



**Pullman Public Schools**

# **February 2024 Levy Information**

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# Why are Quality Schools Important?

For our **STUDENTS**, a higher level of education leads to:

- Higher likelihood of employment
- Higher wages when employed
- Improved physical and mental health
- Increased civic participation (active and productive citizens)

**Quality schools:**

- Promote curiosity, creativity, innovation, and a growth-mindset
- Provide safe and secure learning environments that foster optimal development of children and families

For our **COMMUNITY**, quality schools are a **PRUDENT INVESTMENT**.

**Quality schools:**

- Provide resources and support for children and their families
- Impact business recruitment
- Increase property values
- Are an important part of economic development
- Provide for a larger tax base
- Lead to lower rates of poverty and unemployment



# Investing in Our Schools

**We are VERY GRATEFUL for  
all of the support that the Pullman  
Community has provided over the years.**



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# Pullman Public Schools Funding Sources

## 2022-2023

- 2,641 Students
- 366+ Staff Members

Federal 5%

Local 15%

State 80%

2023-2024 Budget





# What is a SCHOOL LEVY?

## Levy for Learning

A levy is a local property tax passed by voters that generates revenue for the operations of school districts to ensure our students have access to staff, programs, and course offerings to be successful.



# Why do we have a LEVY?

A **LEVY** helps **BRIDGE THE GAP IN FUNDING** between what the state pays and the actual cost of operating our schools.



# Levies bring our schools to life!

- Activities and Athletics
- Arts and Drama
- Libraries
- Music
- Professional Development
- Safety and Security
- Small Class Sizes
- Social Emotional Learning
- Teachers and Staff
- Technology
- Nursing Services
- Transportation
- Insurance and Utilities

