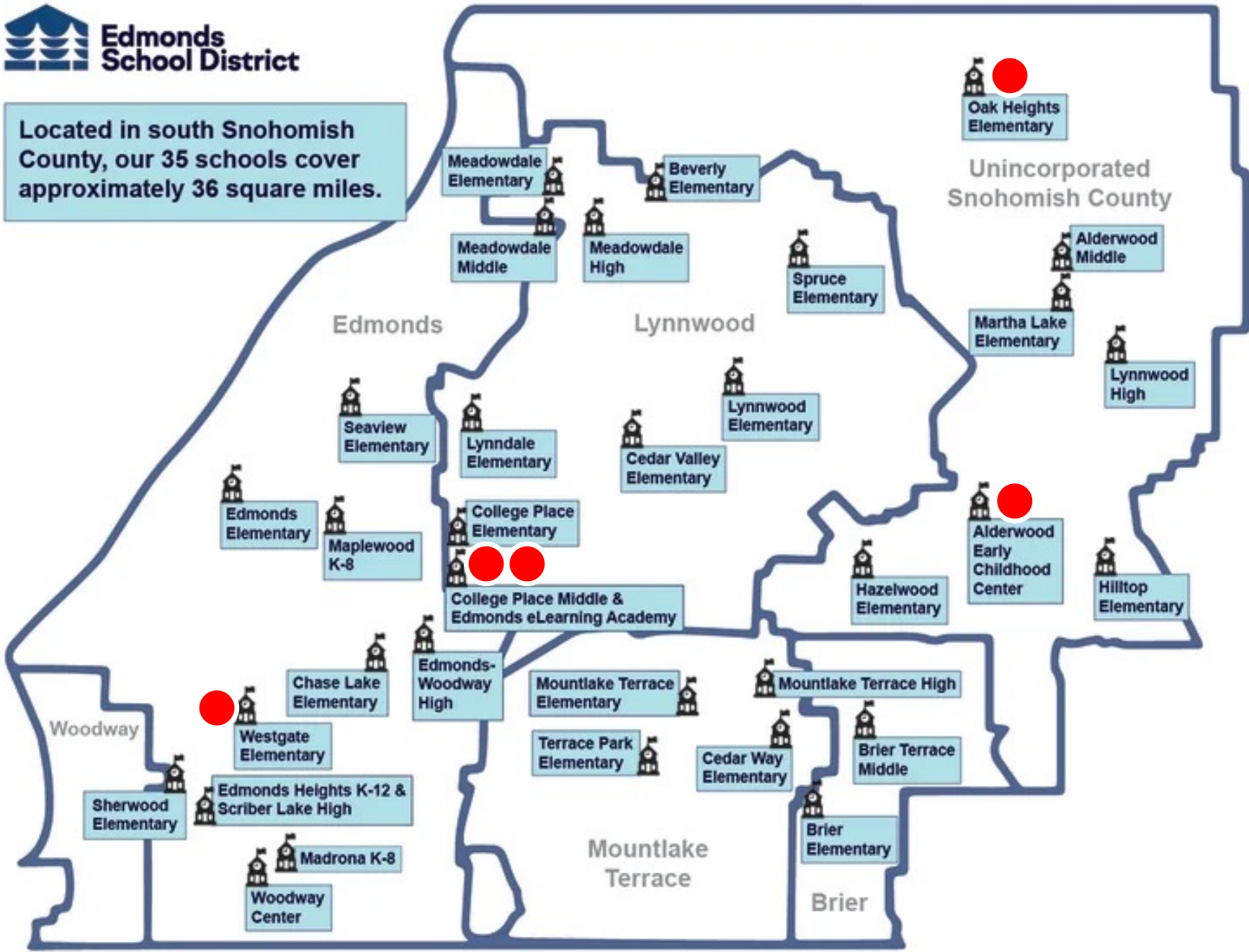
- **Oak Heights Elementary (1967)**
(Lynnwood)
 - **College Place Elementary (1969)**
(Lynnwood)
 - **Westgate Elementary (1958)**
(Edmonds)
 - **College Place Middle (1970)**
(Lynnwood)
 - **New 5th Middle at Alderwood**
(Lynnwood)
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The “Why”

