YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

Seattle Public Schools is committed to ensuring equitable access, closing the opportunity gap and delivering excellence in education so that every student graduates prepared for college, career and life.

You play a key role in helping students succeed. For more than 30 years, Seattle voters have supported Seattle students by approving renewal of operations levies and capital levies or bonds.

In February 2013, you renewed the Operations Levy that provides about 25 percent of funding for day-to-day educational programs and services.

You also voted to continue support for capital projects, which allows the district to continue renovations and improvements that enhance learning, keep students and staff safe, and improve energy efficiency.

Two capital programs, Buildings, Technology and Academics (BTA) and Building Excellence (BEX), provide money to renew and replace aging buildings with safe, modern and efficient facilities. Capital levies also pay for improvements in classrooms, technology, infrastructure, playgrounds and athletic fields.

We want you to know how Seattle Public Schools is spending the money approved by Seattle voters, and we are committed to being accountable. This report presents an overview of how these levy funds have been used to provide a quality education that prepares students for college, career and life in the 21st century.

Thank you Seattle.
You continue to make a difference.
Seattle voters approved the six-year, $270 million Buildings, Technology and Academics III (BTA III) Capital Levy in February 2010. This levy was a renewal of the expiring BTA II levy. Using BTA III levy funds, Seattle Public Schools has completed projects throughout the district, including small renovations, major maintenance and improvement projects, technology improvements, and academic and athletic projects. All BTA III Capital Levy projects are on time as of November 20, 2015; currently, there is a budget underspend of $2 million. To see a full list of BTA projects, please visit http://bta.seattleschools.org.

**BUILDINGS**

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<td><strong>Creating a preventive maintenance program</strong> with predictable schedules to inspect, service and paint buildings and equipment. Ongoing districtwide.</td>
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<td><strong>Replaced all or portions of roofs and made earthquake safety improvements</strong> at 14 schools and Memorial Stadium, which protects students, staff and the integrity of buildings. Two additional schools are scheduled in the next two years.</td>
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<td><strong>Installed fire suppression/sprinklers and/or ADA compliant life safety systems</strong> at seven schools to increase safety and improve accessibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Eight additional schools will have this important work done in the next two years.</td>
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<td><strong>Reinforced building masonry to improve earthquake safety</strong> at three schools to protect students, staff and the building structure. Three additional schools are scheduled in the next two years.</td>
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<td><strong>Installed new heating, ventilation and cooling systems</strong> at six buildings to improve air quality and energy efficiency and to more effectively control the temperature of the teaching and learning environment. Work is scheduled at four additional buildings.</td>
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<td><strong>Installed geothermal ground-source heat pumps</strong> at three schools and high-efficiency boilers at one school. Both types of projects save money, enhance energy efficiency, reduce carbon footprint and allow more effective control of temperatures throughout the buildings. High-efficiency boilers will be installed at two additional schools in the next two years.</td>
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<td><strong>Replaced waterlines in eight schools to improve water quality</strong> and ensure a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. Work will be done at three additional schools in the next two years. Two schools that were scheduled for this work as part of BTA III will now receive it as part of BEX IV major projects.</td>
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BUILDINGS (CONTINUED)

- **Funding scheduled replacement of equipment** such as dishwashers, ovens and serving equipment for school kitchens, large and small lawn mowers for district gardeners and carpet cleaning equipment for district custodians. Ongoing.

- **Upgraded electrical systems** at three buildings. One building was scheduled for this work as part of BTA III and will now receive it as part of a BEX IV major project.

- **Replaced windows and upgraded exterior walls** at three buildings to improve energy efficiency and enhance comfort in the teaching and learning environment. One additional project is scheduled.

- **Installed security cameras** and other security hardware at Roosevelt High School.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Expanded student information systems** through a migration to a new system.

- **Provided instructional technology support through professional development** so that teachers can better use technology as a learning tool.

- **Funded library technology services** support to provide better access to online services and materials.

- **Implemented a new academic data management system** that integrates multiple sources of information.

- **Provided student computer hardware and improved wireless network** for the Cleveland Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program implementation.

- **Upgraded website technology** to provide better information sharing for students, families and staff.

- **Implemented disaster recovery systems** for priority information technology (IT) so that learning, teaching and business processes can continue in the event of a disaster.

- **Expanding software to automate key business services** including an electronic records management system, and enhancements to operational systems and services.

- **Replaced oldest classroom computers and provided additional computers** to provide a three-to-one ratio of students to computers.

- **Replaced networks connecting schools to central office, upgraded network capacity at schools, increased internet capacity, replaced outdated servers and improved systems for managing program upgrades.**
**ACADEMICS**

- Expanding student assessment system to provide real-time information on student progress.
- Making building modifications for Special Education services.
- Supported state graduation requirements with additional science and computer labs at two high schools.
- Creating Early Learning classrooms at four Title 1 schools.
- Supported creation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school at Cleveland High School.
- Renovated and opened Horace Mann building to house Nova Alternative High School.
- Modernized and opened Cedar Park school to house Olympic Hills Elementary students and staff as an interim site.
- Renovated and opened five schools to meet growth in student enrollment and serve students closer to home.
- Making changes to buildings and portables as needed to support program placement, and acquiring new capital-eligible program and curriculum materials.
- Began development of a distributed model Skills Center to create advanced Career and Technical Education programs throughout the district.

**ATHLETICS**

- Replacing fields, resurfacing tracks and upgrading to energy-efficient lighting at four locations. Future work is scheduled at five locations.
BUILDING EXCELLENCE IV (BEX IV) CAPITAL LEVY

Seattle voters approved the six-year, $694.9 million Building Excellence IV (BEX IV) Capital Levy in February 2013. BEX IV continues the district’s work to replace, renovate and modernize aging district buildings, and to address enrollment growth, earthquake and safety issues, infrastructure upgrades, major preventive maintenance and technology systems improvements. For information on all BEX projects, see http://bex.seattleschools.org

BUILDING PROJECTS

Seventeen major building projects include new schools, new replacement schools, and renovated and modernized schools. These projects also reduce the maintenance repairs backlog by updating or replacing aging structures.

**Complete**
- Fairmount Park Elementary opened fall 2014.
- Nova at Horace Mann opened fall 2015.
- Jane Addams Middle School opened fall 2014, phase III begins spring 2016.

**In Progress**
- Loyal Heights Elementary: modernize and building addition to open in 2018.
- Meany Middle School: modernize and open as middle school in 2017.
- Robert Eagle Staff Middle School: new construction to open in 2017.
- Thornton Creek Elementary: new construction to open in 2016.

**Future**
- Daniel Bagley: modernize and build addition to open in 2020.
- Queen Anne Elementary: build addition to open in 2019.
EARTHQUAKE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Earthquake safety improvements are being done at 37 schools in addition to the 17 new, replaced and modernized schools.

OTHER PROJECTS

- Integrated security cameras at 19 schools.
- Lunchroom additions at two schools.
- New science labs at four schools.
- Roofing work at five schools.
- Field and/or track upgrades at five schools.
- Planning for a downtown school.
- Classroom technology improvements in all schools.
- Academic and business operations technology updates.
- Technology infrastructure work.

OPERATIONS LEVY

In February 2013, Seattle voters renewed a three-year $551.9 million Operations Levy. This levy represents about 25 percent of Seattle Public Schools’ annual general fund operating budget and supports educational programs not fully funded by the state.

The operations levy has traditionally paid for:

- Teachers and instructional assistants.
- Bilingual and Special Education services.
- Textbooks and classroom supplies.
- Security and transportation.
- Student activities, such as athletics, drama and music.