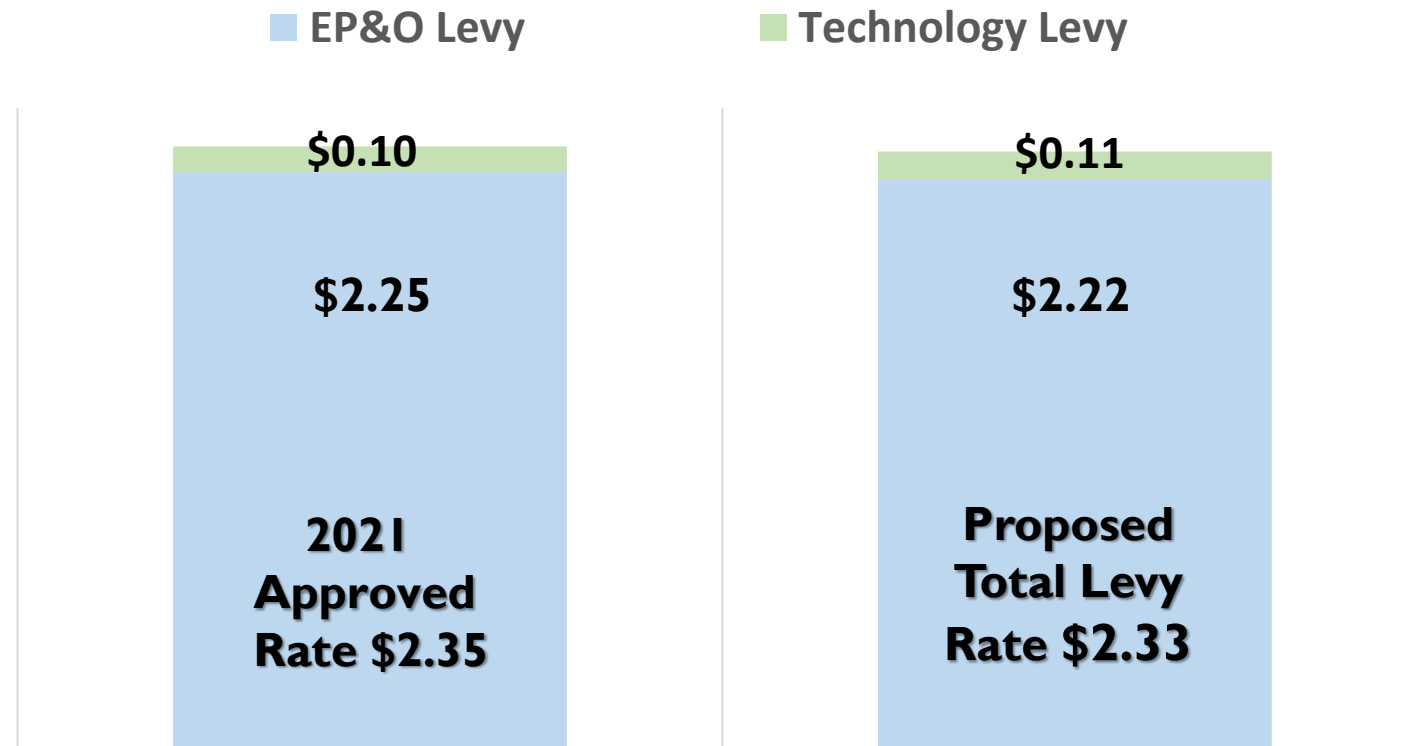




# The proposed **Enrichment (EP&O)** and **Technology Levy Rates** (Enrichment EP&O - Formerly known as Maintenance and Operations Levy)

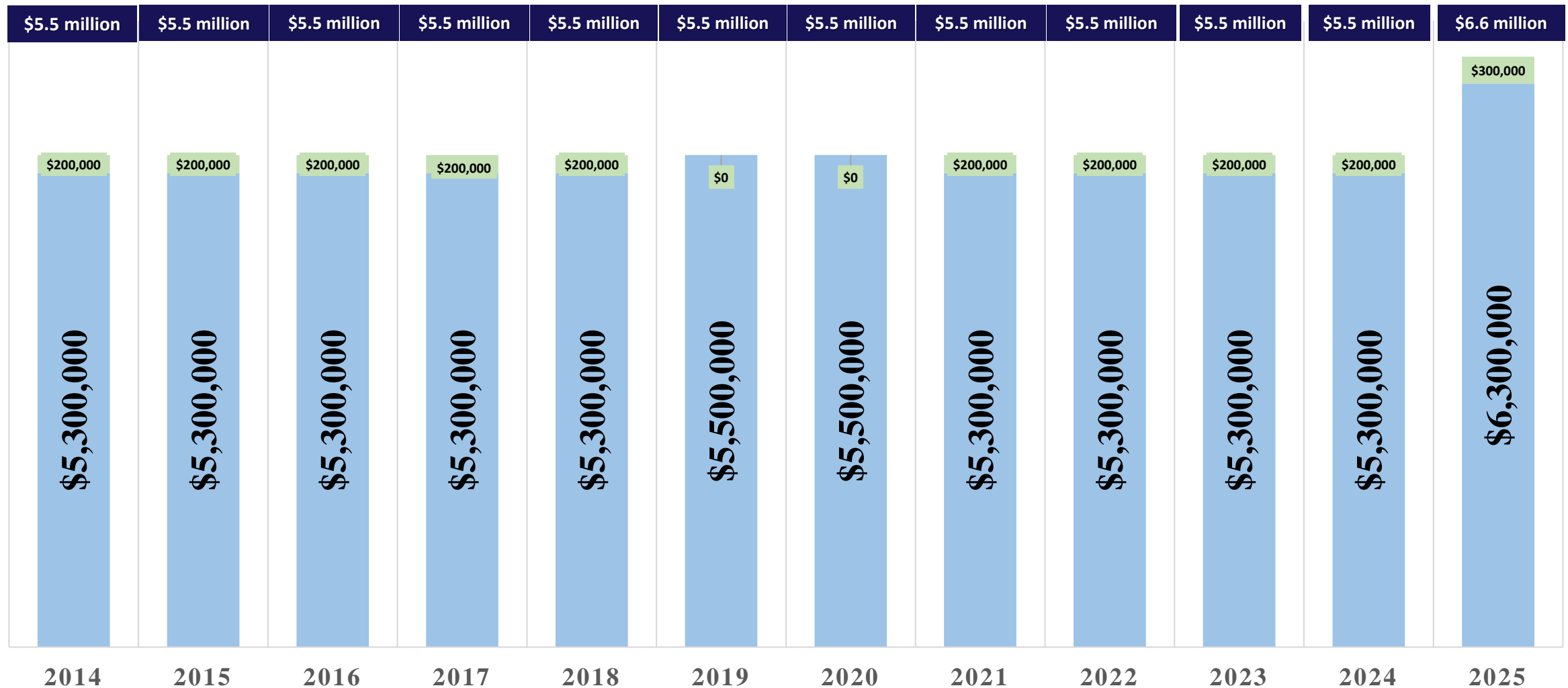
The District is asking voters to consider **REPLACING** our existing 4-year expiring levies with new 4-year levies