- Of our 34 school campuses, **15 were built more than 50 years ago** and haven't been replaced.
- If approved, **Prop. 1 would replace several of these buildings** with new, modern facilities, to ensure all Edmonds School District students have safe and vibrant places to learn.
- Transitioning sixth grade to middle school by 2028 **requires that we build a fifth middle school.**



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Unincorporated Snohomish County

Edmonds

Lynnwood

Woodway

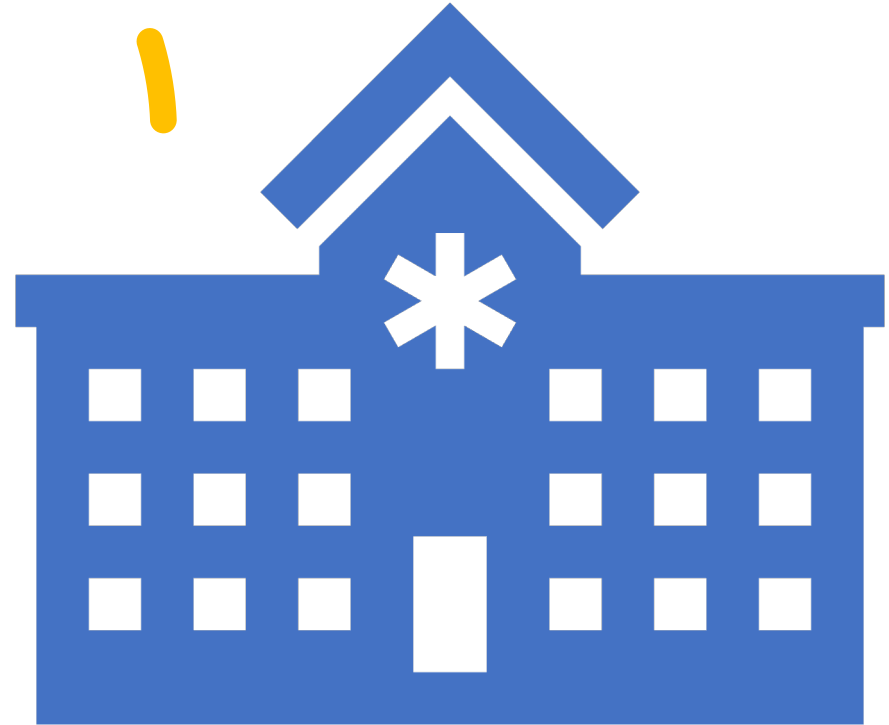
Mountlake Terrace

Brier

New Schools

A 20-Year Construction Review

- 2020 - **Spruce** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2018 - **Mountlake Terrace** (*Mountlake Terrace*)
- 2018 - **Lynnwood** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2018 - **Madrona*** (*Edmonds*)
- 2016 - **Alderwood Middle** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2016 - **Lynndale** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2011 - **Meadowdale Middle** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2009 - **Lynnwood High** (*Lynnwood*)
- 2002 - **Terrace Park** (*Mountlake Terrace*)



