



Bellevue City Council

January 6, 2026

BSD 2026 Levy Renewals

Election Day: Tuesday, February 10, 2026



BSD HIGHLIGHTS



Our students are thriving

- 19,345 students
- 117 languages spoken
- 125 countries of birth
- 3,397 registered for athletics
- 83% grade level proficiency in ELA
- 80% grade level proficiency in math

Our staff are exceptional

- 2,727 employees
- Average numbers of years of teaching experience – 12.5 years
- 63% of our educators have at least a master's degree

Our schools are succeeding

- 93% graduation rate
- 86% pass rate for AP exams
- 4 BSD schools in the Top 10
- BSD named best in WA
- New programs launched
- Enrollment has increased by 1000 students in the past 3 years
- Financial recovery exceeding state expectations



TWO LEVY RENEWAL PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1

Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)

- Continues funding for day-to-day operations
- Fills the gap between what the state funds and what our district needs to operate schools

Proposition 2

Technology & Capital Projects Levy

- Continues funding for technology, safety, security, capital improvements
- Maintains our commitment to ensure students have safe learning environments and technology to prepare them for the future.

What Does the Educational Programs & Operations Levy Pay For?

High Quality Teaching and Learning including

- 7 period day, additional classroom staff to meet student instructional needs
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and facilities, STEM learning
- Advanced classes, including AP, IB and College in the High School

Student Wellbeing, Safety and Supports

- Counselors, psychologists, nurses, social workers
- Safety and Security staff, training, and emergency planning
- Special Education services

Opportunities for Students not Funded by the State

- Orchestra, band, music programs
- Athletics and after school activities

Operational Support for Our Schools

- Transporting students to and from school
- Materials, supplies and utilities

What Does the Technology & Capital Projects Levy Pay For?

School Safety and Security

- Safety improvements to school buildings including AEDs, cameras, and visitor management systems
- Safety and preparedness training for students, staff and families
- Safety audits, threat assessments, and cybersecurity

