



# School Safety, Security, and Technology Levy, February 2025

*To address our most immediate safety updates and repairs.*



Freeman School District celebrates Veterans Day 2024

***This levy is projected to decrease the overall tax rate.***

## Levy Rates

The February 2025 School Safety, Security, and Technology Levy would replace an expired levy approved by voters in 2021.

\$1.50						
\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25			
\$1.20	Voter approved levy rate				\$1.20	\$1.20
\$1.00	\$1.16					
\$0.75		\$0.96	\$0.97			
	Actual collected levy rate					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027

*Estimated cost per \$1,000 of assessed property value*



# 2025 Levy for School Safety, Security, and Technology

In February 2024, we asked voters to consider a replacement Education Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy and a Capital Projects Levy to address facilities needs.

We are so thankful to our community for their support and engagement. While the EP&O Levy replacement passed, the Capital Projects Levy did not meet the 50% voter approval to pass.

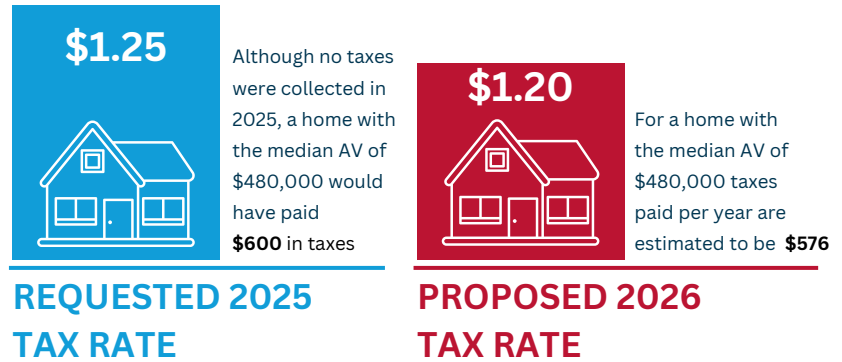
**“We listened to your feedback.”**

Our buildings need maintenance and updates, so we prioritized the most immediate needs that can be funded with a two-year levy.

The February 11, 2025 levy will replace an expired levy approved by voters in 2021.

***The passage of the Levy is projected to decrease the overall tax rate.***

## Levy Costs



*The levy is estimated to cost \$1.20 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. **This is about \$48 per month or \$576 per year on a house with the median assessed value of \$480,000.** For \$1.58 per day, you are helping build a better community.*

*This will generate \$3,222,582 over the years 2026 and 2027.*

As our tax base grows (new homes and construction), the actual tax rates you pay will be reduced. The actual tax collection is based on the current assessed valuation.

## Immediate and Necessary Projects

- Safety, Security, and Technology - \$1,575,774
- Maintenance and Repairs - \$821,344
- Payoff LGO Short-term Bond - \$600,000
- Traffic Flow Study - \$150,000
- Maintenance Equipment & Vehicle \$100,000
- School District Well Maintenance - \$50,000

Total anticipated expenses = \$3,297,118

**TOTAL REPLACEMENT LEVY = \$3,222,582**

While the total estimated cost of anticipated projects is \$3,297,118, we are only seeking \$3,222,582 through the replacement levy.

Additional funding sources will be pursued to address the remaining costs of \$74,536, ensuring responsible and efficient use of taxpayer funds.

## FAQ

### Didn't I just vote on a levy?

In February, 2024 FSD had two measures on the ballot. The Education Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy was approved for renewal and funds staff salaries, programs, and activities. The Capital Projects Levy did not pass. Running a 2025 Levy in February will replace an expired levy and funds smaller, more immediate and necessary projects.

## Why a levy?

Many believe state and federal funding covers all needs; however, this is not the case. State and federal funding only provide for basic operational costs, and these do not increase proportionally with rising expenses required to deliver a competitive, excellent education for our community's children.

# \*Levy Projects

*Each January, the district and school board evaluate facility needs and prioritize our most immediate needs.*



**Safety and Security**  
updates district-wide

**200**

Security cameras need to be replaced. \$2,000 average cost per camera including installation.



**Parking lot, ADA access improvements, and a Traffic Flow Study**  
for Freeman SD campus

Partner with Spokane County & WA State for a Review & Study of existing parent pick-up traffic flows to improve current wait times of up to 20 minutes.



**Payoff Limited General Obligation (LGO) Short-term Bond** for campus improvements

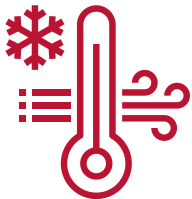
**The LGO Bond** included campus improvements for lights, track, football field, well controls, technology infrastructure, etc., totaling **\$600,000**.



**Technology and Chromebook**  
replacement district-wide

**850**

**Student Chromebooks** need to be replaced at an estimated cost of **\$285,700**.



**Building Maintenance** and repairs district-wide

**Building Maintenance** and repairs at an estimated cost: **\$821,344**.

\*See cost breakdown on page 2

## Are there any tax exemptions for residents?

Senior citizens and people with disabilities may be eligible for tax relief and exemptions. Please contact the Spokane County Assessor's Office at (509) 477-2320 for more information.

## How do I vote?

Ballots are due by 8 pm on February 11. Ballots can be mailed or returned at any ballot dropbox throughout Spokane County. Find your nearest dropbox at: [www.spokanecounty.org/187/Ballot-Drop-Box-Locations](http://www.spokanecounty.org/187/Ballot-Drop-Box-Locations)

Learn more about the levy at:  
[www.freemansd.org/levy](http://www.freemansd.org/levy)

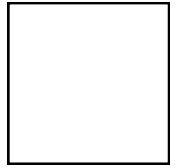


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## Levy funds will address these priorities:



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