

MACKAY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2012 PLANT FACILITY LEVY RENEWAL

Mackay School District Board of Trustees has approved the renewal of the five-year school plant facility levy. This will continue to provide for the maintenance and construction needs in all schools and district facilities, safety equipment, technology and buses. The levy is critical as the general fund cannot support facility maintenance, equipment and technology upgrades which benefit the learning and safety of our students. The proposed levy amount will maintain at the established 3% annual increase for an additional five years.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL PLANT FACILITY LEVY?

The environment in which children learn is vital to their success. Research proves that students learn better in well maintained, lighted and safe school buildings.

The school plant facility levy is a local tax that maintains schools and other District buildings and property. It is used to improve school sites; add on, remodel or repair existing buildings; furnish and equip buildings including lighting, heating, ventilation, sanitation facilities and appliances needed to operate buildings; purchase, improve and maintain school sites; build schools or other buildings; purchase school buses and maintain technology.

This is not a new tax – voters are being asked to renew the five-year plant facility levy they have supported for the past 16 years; the levy requires 55 percent passage rate.

The Mackay levy will pay for:

- All building repairs, improvements and renovations such as windows, doors, heating/cooling systems, boiler upgrades, auditorium heating unit, roofs, lighting, carpet, paint, asphalt, concrete, gym floors and restrooms
- Purchase and replacement of school furniture, equipment and lockers.
- Purchase and replacement of classroom technology.
- Purchase and replacement of buses.
- Replacement and repairs of parking and playgrounds.

FACT: This is not a new tax – simply a renewal of the existing levy. Patrons of the Mackay School District have supported this levy to maintain and improve our children’s learning environment for 16 years.

FACT: No salaries, benefits, supplies or travel are paid from these funds.

FACT: Levy provides partial recouping of previously dedicated lottery funds, which were removed by the 2009 Legislature to replace a portion of general fund reductions.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The school plant facility levy election will be held **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

- A YES/NO ballot to renew the levy for five years. Includes yearly incremental increase for inflation, exactly as previous five-year levy.
- Absentee ballots are mailed out starting Monday, February 13, 2012. They must be turned in to the Clerk’s office by the end of Election day and cannot be accepted at the polls.
- Polls open Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Levy amount is \$108,076.00
- Renewed levy impact per \$100,000 of taxable property is approximately \$72 per month.

For more information call the school district office at 208 588-2896.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #182
CUSTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES

SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY ELECTION

March 13, 2012

QUESTION:

“Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District #182, Custer and Butte Counties, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy \$108,076, as provided in Idaho code 33-901, for School Plant Facilities Reserve fund, for site or sites; to accumulate funds for and to build a school house, or school houses or other building or buildings; to demolish or remove school buildings; to add to, maintain, remodel or repair any existing lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate buildings of the district; to purchase school buses; to purchase equipment; for lease and lease purchase agreements for any of the above purchases and to repay loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and continuing for 5 years in the following amounts: \$111,319 beginning July 1, 2013, \$114,658 beginning July 1, 2014, \$118,098 beginning July 1, 2015, \$121,641 beginning July 1, 2016.”

ANSWER:

For School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy as proposed above YES _____

For School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy as proposed above NO _____