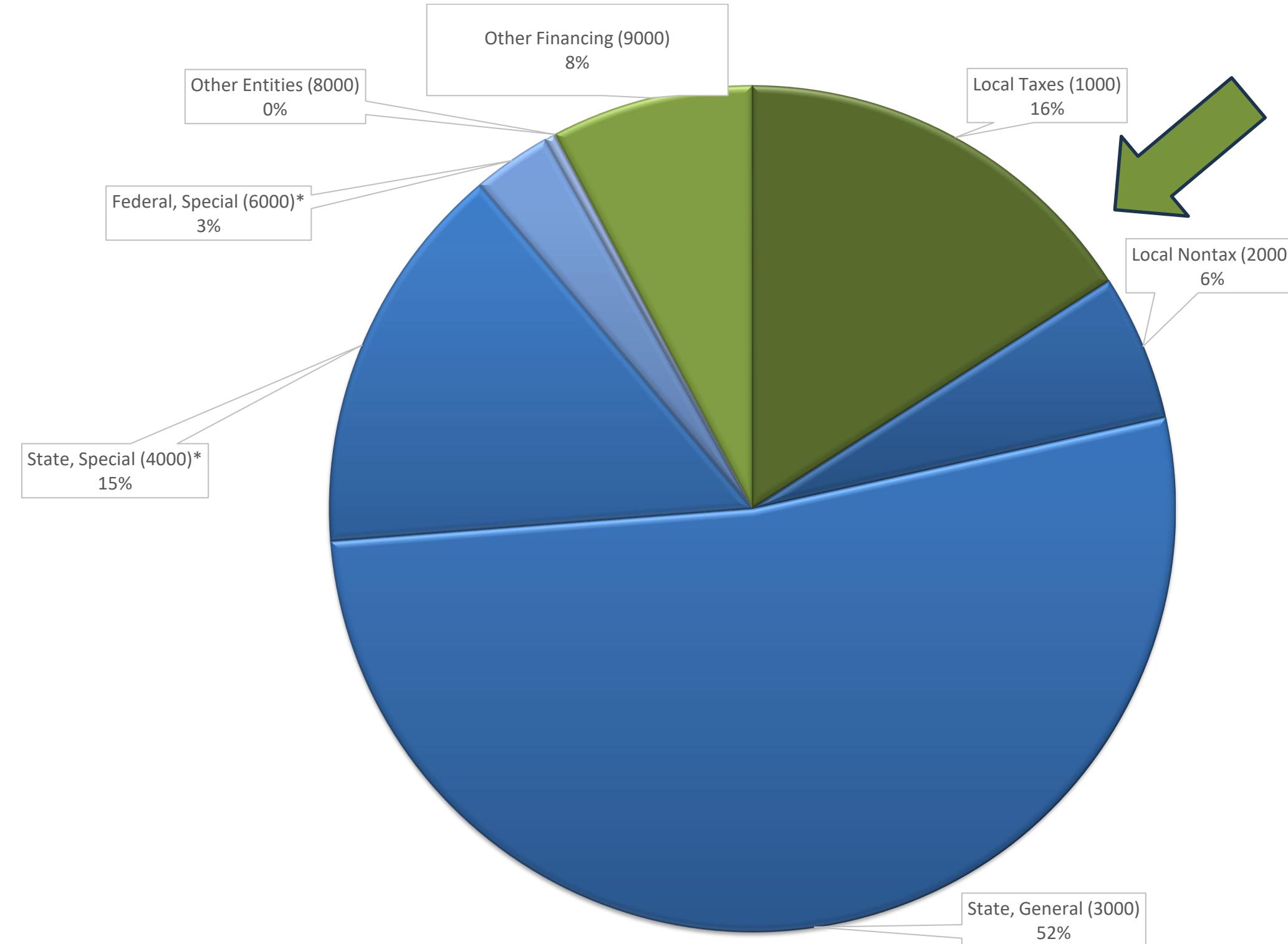
Building Maintenance and Improvements

- Roofing, carpeting, and heating/cooling systems
- Repairs and maintenance of our school buildings
- Updates to athletic facilities, including fields
- Kitchen improvements

Classroom Technology and Training for Educators

- Access to updated technologies and software
- Integrated digital curriculum, technology support including networks, cybersecurity
- Classroom technology, professional development for educators

