

Kent School District Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The two-year Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy is the only locally approved ballot measure that directly pays for basic general classroom and operational needs such as special education, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and staff salaries that are not fully funded by the state. Like a subscription, local school levies must be renewed with the approval of voters or the funding will be lost. Our current levy expires in 2018! If renewed, the EP&O Levy will allow the District to collect \$94M over two years, which represents nearly 20% of our total operating budget. The levy bridges the gap between state funding and the community expectations of our programs.

What is funded by the Educational Programs and Operations Levy?

Category	Items Funded
Student Support Funds 1 in 5 of our employees	Nurses: The state provides funding for 4.5 FTE (full time equivalent) and KSD funds 22.4 Nurses to meet the individual health needs of the students and the needs of those students who need special care. Safety and Security Personnel: The state provides funding for 5 FTE and KSD employs 14.23 to meet the safety and security needs of our students and staff at our 42 school sites. School counselors, social workers and school psychologists: The state provides funding for 57.9 FTE and we employ 28 school psychologists, 31 secondary and 13 elementary counselors along with 5 social workers. Nearly 20 more staff, above the state allocation formula, to meet to meet the unique social emotional and counseling needs of our 27,000 students.
Academic Programs and Classroom Supports	Certificated and classified staff for Special Education and Highly Capable Programs Paraeducators Professional development for teachers including professional learning days, training, and workshops Substitute teachers Curriculum materials and training Reduced class sizes
Activities, Athletics and Enrichment	Advanced Placement (AP) Classes International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program All extracurricular activities Sports Athletic Directors Coaches
Operations	Transportation Substitute classified staff Maintenance staff Custodians
Opportunities	High school schedules that create opportunities for acceleration, exploration, and remediation. Music programming at the elementary schools Increased counselors and support Expanded Early Learning programs
Levy Funding (by year)	Overall funding is \$94M total over two years: 2019: \$44M 2020: \$50M



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