***Choice school** - open to all students in the district.
Enrollment is not geographically restricted.

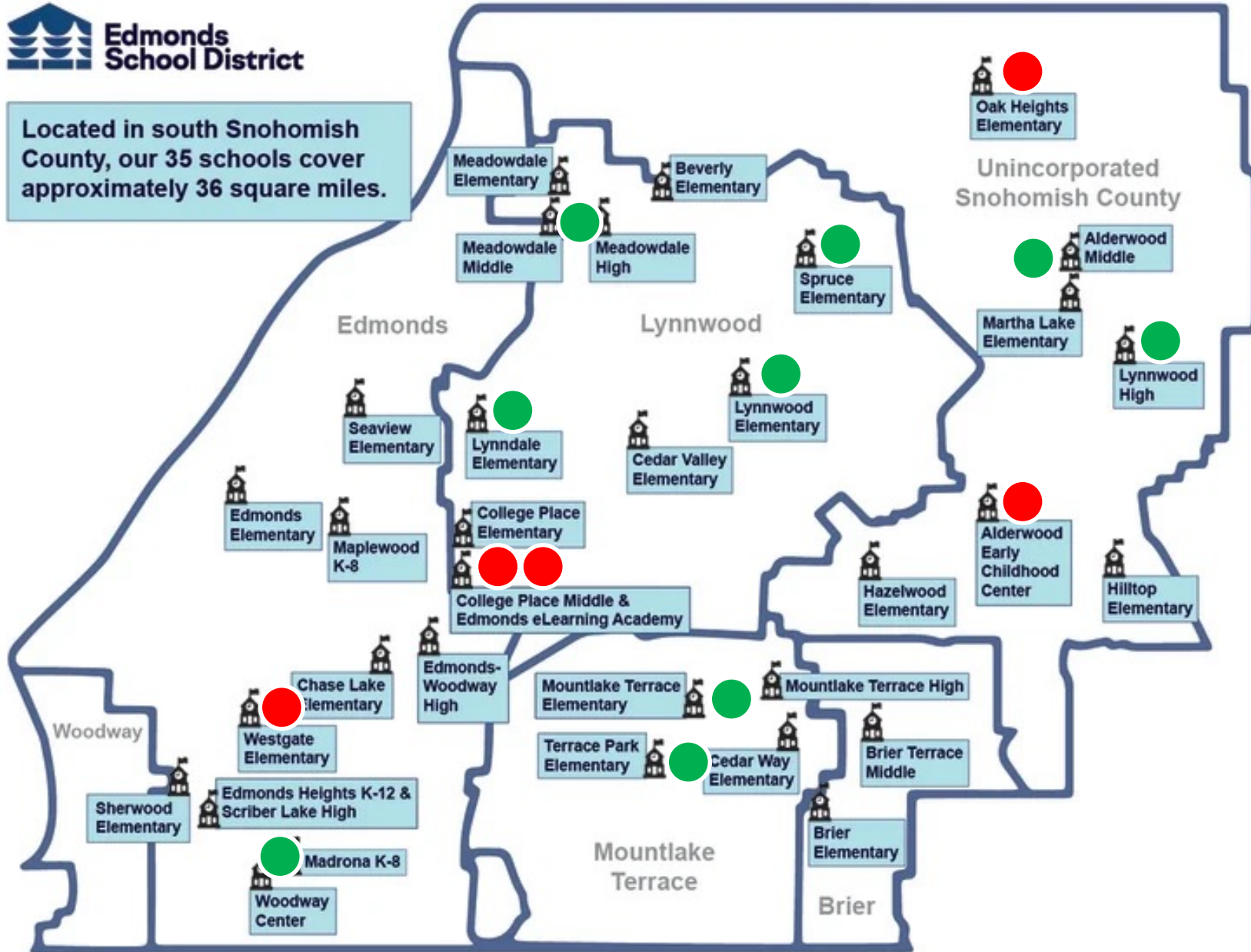
Population Density

Where do folks live in our district?

- **Edmonds:** 42,758
- **Lynnwood:** 38,740
- **Mountlake Terrace:** 22,070
- **Brier:** 6,590
- **Woodway:** 1,330



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Reason #1 : Health & Safety

What **differences** exist between these two buildings from a health and safety perspective?

- College Place Elementary (1969)
- Spruce Elementary (2022)



College Place Elementary (1969)

