



ST. MARIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #41

245-2579

“Committed to Quality Education”

**Two (2) Year Supplemental Levy
\$2,073,385 per year**

March 14, 2017

FACTS:

- This Supplemental Levy replaces the current Supplemental Levy that expires this year.
- No Increase - this Supplemental Levy is the same amount that taxpayers approved in 2015.
- Supplemental Levies are Essential, not Supplemental, making up 25.7 % of the District’s General Fund Revenues.
- This Supplemental Levy will continue to support and maintain essential programs to provide quality educational opportunities for all students.
- Supplemental Levy Dollars currently support and will continue to support:
 - ✓ New curriculum materials / textbooks
 - ✓ Technology devices and tools to enhance student learning
 - ✓ Purchase school bus to restore aging fleet
 - ✓ Maintenance and repair of school facilities
 - ✓ Student transportation beyond the state minimum funding
 - ✓ Core curriculum courses
 - ✓ Electives – Art, Music, Drama, Media
 - ✓ Advanced Academic and Honor Classes
 - ✓ Extracurricular and athletic programs

Tax Levy Statistics

(Rates shown per \$1,000)

93 out of 115 Idaho School Districts rely on Supplemental Levies

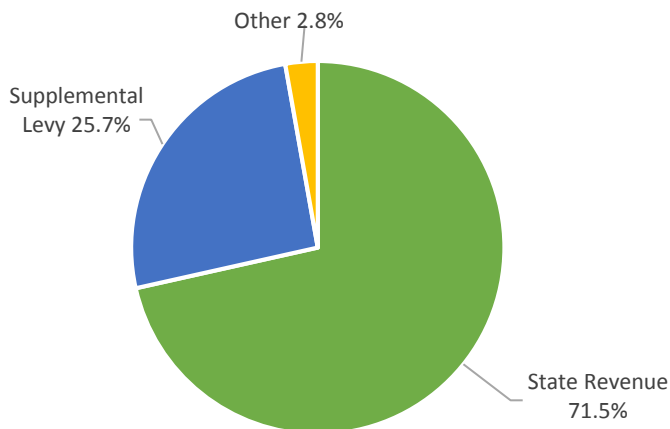
Current St. Maries School District
Total Levy Rate \$4.61

Projected St. Maries School District
Total Levy Rate – No Increase \$4.61

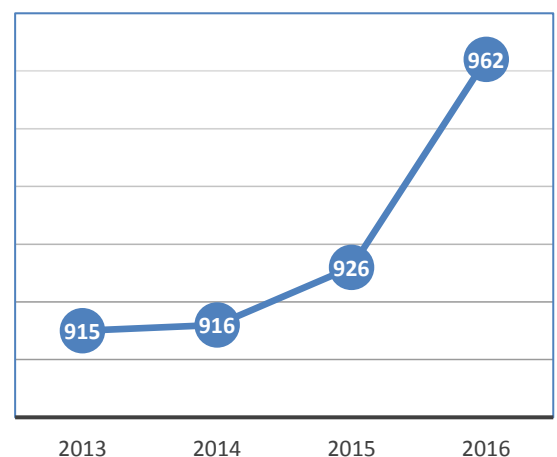
Current Average Idaho School District
Total Levy Rate \$3.99

Current Highest Idaho School District
Total Levy Rate \$9.82

General Fund Resources



Increasing Enrollment



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

Question: *How much is the proposed supplemental levy and how many years will it last?*

Answer: It is a two (2) year supplemental levy in the amount of \$2,073,385 per year. Patrons have approved a supplemental levy for more than 30 years. This supplemental levy will replace the one approved in 2015 that retires this year.

Question: *How will this supplemental levy affect my property taxes?*

Answer: This supplemental levy will not increase taxes. If this supplemental levy passes, projected total school taxes for 2017-2018 will be \$4.61 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation based on current market values which is the same as the current total tax. The projected total tax levy for schools:

Homeowner's Assessed Value	Current and Projected Total School Tax per Month (with Homeowner's exemption)	Current and Projected Total School Tax per Year (with Homeowner's exemption)
\$125,000	\$24.01	\$288.13
\$150,000	\$28.81	\$345.75
\$200,000	\$38.42	\$461.00

Question: *Who is eligible to vote in this election?*

Answer: Voters must be a resident of St. Maries Joint School District #41 on or before February 12, 2017, be 18 years or older, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter.

Question: *How do I register to vote?*

Answer:

- Voters can pre-register by accessing the "Idaho Voter Registration" card at <http://www.idahovotes.gov>
» Deadline for pre-registration is February 17, 2017
- Voters can register at the election polls on March 14, 2017 with proof of residency and photo identification
- Absentee voters may register at the County Elections Office (Benewah County Courthouse and Shoshone County Courthouse) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday until March 10, 2017.

Question: *If I am unable to vote on March 14th, can I vote absentee?*

Answer: District patrons may vote absentee at the Benewah County Courthouse or the Shoshone County Courthouse (for those who live in Shoshone County) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until March 10, 2017. Voters who will be absent from the District can request a "mail out ballot" no later than March 3, 2017.

Question: *When and where are the polling places located?*

Answer: Polls will be open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the following locations*:

Benedictine Hall	Federal Building Conference Room
Benewah Community Center	Fernwood CAF Building
Benewah County Courthouse	Plummer Community Building
Emida Fire Station	Presbyterian Church

*Voters must vote at the polling place for their election precinct. You can visit www.idahovotes.gov and click the "Where do I vote" link, or call the county auditor's office to find your election precinct/polling place.

The Bottom Line

The amount of the requested Supplemental Levy is \$2,073,385 each year for the next two years. This amount represents the replacement of the current \$2,073,385 supplemental levy which allows us to maintain and operate essential school programs. If the Levy passes, "Total School Taxes" are projected to be the same as current year's rate.

Current and Projected Total Tax Levy Rate: \$4.61 per \$1,000