

Yes for Basin Schools!

Supplemental Levy Election

March 8, 2016

Strong schools enhance property values!

Shall the Basin District 72 be authorized to **renew** a Supplemental levy in the amount of \$250,000.00 per year for a period of two years commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the District for the fiscal year(s) beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018 as provided in the resolution of the Basin District 72 adopted on December 15, 2015.

IN FAVOR of renewing the levy
in the amount of \$250,000.00 for 2 years....



*Remember to **bring your ID** when you vote!*



Your levy dollars will fund/expand these existing programs:

District Security – To maintain a School Resource Officer position (to be shared with the Sheriff's Dept.), staff training and facility upgrades

- Having an officer onsite provides security/reduces response time in emergencies.
- Staff training from professionals is essential to maximize student safety.



Preschool – Fund existing two paraprofessionals/supplies

- Student reading scores have improved from 30% scoring proficient to over 90% since the preschool began in 1999.
- Federal law requires that we offer preschool to special needs children over age three, however it provides less than \$2000.00 in financial support for special needs and none for general ed. students.
- Students at all grade levels who attended preschool out-performed their peers in scoring advanced on the ISAT: 52% vs. 19% in Reading; 41% vs. 30% in Math.



Your levy dollars will fund these existing programs:

Activity Transportation – For after-school activities and to travel to away contests



- Kids that don't participate in after-school activities are three times more likely to use drugs/alcohol and engage in criminal behavior.
- After school activities include: Prime Time, tutoring, Science Club, Just Make It, Drama and Sports.

Sports Programs – Coaches, equipment and fees

- 70% of Basin students participate in sports.
- Nationally, students that don't participate in sports are 57% more likely to drop out of high school.
- Cutting sports will drive students to other schools in the valley that support athletics.



Contingency Fund – A cushion for emergencies

- State Department of Education recommends districts have 5% in their contingency fund for unforeseen expenditures.

Levy funds will cover these existing programs while state and federal revenues will remain dedicated to core academic programs.

Your cost of the levy for a property with \$100,000 of assessed value will be approximately \$43 per year.



- Both Basin Elementary and Idaho City MS/HS are 4 Star schools (out of 5) on the state rating system.
- Idaho City High School's graduation rate averages in the mid-90s, far above the state average.
- We attribute our successful kids to our **small class sizes**, nearly 100% student **participation in extra-curricular activities**, our **preschool program** and our sense of **security** in a small community.
- Keep our success alive by supporting the levy!

Strong schools drive local economies.
Strong schools enhance property values.
Strong schools are a source of community pride.

Vote yes to renew the levy on
March 8th!

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