

2015 Maintenance and Operations Replacement Levy



- On February 11th 2014, the Adna School District will be asking the voters to approve a Replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy.

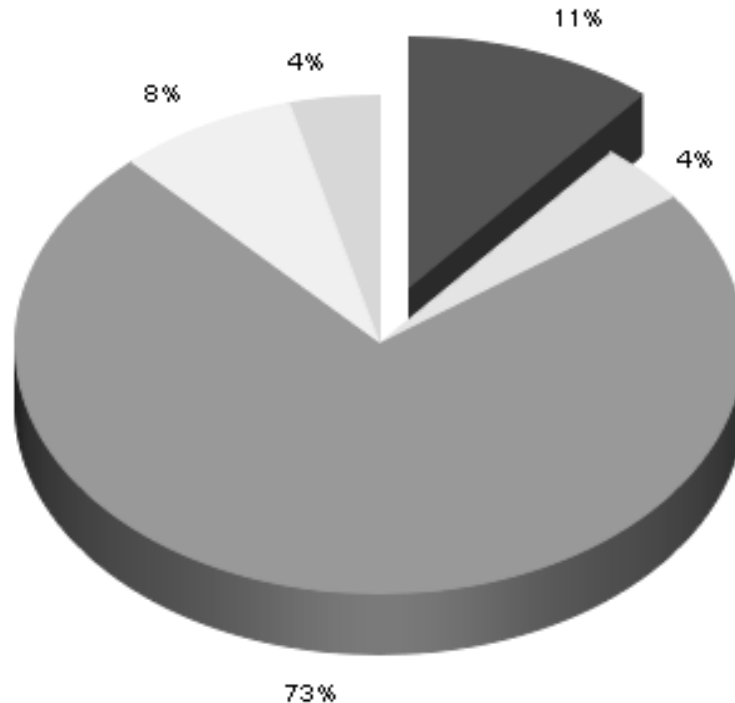
WHAT IS A REPLACEMENT LEVY?

- A Levy is a local property tax authorized by voters to be used for educational and operational costs of the school district.
- This ballot measure is titled a “replacement levy” because this is not a new tax request. Instead, this measure is asking voters to continue the 4 year levy they approved in 2010.

- In 2010 voters passed a 4 year levy in which a final installment of \$634,197 will be collected in 2014.
- After the current Operations and Maintenance Levy expires, the proposed Levy renewal amount is \$661,917.00 with a 3.3% increase each year. This amount accounts for 11% of the district's operations budget as well as providing for maintenance and improvements.
- Levy revenues pay for day-to-day operations of schools, which include staffing, textbooks and curriculum, special education, supplies, transportation, arts, music and extra-curricular programs. Levies are a way for local communities to supplement state and federal funding, which falls short of providing for all that is required.

- This Levy will make up 11% of the districts operations budget as well as providing for maintenance and improvements.


Levy Dollars	Local Other	State	Federal	Grants
11%	4%	73%	8%	4%



The last 4 years have seen huge deficits in the state and federal budgets.

The Adna School District's Federal revenues dropped 38% over this period. Faced with increasing deficits, many hard cuts had to be made. Such as reduced staffing, decreased extra curricular activities and limited maintenance repairs.

Over the next 4 years Levy dollars will...

