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# Emmett School District seeks voter approval for Operational Levy on March 14th

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Gem County voters will be asked to consider the renewal of the Emmett Independent School District #221 Operational Levy.

The Operational Levy is a voter-approved levy that generates funds a school district can use to support local operating costs. If approved, the Operational Levy will provide \$1.5 million in funding per year for two years.



This levy would replace the current 2 million dollar levy which expires this summer, June 30, 2023.

The estimated cost to local taxpayers for the proposed levy is \$52/year or \$4.37/month per \$100,000 of taxable property value based on the estimated levy rate of .0005246.. This is an increase of \$17/year per \$100,000 from the previous year.

This is not a new tax. The Emmett School District has utilized an Operational Levy for many years, and it is a general revenue source that equates to roughly 7% of the operational budget. Funds from the Operational Levy would be utilized to support and deliver K-12 education to more than 2,500 learners in the Emmett School District.

The proposed levy funds would be allocated to both maintenance and personnel costs. \$600,000 per year has been earmarked for district building safety upgrades - which also include roof repair at Carberry Elementary School and Shadow Butte Elementary School. \$900,000 per year will also support these educational priorities: Instructional Coach; Two Elementary Counselors; Secondary English Teacher; Elementary (small, rural schools) Principal; District-Wide School Psychologist; Secondary Math Teacher; Special Education Support (k-12).

Election day is Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 8am - 8pm. Early walk-in voting begins Monday, February 27th at the Gem County Courthouse. Early voting ends on Friday, March 10th.

“Passing this operational levy is crucial for the long-term success and well-being of our School District,” explained Superintendent Craig Woods. “Passing this operational levy demonstrates a commitment to

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education, to our students, to our community, and to our schools as well as a willingness to invest in the future of Gem County. It helps to validate the message that Gem county residents value our students and want to provide a quality education for all students.”