## LEVY COLLECTION RATE PER \$1,000

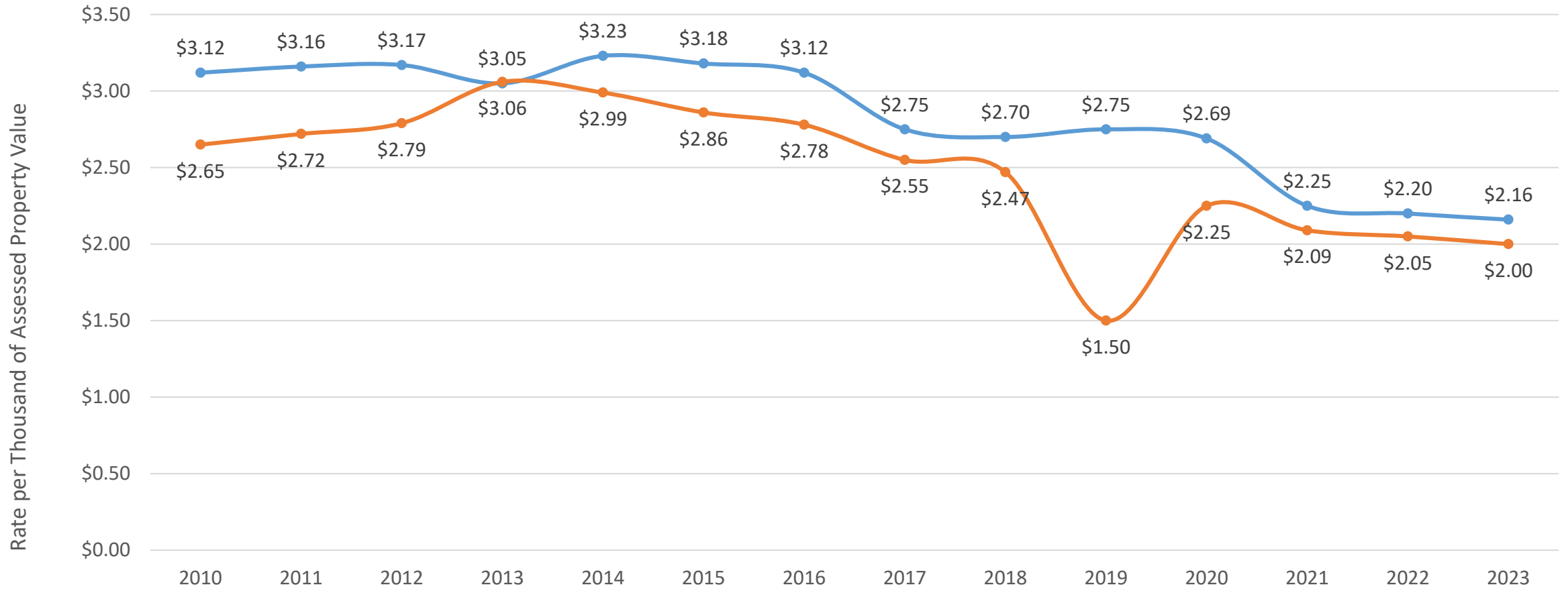


# History of Enrichment Levy

■ EP&O (formerly known as M&O) ■ Tech



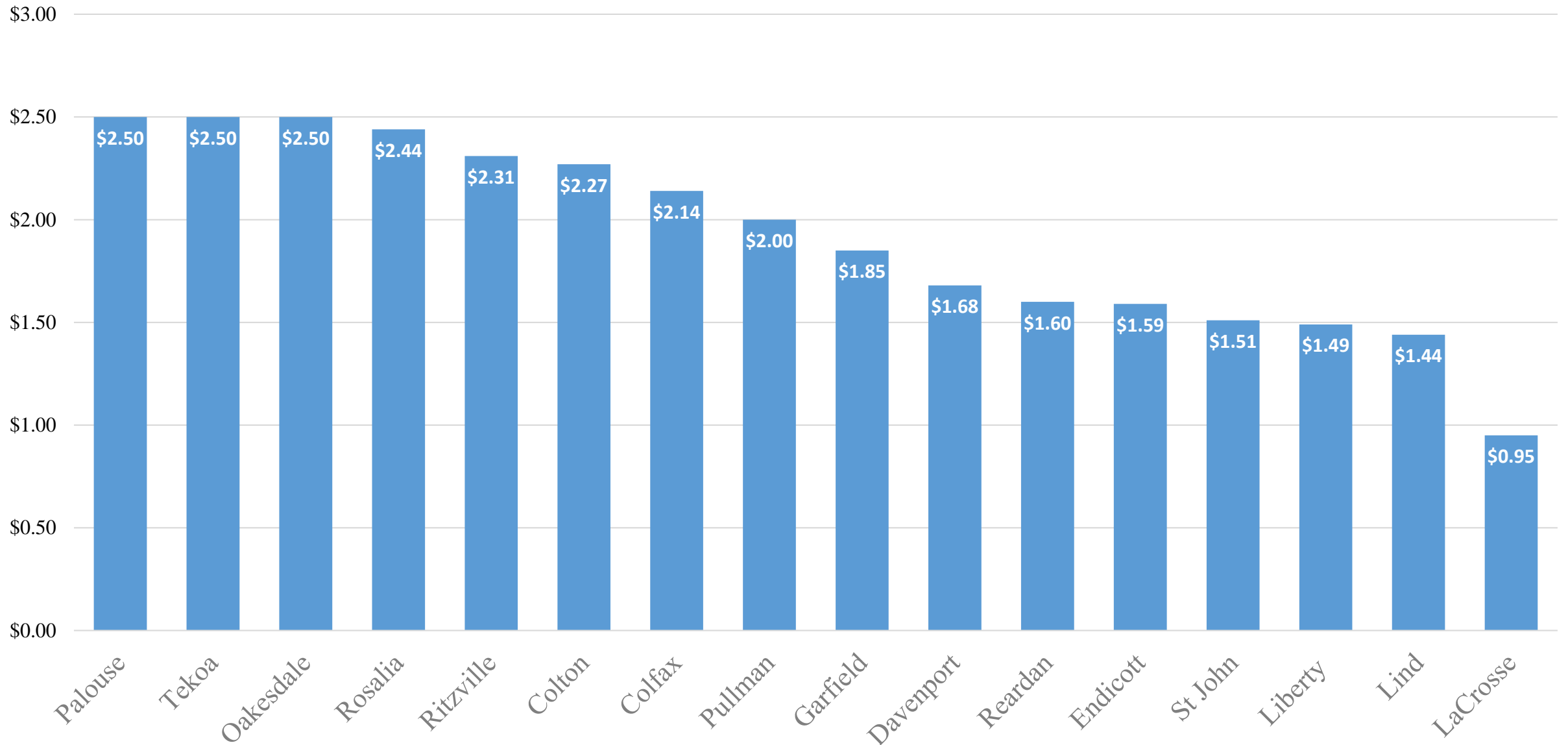
# History of EP&O Levy



 **Approved Rate**

 **Actual Rate**

# Regional Enrichment Levy Rates 2023



# Technology Levy

The Technology Levy is \$300,000 each year from 2025 to 2028.

- Computer Technology
- Technology System Updates
- Enhanced Infrastructure
- Software and Online Applications
- Updated Hardware
- Security



