



COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Transportation Levy Q&A

Question

Is this a new levy?

Answer

Technically it is a new levy because Transportation Levies are only allowed to be on a two-year cycle. But, it is the same levy as 2018 with the exact same amount that is currently being assessed which is \$0.10/\$1000 of assessed value.

Question

Why is this a 2 year levy not a 4 year levy?

Answer

The State of Washington restricts school districts from running a Transportation Levy for any longer than 2 years at a time.

Question

What is the levy for?

Answer

The Transportation Levy is specifically to fund the purchase of additional buses to meet our student transportation needs. Due to the increase in student enrollment, specific rider needs, and extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs and programs the district is in need of additional buses. All of these factors put a strain on the transportation needs in the district.

Question

How much has student enrollment increased at CPPS?

Answer

Student enrollment has increased 21% in the last 3 years. In addition, CPPS added a preschool in the 19-20 school year. We are now serving over 1500 students ages 3-21.

Question

How much will the levy support the transportation needs at CPPS?

Answer

The levy will provide an aggregate amount of \$120,000 in 2020 and \$120,000 in 2021 as part of the taxes to be collected in 2021 and 2022.

Question

How many students are riding buses at CPPS?

Answer

Out of the 1500 plus students we serve, 64% ride buses daily.

Question

How much has bus ridership grown at CPPS

Answer

Bus ridership has grown 12% over the last 3 years at CPPS. This school year alone we added 82 new riders. It takes 2 buses to transport these students.

Question

How many students fit on a bus?

Answer

Depending on the grade level, approximately 65 kids fit on a school bus. With our enrollment growth, the buses are full to capacity. We want to ensure that kids are getting to and from school in the safest way possible.

Question

Do students who are attending College Place Public Schools from other districts ride the bus?

Answer

No, only students who reside in our District ride CPPS school buses.

Question

How does the state fund buses for schools?

Answer

The state does provide funding for buses through a standard depreciation schedule. Meaning, when we purchase a new bus, the state provides funds up to 10 years for that bus. These funds then in turn purchase new buses. However, the funding model that the state uses, is not keeping pace with the increase in student enrollment and ridership at CPPS.

Question

How do I vote?

Answer

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on January 22, 2020 and the Election Date is February 11, 2020. You can register to vote online by February 3, 2020 or in person by 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 11, 2020 at the County Elections Office.

For additional information visit CPPS.org/Bonds & Levies.

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