LOCAL LEVIES MAKE UP 24% OF THE BSD GENERAL FUND BUDGET

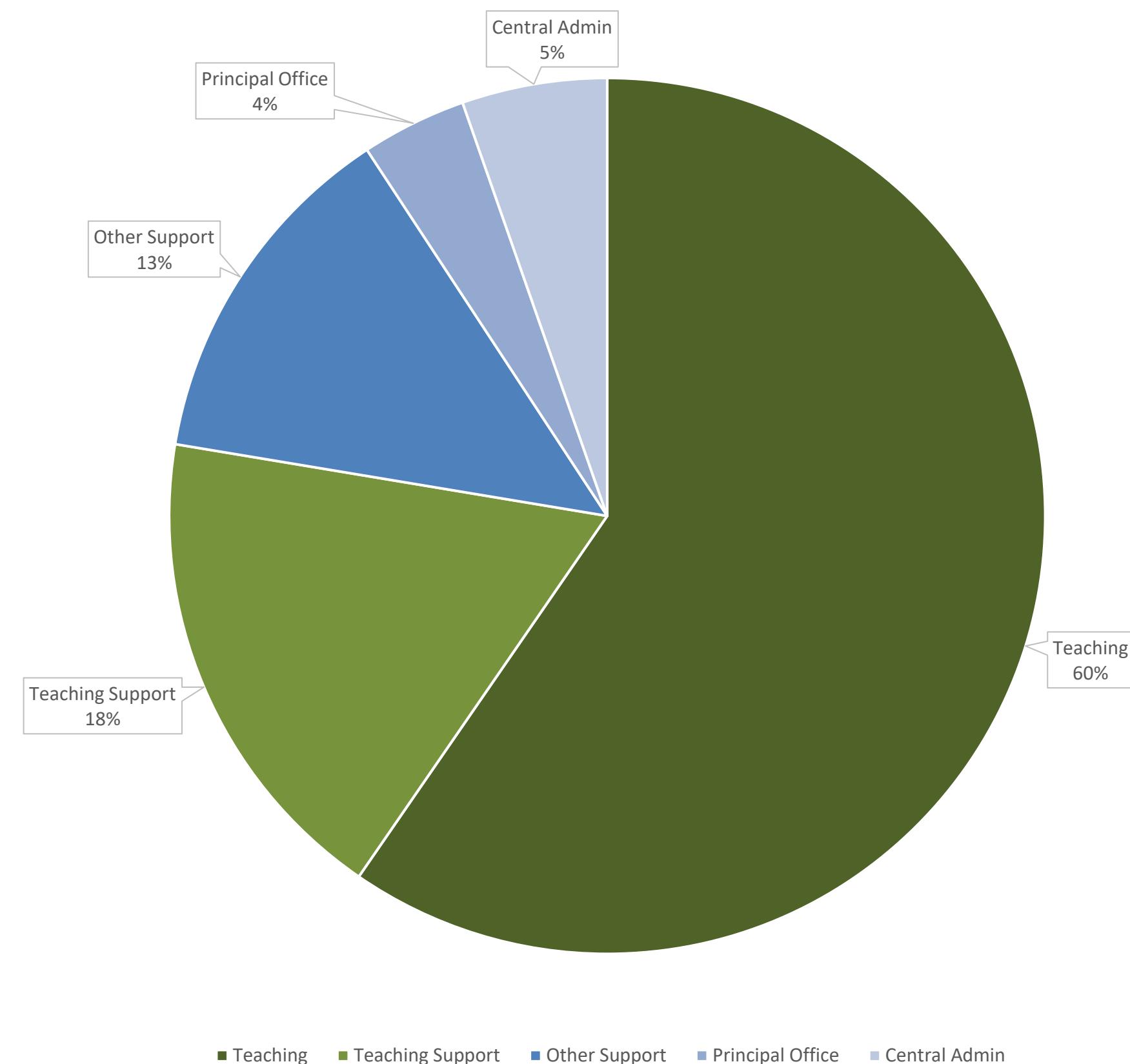


*Restricted Program = funds received can only be spent for specific expenditure programs



HOW BSD SPENDS THE BUDGET

- **78%** of the budget supports Teaching: Teaching & Teaching Support
- **13%** Other Support includes food services, maintenance, tech, grounds, security, operations, transportation, utilities, insurance, etc.



LEVY RATES

These levies are collected over four years and are not a new tax but maintain expiring Bellevue School District levies.

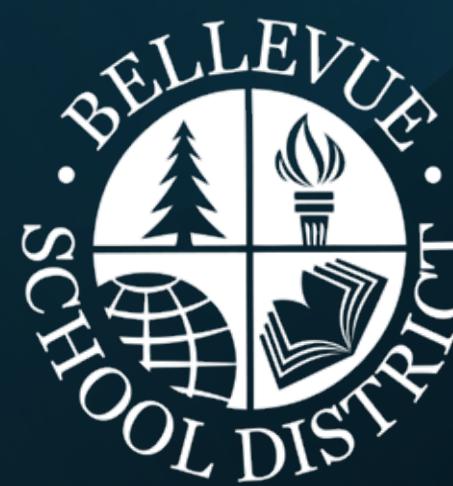
Educational Programs and Operations Levy Renewal	Technology and Capital Projects Levy Renewal
0.75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value (AV)	0.54 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value
Levy Collection Formula: Lesser of \$2.50/\$1,000 AV or \$3,851 per pupil in calendar year 2026	There is no dollar limit on levy collection

For a Bellevue home valued at \$1.5 million, the cost for these two public school levy renewals is \$1,935 a year.



2026 Educational Programs and Operations Levy Renewal Amounts

with 2022 Levy
Comparison



2022 Educational Programs & Operations Levy

2023	\$70,000,000	\$0.75 / \$1,000
2024	\$75,000,000	
2025	\$79,000,000	
2026	\$84,000,000	

2026 Proposition 1- Educational Programs & Operations levy

2027	\$88,300,000	\$0.75 / \$1,000
2028	\$93,200,000	
2029	\$97,900,000	
2030	\$103,000,000	