# BOND REFUNDING – APRIL 2023

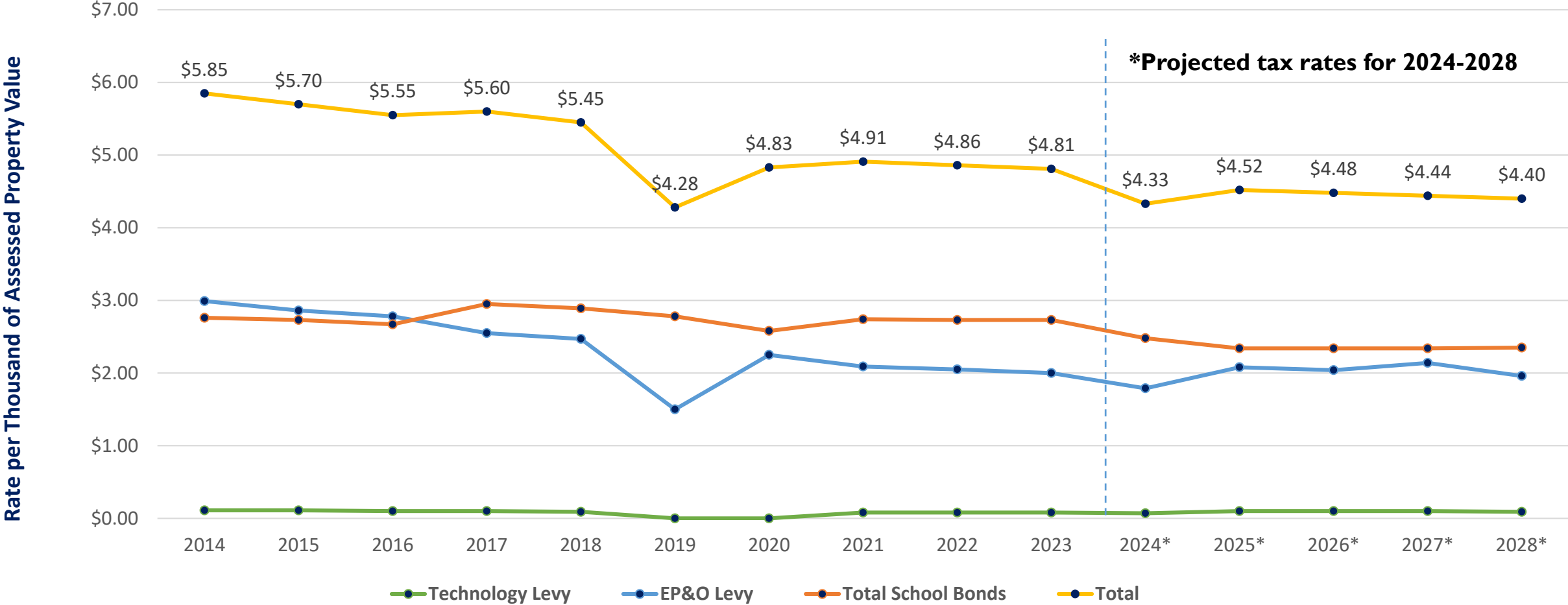
## What is a school bond refunding?

- A process that reduces the debt payments of the district by issuing new bonds with lower interest rates to be used to pay off the old bonds with higher interest rates.
- The savings from a bond refunding directly reduce taxes paid by local taxpayers.
- A refunding does not create new money.

Taxpayers will save \$3.5 million over 10 years as a result of the bond refunding.



# Tax Rate Trends and Projections



# Assessed Valuation Increases with Rates Per Thousand: Actual and Proposed

Year	Voter Approved Levy Amount	Tech Levy	Assessed Value	Assessed Value Increase	EP&O Approved *RPT	EP&O Actual *RPT	Tech Approved Levy *RPT	Tech Levy Actual *RPT	Current Bond *RPT	Estimated Total
2016	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,907,184,617	3.08%	\$ 3.12	\$ 2.78	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 2.67	\$5.55
2017	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,081,776,089	9.15%	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.55	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 2.95	\$5.60
2018	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,144,477,173	3.01%	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.47	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 2.89	\$5.45
2019	\$ 5,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,268,633,826	5.79%	\$ 2.75	\$ 1.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.78	\$4.28
2020	\$ 5,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,446,249,414	7.83%	\$ 2.69	\$ 2.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.58	\$4.83
2021	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,534,176,782	3.59%	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.09	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 2.74	\$4.91
2022	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,589,050,097	2.16%	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.05	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 2.73	\$4.86
2023	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,646,802,950	2.23%	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 2.73	\$4.81
2024	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,967,856,039	12.13%	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.07	\$ 2.48	\$4.33
2025	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,027,213,160	2.00%	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.08	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.10	\$ 2.34	\$4.52
2026	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,087,757,423	2.00%	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.04	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.10	\$ 2.34	\$4.48
2027	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,149,512,571	2.00%	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.10	\$ 2.34	\$4.44
2028	\$ 6,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,212,502,823	2.00%	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.96	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09	\$ 2.35	\$4.40

RPT = Rate Per Thousand

Average Assessed Value Increase from 2020-2023 3.95%



# PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

## FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS

**QUALIFYING TAXPAYERS** receive a reduction in the amount of property taxes due. The amount of the reduction is based on the applicant's income, the value of the residence, and the local levy rates.

