



**Boise School District Supplemental Maintenance and Operation Levy Election**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

How much is the District asking for in the supplemental levy?

- The amount of the supplemental levy is \$14 million. If approved, the levy would be in place for 5 years and cost the average homeowner approximately \$7.00 per month, based on the average home value in Ada County of \$170,000 with the homeowner’s exemption (as of November, 2011). 100% of the revenue from successful passage of the levy will be used to maintain low class sizes and preserve quality student programs, not administrative costs.

What will the supplemental levy do?

- Maintain student class sizes at current levels, avoiding increases of 4 to 6 students per classroom.
- Retain District teaching staff, avoiding the potential loss of over 200 teachers and numerous ancillary and classified personnel.
- Cover a projected ongoing \$15 million deficit beginning the 2012-13 school year.

Why do we need the supplemental levy?

- Projected District revenues will decline by \$35 million from \$201 million in 2008-09 to \$166 million by 2012-13. District revenue has not been as low as \$166 million since 2000-01.
- This projected reduction in revenue is the result of a decline in state funding of \$23 million (Legislative cuts and Students Come First law) and a decline of \$12.2 million from local property tax revenue.
- In addition to revenue losses, increased on-going expenditures in the areas of fuel, transportation, and health insurance are expected to exceed \$2 million by 2012-13.

What District budget cuts have already been made?

- \$22 million in cuts have been made over the last three years, including:
 

FY10-12 Administration Position Reductions	\$ 2,080,178
FY10-11 Instructional Position Reductions	\$ 4,002,626
FY10-12 Non-Instructional Reductions	\$ 6,633,085
FY10-11 Furlough Days (3 days)	\$ 2,106,000
FY11-12 Furlough Days (2 days)	\$ 1,400,000
FY12-13 Furlough Days (3 days)	\$ 2,106,000
FY10-11 Salary Freeze/Retirement Savings	\$ 1,300,000
FY11-12 Salary Freeze/Retirement Savings	\$ 1,300,000
FY09-11 Transportation Reductions	\$ 540,512
FY10-12 Facilities & Operations Budget Reduction	<u>\$ 460,000</u>
Total	<b>\$21,928,401</b>

What about using the District’s rainy-day fund?

- The District used a majority of the Undesignated Fund Balance saved for tough economic times by the Board of Trustees to balance the 2011-12 budget. In addition, the money received from the State in July (\$5.1 million) will be used over a period of 5 years to reduce the amount of the supplemental levy from \$15 million to \$14 million.

What do we get for our tax money?

- Boise School District remains one of the highest-performing school districts in Idaho, the region, and the nation.
- 57% of Boise School District graduates attend college (statewide it’s 46%).
- 83% of Boise School District graduates advance from freshman to sophomore year in college.
- Our students outperform Idaho and the nation on standardized achievement tests, college entrance exams (ACT and SAT), and Advanced Placement (AP) testing.
- Our AP program is one of only 388 in the nation to make the distinguished AP National Achievement List. Boise School District enrolls 8.5% of Idaho’s students, but administers 36% of AP exams statewide, and had 21% of Idaho’s National Merit semi-finalists in 2010-11.
- All four of our traditional high schools are listed among America’s top high schools by the *Washington Post*. Learn more under *News and Events* at [www.boiseschools.org](http://www.boiseschools.org)

Who may vote in the March 13, 2012 supplemental levy election?

- U. S. citizens who have been residents of the Boise School District for at least 30 days and are 18 years of age or over may vote in the election. Polls are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. You may locate your polling location and learn about absentee balloting at <http://www.adaweb.net/Clerk/Elections.aspx> or <http://www.idahovotes.gov/AbsenteeBallot/Default.aspx> or call the Ada County Elections Office at 287-6860.