2026 Technology and Capital Programs Levy Renewal Amounts with 2022 Levy Comparison



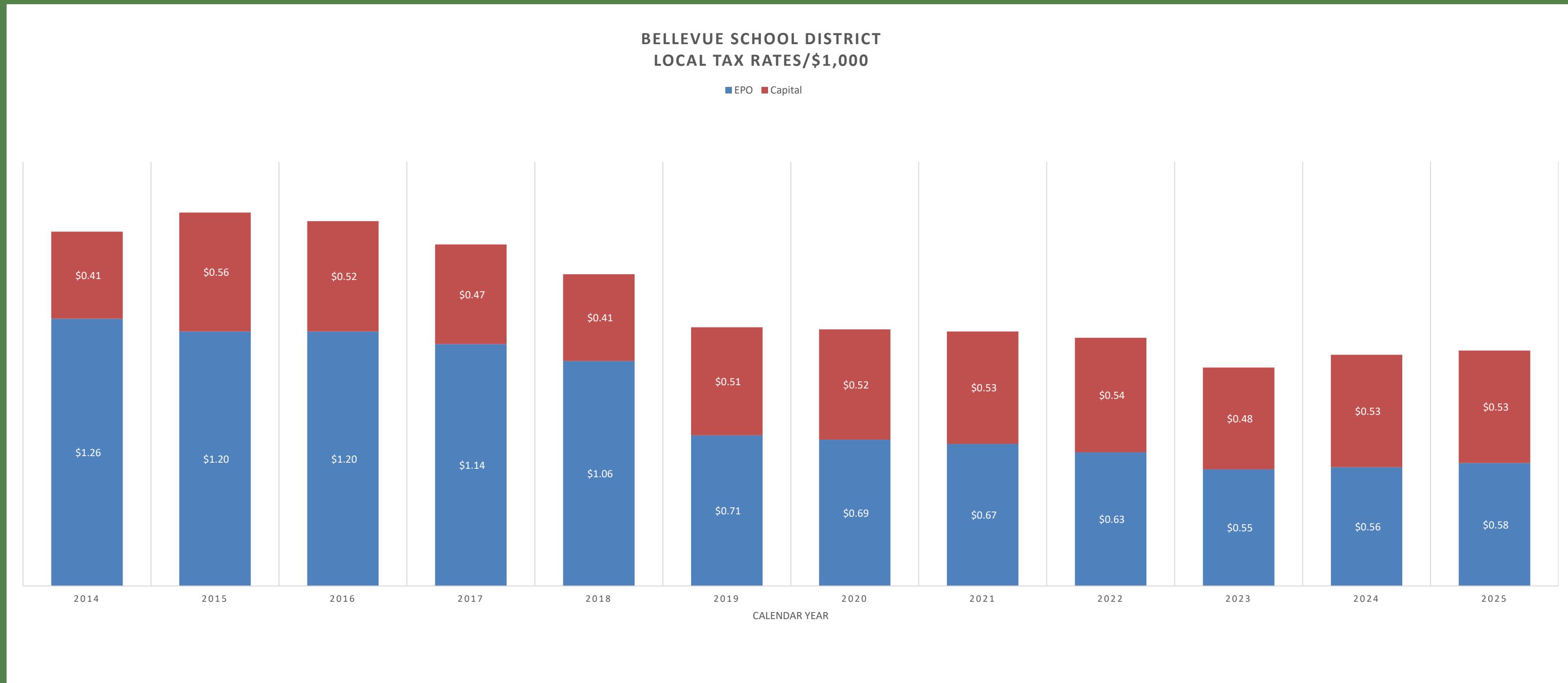
2022 Technology & Capital Projects Levy

2023	\$54,000,000	} \$0.58 / \$1,000
2024	\$56,000,000	
2025	\$58,000,000	
2026	\$60,000,000	

2026 Proposition 2 - Technology & Capital Programs Levy

2027	\$64,000,000	} \$0.54 / \$1,000
2028	\$67,200,000	
2029	\$70,000,000	
2030	\$73,000,000	