- Upgrade necessary maintenance equipment
 - Upgrade ongoing facility operations
 - Adopt curriculum to meet mandated federal and state requirements.
 - Continuous improvement to technology
 - Provide fundamental health services and student support · Maintain current staffing levels
 - Serve all students including special education, highly capable and vocational offerings.
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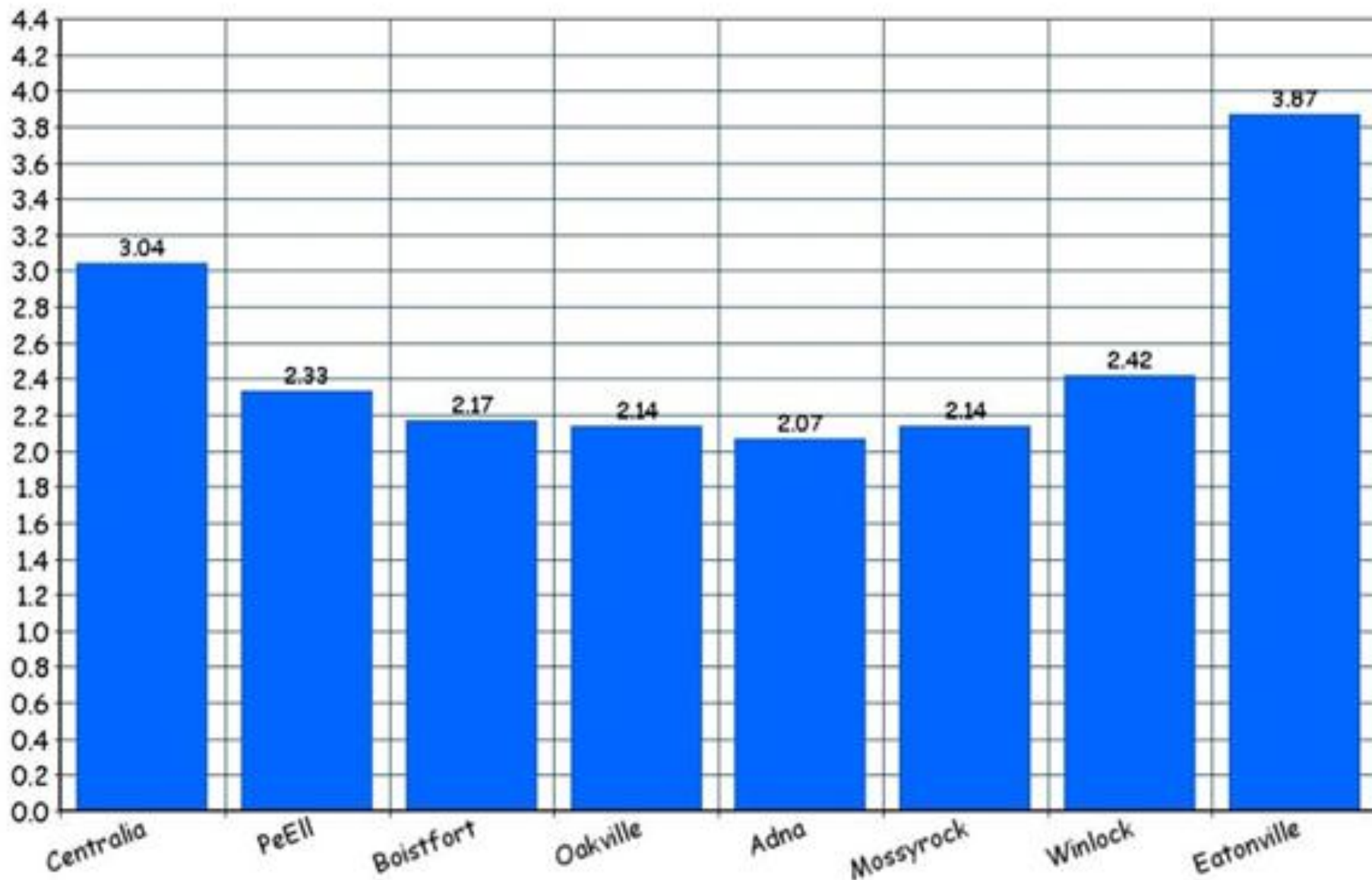
The Adna School District believes a key to a quality education is small class size. Smaller classes allow for each student to get individual attention. Teachers can take the time to assess a student's individual needs and meet them at their level. Levy dollars allow for supplemental support, staffing small groups that allow all students to engage and build confidence while providing them with the tools to succeed.

As the education model is shifting to "Common Core," there are many new requirements of our teachers and students. The District will be adopting a new Language Arts Curriculum for Grades K-12.

8 local districts are running Levy replacements in February. Of those 8 Districts, Adna's proposed rate is the lowest!



Proposed 2015 Levy Rates



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Election Date: February 11th, 2014

**Ballots will be mailed January 22nd.
Ballots must be delivered or postmarked
on or before February 11th.**

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How can I register to vote?

All residents are encouraged to register to vote.

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters.aspx>

If you have moved, please update your address with the Lewis County Auditor's office to ensure your ballot finds you. You must act soon. The deadline to update your registration is January 13, 2014. New voters can register in person up to February 3rd, 8 days prior to the election.