bassetti
architects

SPRUCE



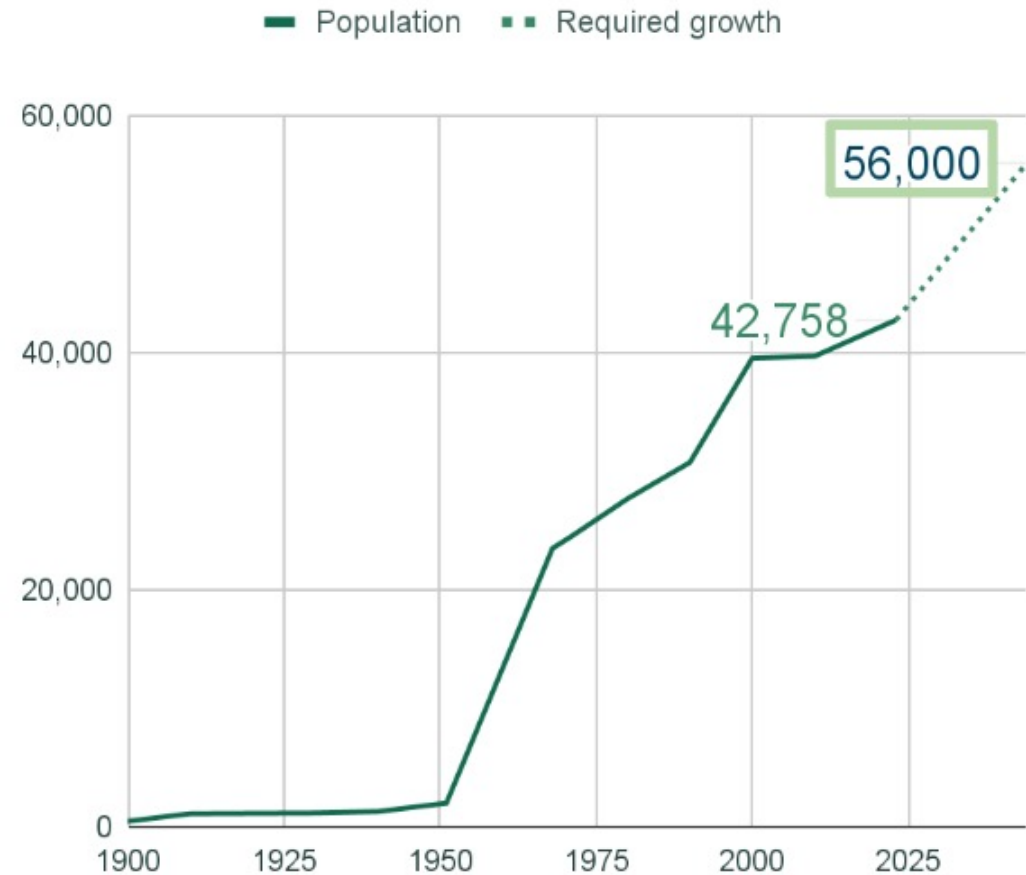
Let's Compare 1969 with 2022

- Buildings constructed **prior to 1972** *did not observe a national building code.*
- Building codes regulate, among other things:
 - Building **Occupancy**
 - **Foundations**, wall, and roof construction
 - **Fire protection** systems (sprinkler system requirements and design)
 - **Materials** used in construction
 - Means of **egress**
- **Health:** 55 years vs. 2 years of wear-and-tear, exposure to elements that degrade a building
- **Safety:**
 - Structural code requirements now vs. 55 years ago.
 - Multiple points of entry vs. 1 or 2 points of entry.
- **Simply put**, a building from the 2000s is a distinctly safer and healthier environment than one from the 1960s.



Reason #2 Anticipating Future Growth:

Example: City of Edmonds



City of Edmonds, Projected Growth by 2044
~14,000 new residents

Registered voters in the ESD increased from ~104,000 to ~109,000 since 2020.

While COVID contributed to a noticeable decline in student enrollment, there is reason for optimism in the near future.

With the shift to a hybrid workplace environment in many industries, there is a growing trend of individuals moving out of urban cores in favor of the suburbs where rent/mortgage is less expensive.

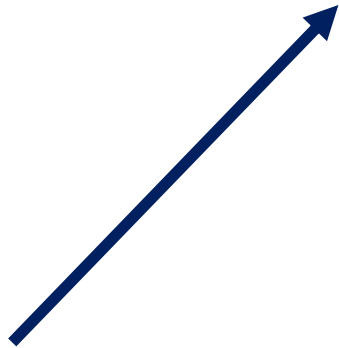
This growth includes individuals with young families, or who are looking to start a family.

Data shows that 70-80% of the children living within our district footprint end up attending our public schools.

Data also shows that new school facilities are directly responsible for pushing that percentage upward.

Cue...Spruce Elementary
(ESD's newest school)

2023: New Spruce
600+ students



2021: Old Spruce (1966)
~500 students





**Reason #3 :
Move 6th
Grade to MS
by 2028.**

Fact: Edmonds is the only district in our region where sixth graders still attend elementary school...

