

# Chimacum Schools' Replacement Levy

## *It's not a new tax*

- The February 8<sup>th</sup> levy vote is a three year request to replace the current two year levy due to expire.
- The replacement levy represents approximately 20% of the district's budget.
- Levy funds offset basic education expenses and mandated programs that are only partially funded by both the state legislature and the US Congress.
- As property values fall, tax rates increase. The tax rates listed here are estimates calculated to generate a specific dollar amount each year. If property values decrease, tax rates are adjusted up to ensure the school district collects only the amount of money approved by the voters.

Levy Year	Total Levy Request	Estimated Reduction of Assessed Valuation	Home Value	Levy Rate per \$1,000	Tax Bill	Increase
2011	\$ 2,139,000	current levy	\$ 200,000	0.999	\$200	--
2012	\$ 2,250,000	-15%	\$ 175,000	1.229	\$209	\$9.00
2013	\$ 2,365,000	--	\$ 175,000	1.290	\$219	\$10.00
2014	\$ 2,485,000	--	\$ 175,000	1.348	\$229	\$10.00

### **The levy supports the following**

- Program Operations: Professional development; smaller class sizes, and staffing
- Technology: Installed a centrally managed wireless network system offering high level security for students and staff; developed the infrastructure to support current level technology; purchase of hardware and software for office and classroom use
- Curriculum and Textbook Adoptions: 2008-09 History; 2007-08 History and Technology; 2006-07 CTE Adoptions; 2005-06 Music; 2003-04 Math and Health; 2002-03 Foss Science Kits; 2001-02 CTE Marketing Materials; 2000-01 Science
- Student Assessment: Both state and local assessment that allows focused support; personalizing programs for each student
- Learning Resources and Materials: Highly capable program materials; building supply budgets; supplementary and library materials
- Maintenance and Transportation: Bus operation subsidy; custodial and maintenance of buildings
- Extended Day Activities: Coaching contracts for athletics, Science Olympiad, Chimacum Choice, Student Government, Knowledge Bowl, Music, Drama, Flag Team and Destination Imagination

### **MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED OR POSTMARKED BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

#### Ballots can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock
- Drop-off box behind the courthouse in Port Townsend
- Auditor's office at the courthouse in Port Townsend

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Comments or questions about the replacement levy proposal can be directed to:  
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