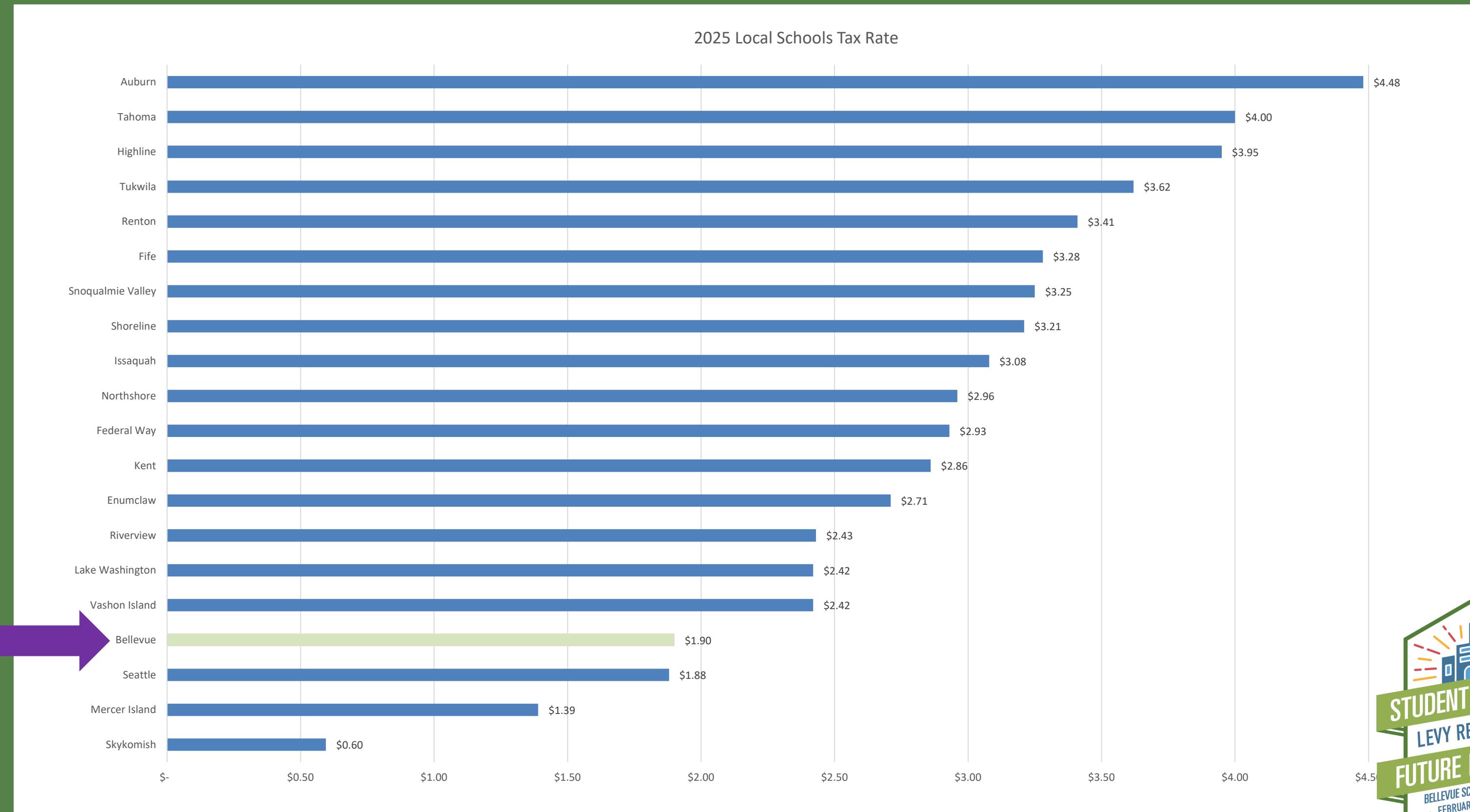
Bellevue School District Local Tax Rates for EP&O and Capital Levies since 2014



Combined Local Levy Tax Rates. tax rates w/ full EP &O levy collection assumed.

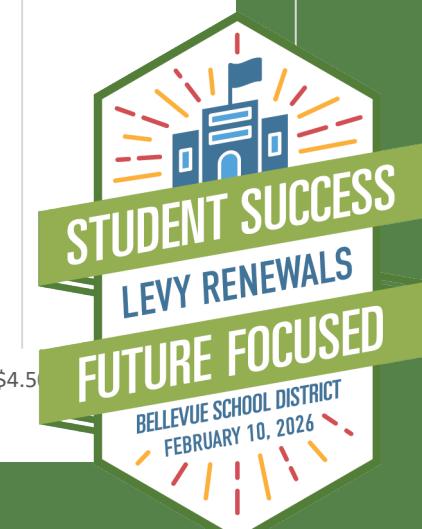
Source: <https://www.bsd405.org/about-us/bonds-and-levies/levies>

BSD maintains one of the lowest tax rates in our region



Includes Levy and Bond Tax Rates/\$1,000 AV

Source: <https://cdn.kingcounty.gov/-/media/king-county/depts/assessor/buildings-property/reports/annual-reports/2025/tax-stats/25schooltaxrate.ashx>



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR 2026 RENEWAL LEVIES

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Ballots due Tuesday, February 10