Not Northshore

Not Everett

Not Bellevue

Not Shoreline

Not Seattle

Not Lake Washington

Not Mercer Island

Not Mukilteo

Not Marysville

Not South Whidbey

Not North Kitsap

Someone shouts from the back...
"What's wrong with being different?!"

A few things in this case...

1. Middle school teachers have specific endorsements to teach specific content. **They are subject-matter experts.**
2. Middle schoolers have access to **science labs.**
3. A three-year middle school experience provides **more continuity for both students and parents.**
4. Learning standards are written **K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.**
5. The **practical effect** of what it would mean for a family with a sixth grader **moving from Shoreline to Edmonds.**



What Else Does Prop 1 Fund?

Small Works Projects at various schools	
Hazelwood playground equipment	Maplewood K-8 Floor Replacement
Sherwood Fire Lane, Waterline, Paving	Intercoms (district-wide)
Stadium Ticket Booth renovations	EWHS, LHS, MTHS, MHS Stage Lighting
Sherwood Elementary Boiler	Meadowdale High Gym Bleachers
Edmonds Elementary Boiler	Woodway Campus Interior Upgrades
Cedar Valley Elementary Re-roof	Terrace Park Elementary Operable Partitions
Cedar Valley Elementary Window Replacements	Preparations at AMS and MMS for 6th grade adoption
Martha Lake Elementary Windows and Doors	Physical Security Updates (district-wide)
Terrace Park Elementary Windows and Doors	Plumbing Upgrades (drinking water, district-wide)
Maplewood K-8 Sprinkler Piping	Maintenance & Transportation Water @ N. Entry



Proposition 2:

Replacement Technology/
Capital Levy

- **Student Technology**
 - **Professional Learning**
 - **Infrastructure & Tools for Organizational Support**
 - **Small Works Projects**
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The "Why"

- All students deserve to have access to the technology they need to stay competitive and prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. Renewing the current technology levy **continues critical funding for students, staff and schools** to ensure they have the equipment and technological infrastructure needed to support learning.

What Does Prop 2 Fund?

Student Technology	Professional Learning	Infrastructure
Student Chromebooks	Instructional Technology Coaching	Network Infrastructure
Digital Tools and Subscriptions	Ongoing Professional Development	Servers and Systems
Student Home Internet Access		Cybersecurity Tools
Classroom Technology Stations		Development, Automation, Integration
Translation Tablets		Office Computers

What Else Does Prop 2 Fund?

Small Works Projects at various schools	
Meadowdale Baseball Turf Field	Brier El Boiler HVAC
Meadowdale Softball Turf Field	Sherwood El Re-roof
Stadium Synthetic Track & Drainage System	Hilltop El Re-roof
Alderwood Middle Field Turf	Meadowdale El Re-roof
Meadowdale Middle Field Project	Additional Relocatables
Meadowdale High Boiler	Enhanced Security Technology & Lockdown Indicators
EWHS Boiler & HVAC	LED Retrofit @ CVE, Woodway, LWH, MDH
Lynnwood High Dampers Piping	Accessibility - ADA & Restrooms (district-wide)
Hazelwood El Boiler HVAC	Hilltop El Boiler HVAC



Q: How Does This Impact My Pocketbook?

What do Props 1 and 2 really cost?

Beginning next year, a property owner can expect to see a **\$.03** increase to the property tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value.

What does that mean for your pocketbook? A home with an assessed value of **\$750,000** today would see a **\$22.50** increase to its annual property tax.

In exchange, our community would replace four outdated schools, and build a new, fifth middle school. Additionally, several other schools would receive roofing, plumbing, HVAC, heating fixes, among other improvements listed in the previous slides.

Keep in mind that the Edmonds School District has one of the **lowest tax rates in our region**, and the district is only asking for what it needs to maintain technology funding and to replace some of our most outdated schools.