- At least 61 years of age or older
- Own and occupy a primary residence in the State of Washington and have combined disposable income meeting threshold limits
- Retired from regular gainful employment due to a disability
- Veteran of the armed forces of the United States receiving compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Program Benefits

### **Reporting/Documentation Requirements:**

- Completion of Application for Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons Exemption from Real Property Taxes
- Renewal required at least once every six years as determined by local assessor

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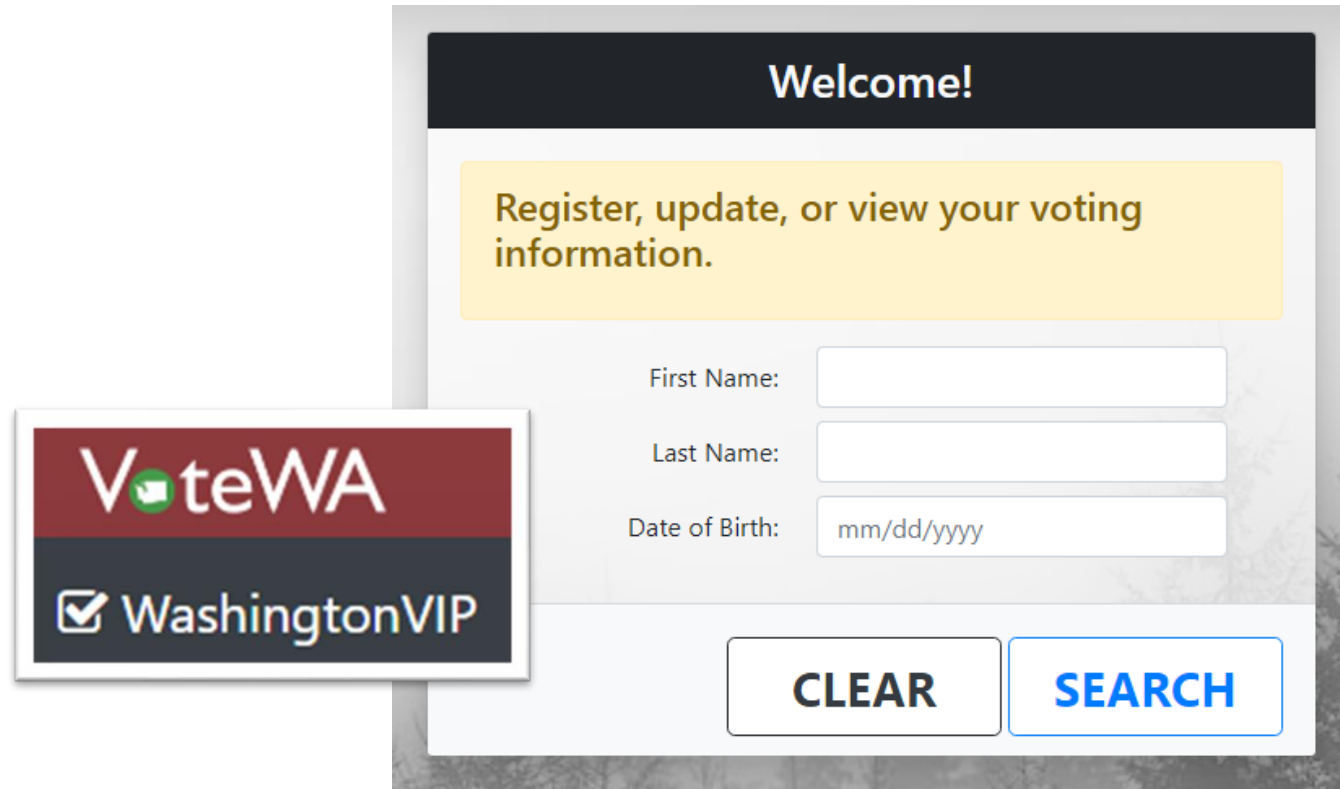
# Election Day for the Pullman Public Schools 2024 EP&O and Tech Levies



**February 13, 2024**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

# Check your Voter Registration Status or Register to VOTE online at: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>



The image shows a screenshot of the VoteWA website's registration form. At the top, a black banner says "Welcome!". Below it, a yellow box contains the text "Register, update, or view your voting information." The form has three input fields: "First Name:", "Last Name:", and "Date of Birth:" with a placeholder "mm/dd/yyyy". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "CLEAR" and "SEARCH". To the left of the form is a logo for "VoteWA" with a checkmark icon and "WashingtonVIP" below it.

To register online, you will need a current Washington State Driver's license, permit, or ID card. You may also register in person or by mail.

**If you have questions or would like more information about the 2024 Levy, please visit our webpage at:**

**[www.PullmanSchools.org/Levy](http://www.PullmanSchools.org/Levy)**



**Contact us by email: [levyfacts@psd267.org](mailto:levyfacts@psd267.org)**  
**Contact us by phone: 509-332-3581**

The Pullman School District Board of Directors and the Pullman School District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, participation in the Boy Scouts of America or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Assistant Superintendent, (509) 332-3144, and Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (509) 332-3144. 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.

