



# WOODLAND Public Schools

Maintenance &  
Operations  
Replacement Levy

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# Replacements, Not Additions

Current levy ends  
December 31, 2014

No local school levy  
tax can be collected  
after December 31,  
2014 without voter  
approval



# Replacement Levy

- This is a replacement levy for the next three years: 2015, 2016, 2017
- The School Board approved a levy amount that helps retain learning programs critical to overall student success.



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# Levies vs. Bonds

- Levies fund essential student learning programs, classroom support and day-to-day district operations.
- The funds being used to build the new Woodland High School cannot be used for essential student learning programs.



# Local Money: Maintains Services for Students

- Staff training focused on student achievement
- Textbooks and other instructional materials
- All extracurricular activities such as clubs, band and athletics



# More specifically...

- Levy dollars are used to pay for the following materials, programs, and services:
  - Classroom supplies, textbooks, and technology equipment
  - Staff training and professional development
  - Extracurricular activities such as clubs, band and athletics
  - Teachers, custodians, aids and other staff the state does not fully fund
  - Facilities repairs, maintenance of grounds and utilities
  - Student transportation, including new buses and fuel



# School Levies 101

Levies are requested for a total dollar amount; rates per \$1,000 assessed valuation are estimated based on the total value of the property within school district boundaries.

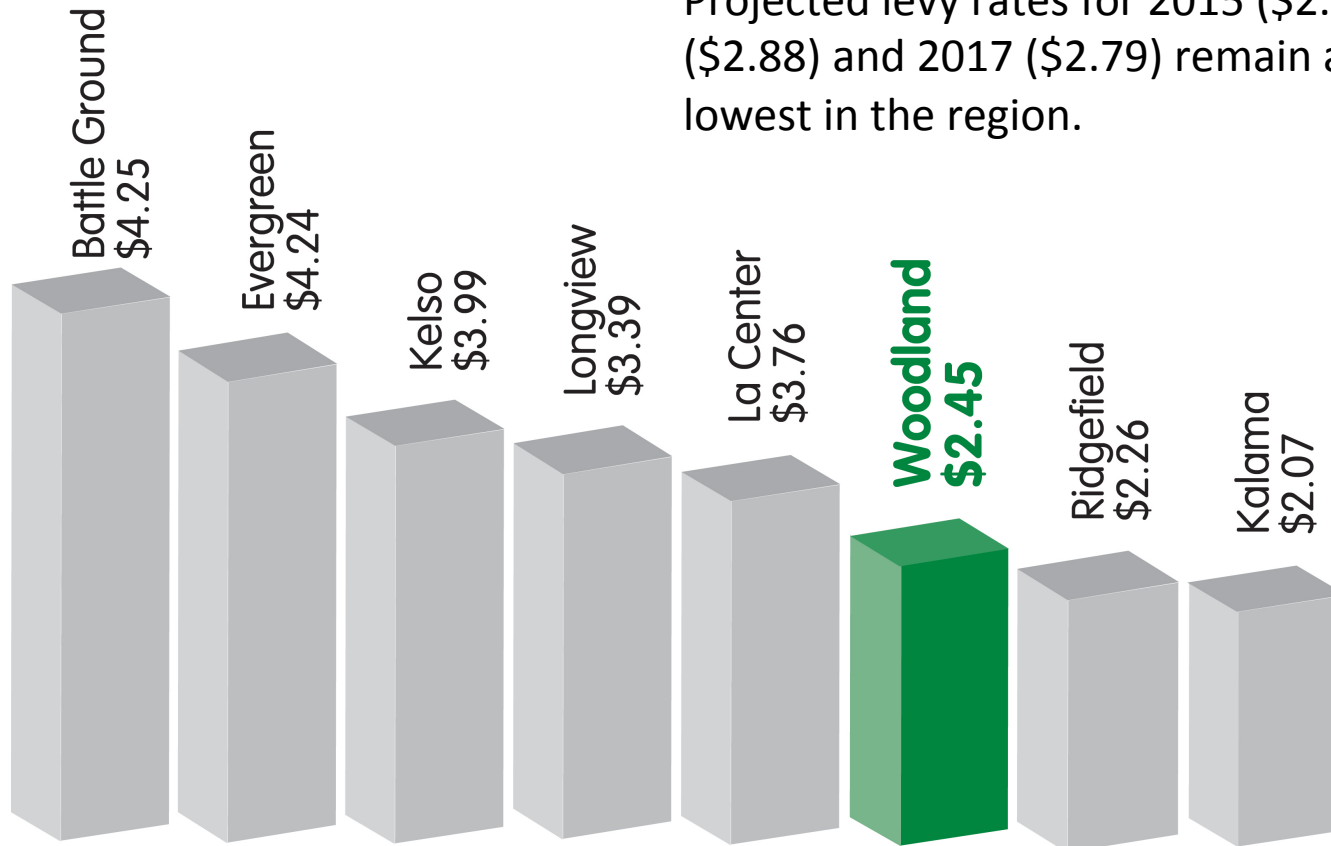
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Levy Amount} & \div & \text{Assessed Valuation} \times 1,000 = \text{Tax Rate} \\ \text{Fixed Amount} & & \text{Variable \#1} & & \text{Variable \#2} \\ \text{approved by voters} & & & & \end{array}$$





# Current Levy Rate Comparison

Projected levy rates for 2015 (\$2.96), 2016 (\$2.88) and 2017 (\$2.79) remain among the lowest in the region.





# District Fiscal Discipline

- 2008-2009 school year: reserves perilously low
- Financial health restored
- Requesting a 3-year levy unlike many neighboring districts that are seeking 4-year levies.
- The levy amount being requested is 21% of the prior year's state and federal revenue (district levy base), well below the 28% maximum that the district could collect upon voter approval.
- Recently Moody's granted a A1 credit rating, indicating their view that the district's finances are conservatively managed and stable.



# Local Effort Assistance

- Passage of the Levy provides an additional \$657,015 in state-funded Local Effort Assistance to Woodland Public Schools.
- This money from the state is used to partially equalize tax rates between property rich and poor districts.



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# Mail-in Election Schedule

Ballots mailed (approximately): January 24

Deadline for ballot postmarks: February 11

***Remember: Low income, elderly, and disabled persons may be eligible to have their school levy taxes waived. The county assessor has information.***



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