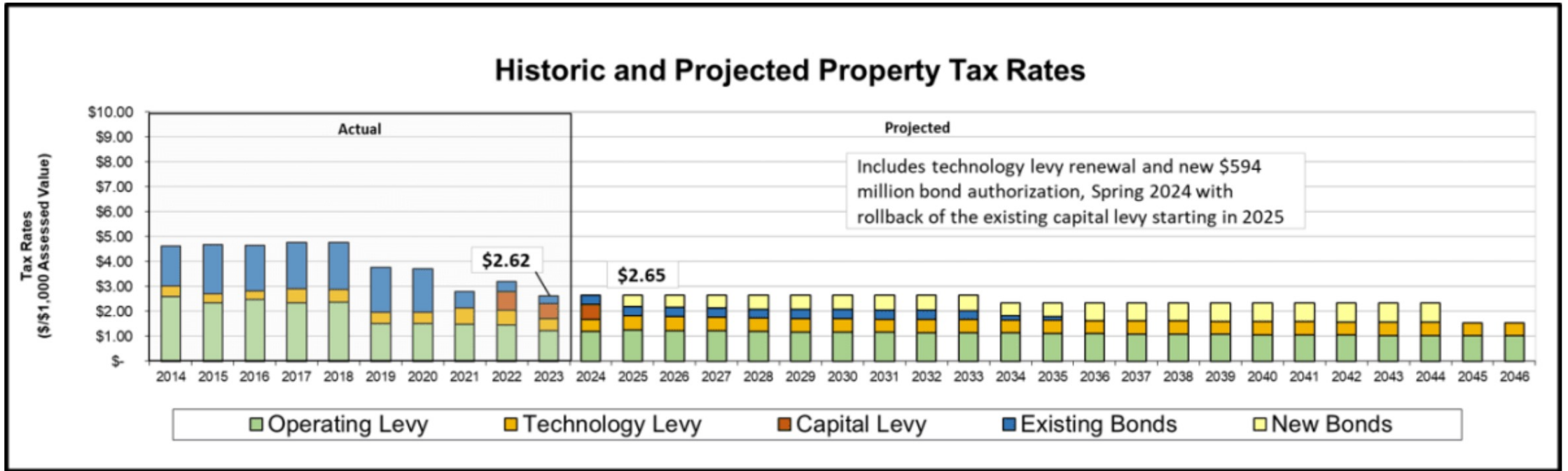
Because Props 1 and 2 define a **fixed** funding amount, the two measures **maintain a stable tax rate**.

ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2023 (actual)	2024 (est.)	2025 (est.)
Educational Programs and Operations Levy	\$1.23	\$1.20	\$1.24
Technology/Capital Levy	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.60
2021 Capital Levy	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0*
Bonds (including prior measures)	\$0.32	\$0.37	\$0.81
Total:	\$2.62	\$2.65	\$2.65

*If approved, Edmonds School District would eliminate the 2021 Capital Levy at the end of 2024 and use bond funding to complete the replacement project on an accelerated schedule.

COMBINED PROPERTY TAX RATES



The tax rate is expected to increase to \$2.65 in 2024 due to a decrease in assessed valuation (AV). AV is expected to flatten in 2025 and the tax rate would remain consistent with 2024. There is an inverse relationship between tax rate and assessed valuation.

Tax collections for school districts are different from many other government funding measures which charge by rate, not a capped amount. School District levies and bonds are capped at the amount approved by voters.



Q: How Do I Vote in This Election?

- Ballots are due by **8 p.m.** on Tuesday, **February 13, 2024.**
- You can **register to vote [here](#).**
- Ballots will arrive around January 25, 2024.
- For Snohomish County residents, visit this **[website](#)** to learn more about vote-by-mail.



Scan this QR code to visit our new website and sign up for our newsletter!

How Can I Help?

Great Question!

Levies and Bonds are notoriously difficult to pass. **We need all hands on deck!**

- 1. Volunteer:** There are many ways to get involved, from making phone calls or knocking on doors this January, to sign-waving and putting up lawn signs.
- 2. Donate:** We're sustained by donations from our community. Every dollar helps us create mailers, buy ad space, yard signs, and banners to get the word out.
- 3. Support us:** Host a gathering of voters. Join our newsletter and forward updates to your network. Follow, like, and repost us on social media!

To learn more about us, visit our new website at:

www.yesforesdkids.org



Exit Slip

Your ticket out!

- 1. What** is the purpose of Yes! for ESD Kids?
- 2. What** are the names of the two funding measures on the February ballot? Can you generally **describe** what each funds?
- 3. Why** are these funding measures so important to approve?
- 4. How** do you plan on getting and staying involved?

**Class
dismissed!**

