

**SCHOOLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE ♡ RENEW OUR COMMITMENT**  
**BOARD SETS THREE YEAR \$425,000**  
**REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY**

The Cusick School District Board of Directors passed a resolution at the December school board meeting requesting a three year "Replacement" Maintenance and Operations (M & O) levy in the amount of \$425,000 per year for the years 2018 – 2020. The board is very conscious about keeping taxes as low as possible, while trying to provide quality educational programs and activities for our students. Therefore, this proposed levy provides funding that 1) meets learning for student achievement, 2) maintains safe and healthy facilities, and 3) provides student programs that enhance learning, living, and contributing as world citizens.

**WHY A LEVY IS NEEDED:**

The Washington State school funding system is designed to be supplemented by local school levies. Although the State is required to make progress in fully funding schools under the McCleary court case, the State's basic education funding still fails to meet the paramount duty of fully funding the required costs to provide an adequate level of learning programs for students and to maintain facilities. The system is designed to acquire the remaining needed dollars from local communities. The State does not provide any funds for extra-curricular activities.

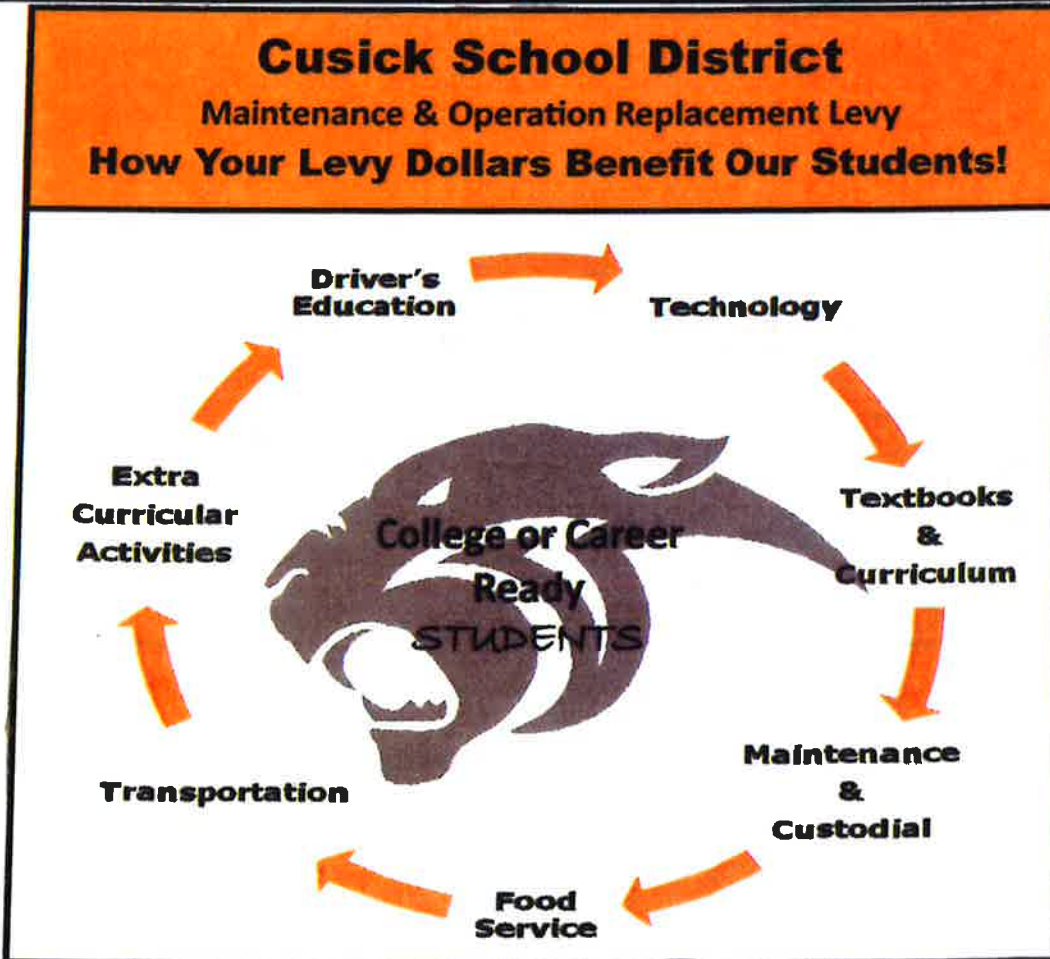
**HOW MUCH WILL THIS LEVY COST THE TAXPAYER?**

The proposed replacement M & O Levy amount is \$425,000, and is estimated to cost \$1.40 per thousand of assessed valuation in the year 2018 (approximately .20 cents more than the current \$393,000 amount).

Collection Year	2018	2019	2020
*Estimated M&O Levy Rate/\$1,000	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40

On average, state-wide levies make up approximately 20-25% of a school district's budget. Cusick School District is asking for the levy to cover 11% of our budget.

**THIS REPLACEMENT LEVY COVERS:**



## LEVY EXEMPTIONS: FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS

You may be eligible for a property tax exemption if:

- 1) you are a senior citizen,
- 2) you are a disabled person.

For more information, please contact your Pend Oreille County Assessor at 447-4312 or Visit the following link for information on the Property Tax Relief Program.

<http://pendoreilleco.org/your-government/assessor>

## MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE:

If you have more questions or would like additional information, please see the district website, [www.cusick.wednet.edu](http://www.cusick.wednet.edu) or call the district office at 445-1125 or talk to one of your Cusick School District Board Directors: Anna Armstrong, Mark Cutshall, Tom Foster, Mike Keogh or Tye Shanholtzer

**BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 26TH.  
PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

Voter registration deadline by mail or online is January 16, 2017 or in person at the county election office by February 6, 2017.



***“Renewing OUR  
Commitment to Education  
for OUR Students!!”***