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# Your Lewiston Schools

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

*...LEVIES ARE FOR LEARNING*

Dr. Bob Donaldson

The Board of Directors took official action at the regular meeting on December 11, 2017, to establish an election date for the renewal of the five-year supplemental levy. The election date is Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The election will be conducted by Nez Perce County and the polling places will be the same as those used in general elections. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in all locations.

**What is the supplemental levy?**

Students in the Lewiston School District have benefited from a voter-approved supplemental levy since 1986. Patrons have been asked for ongoing support of this supplemental levy every five years. The last supplemental levy election was in 2013. The current supplemental levy is fixed at a rate of 0.00439 of market value that is eligible for property tax. Voters are being asked to consider renewal of the supplemental levy at a slightly lower rate (0.0042) for an additional five years.

**Why do we continue to need a supplemental levy to support schools?**

The supplemental levy allows the District to offer programs that are not funded by the public school budget appropriation. In 2008-09, the state's public school support for the Lewiston School District was $20,784,916 (base support only), and in 2012-13, the base support was $17,339,737. In the current school year, 2017-18, the base support for the District will be $20,398,517. Despite the recovering economy following the recession, the state's base funding remains below the fiscal year 2009 level.

Information about the supplemental levy renewal election appears below in this article. Patrons can also log on to the District's homepage at www.lewistonschools.net/supplemental-levy for answers to frequently asked questions.

## Lewiston School District

# Supplemental Levy Renewal Election - March 13, 2018

NOT A NEW TAX... NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS...
RENEWAL RATE LOWER THAN SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY EXPIRING 6/30/19

***What does the supplemental levy fund?***

The supplemental levy provides approximately 30% of the District's general fund budget, or about $12.4 million for the 2017-18 budget year. Revenue from the supplemental levy allows the District to provide many programs and services that are not funded by the state. Because of the supplemental levy, the District is able to provide services to students in three key areas:

- Certified staff (24), allowing Lewiston Public Schools to provide small class sizes.
- Classified staff (164) providing classroom support, maintenance, custodial and clerical services.
- Enhanced curricular offerings: elementary music, band, choir; secondary electives.

***Is this a levy to build facilities?***

No. A portion of the supplemental levy is used for maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities, however, this is not a bond election to construct buildings. Funds generated by the levy are used for the general operations of the schools.

***Will this raise my taxes?***

The levy rate will decrease slightly if the supplemental levy is approved by voters. If the taxable value of your home remains unchanged, your taxes will decline slightly as a result of the continuation of the supplemental levy.

The following examples compare the application of the levy at the old and new rates on a home valued at $200,000:

| Current Rate of 00.00439 | | Proposed Rate of 00.0042 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $200,000.00 | Home value | $200,000.00 | Home value |
| –100,000.00 | Homeowners exemption | –100,000.00 | Homeowners exemption* |
| $100,000.00 | Taxable value | $100,000.00 | Taxable value |
| X .00439 | Current Levy Rate | X .0042 | Proposed Levy Rate |
| $ 439.00 | Annual Tax | $ 420.00 | Annual Tax |

**Some homeowners may qualify for additional exemptions including the Circuit Breaker.*

For more information about the Supplemental Levy, patrons are encouraged to visit the website at www.lewistonschools.net/supplemental-levy.

## Kindergarten Registration

The Lewiston School District's annual Kindergarten Registration is an important event for parents of children turning 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2018. The information received at Kindergarten Registration will assist the District in completing the enrollment process and placing children in classrooms.

| Tuesday, March 20, 2018 | Wed, March 21, 2018 |
|---|---|
| 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM | 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM |
| McGhee Elementary School Gym | Whitman Elementary School Gym |
| 636 Warner Avenue | 1840 9th Avenue |

*(Child's presence is not required for kindergarten registration.)*

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION:

Current immunization records are required before a child can be officially registered. Proof of residency is required: Avista Bill, Rental/Lease/Home Agreement.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED:

• 5 DTaP • 4 Polio • 3 Hepatitis B • 2 MMR
• 2 Varicella (Chickenpox) • 2 Hepatitis A

*NOTE: Nurses available to review immunization records*

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED:

Original Birth Certificate (from the child's birth state) is required, or an indication of eligibility to obtain one within thirty (30) days.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Parents registering a kindergarten child who have an older child/sibling attending elementary school in Lewiston are advised of the need to register for kindergarten on the dates specified above. Failure to do so could result in the district's inability to enroll your kindergarten child in the same elementary school as your other children.

For more information, call Delilah Glenn at the District's Enrollment Office, 208.748.3032.

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## De'Ane Samuels Receives 2018 Martha S. Baskin Award

The Martha S. Baskin Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award for 2018 has been awarded to **De'Ane Samuels**, Kindergarten teacher at Webster Elementary School. De'Ane will be honored at the L.I.F.E. Annual Award Reception to be held on Thursday, March 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the Salsberg Room, lower level Towne Square. The $1500 award, which is funded from an endowment account with the Lewiston Independent Foundation for Education (L.I.F.E.), was created by the family of Martha S. Baskin, who taught at Whitman and McSorley Elementary Schools for over twenty years. It is presented to a current elementary teacher in Lewiston public schools who exhibits outstanding skill and service to the profession.

*The reception will also recognize and honor Teachers of the Year as listed below:*

**Todd Harris -** Grade 6, Camelot Elementary, Lewiston Teacher of the Year

**Scott Funk -** U.S. History/Government, Lewiston High School, Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Amanda Koenig -** Grade 5/6 Looping, Orchards Elementary, Elementary Teacher of the Year

*Educational Support Personnel (ESP) of the Year will also be honored representing the following support service categories:*

**Ginger Sharp -** Bus Driver/Office Assistant, Transportation Department, Overall Educational Support Person of the Year

**Sandy Kirpes -** Special Education Instructional Assistant, Webster Elementary, Direct Support Person of the Year

**Mike Peterson -** Custodian, Jenifer Junior High, Non-Direct Support Person of the Year

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