

oting Information



May 19, 2015

Polls are open from 8am-8pm.
Please bring a picture ID.

REGISTERING TO VOTE: If you have not registered to vote, you may register at the polls, County Clerk's Office, or by mail. You will need a picture ID and proof of residence to register in person. To vote you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Have lived in Idaho and in the county for 30 days prior to the election
- Be at least 18 years old

ABSENTEE VOTING: If you mail in an application for a mail-in absentee ballot, it must be to the **County Clerk's Office** by **May 13th (5pm)**, mailed by **May 11th**. **Mail-in absentee ballots** must be **received** at the **County Clerk's Office** by **May 19th (5pm)**. **Early voting** is available at the County Clerk's Office from **April 27th to May 15th (5pm)**.

On May 19th, **vote in the precinct** in which you **reside**. Voter and registration information can be found at <http://idahovotes.gov> or contact the Gem County Clerk at 208-365-4561.

Emmett Independent School District

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For more information:

- Visit www.emmettschools.org
- "Like" the *Emmett Independent School District #221* Facebook page
- Join our Facebook Group: *Emmett School District Levy Info—Election Date—May 19, 2015*

For Questions, contact:

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Strategic Goal

Ensure that all our students are college and career ready and prepared to meet the requirements of our ever-changing global culture.

84% of Emmett Juniors were on track to be College & Career Ready when assessed on the PSAT test, as compared to 46% nationally.



Kids learning how to write code for computers.

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REPLACEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

Why should we invest in our local schools?

A community's economic growth and strength is linked to the quality of the local schools. Individuals looking to move into a community or those looking to relocate a business will start by considering the quality of the schools. The value of homes increase in communities with high quality schools.

Taxes do not increase.

Your taxes should not increase as this is a replacement of the current levy. The cost of the new levy is:

- \$1.94 per every \$1,000 or \$194.26 for \$100,000 of property value
- Owner-occupied, primary dwelling homes may receive a 50% homeowner's exemption with a maximum exemption of \$89,580.
- \$145.69 is how much a homeowner with a home valued at \$150,000 will pay with a 50% homeowner's exemption.



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Why do school districts use levies to fund the schools?

State funding does not provide for many of the costs necessary to fully operate schools. Levy funds are used for things like textbooks, teaching positions, maintenance, elective courses, and activities. Currently 93 of the 115 Idaho school districts use supplemental levies.



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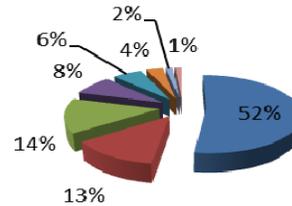
Flooring problems throughout the district.

Why did the School Board propose a \$1.4 million two year levy?

Emmett School District has had to rely on supplemental levies to maintain a quality education for our students. The board **approved keeping the levy amount the same** as we are currently receiving. While there is need for additional funding, maintaining the current levy amount balances the desire not to raise taxes while providing for our schools.

Budget Expenditures

- K-12 Teachers, Staff, and Supplies
- Special Education/Services
- Maintenance, Utilities, and Janitorial
- Transportation
- School Administration, Secretaries
- District Administration, Personnel, and Financial
- Athletics
- Contingency



What Does the Levy Pay for?

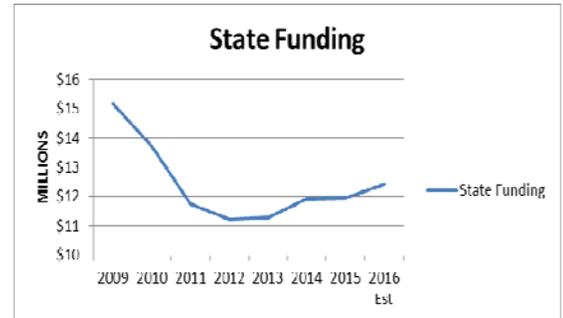
The district will use these funds to pay for:

- Teachers in Spanish, math, and elementary teachers—to keep class sizes reasonable
- Classroom aides
- Classroom supplies for elementary math and reading programs
- Replace our current K – 5 reading textbooks that are over 13 years old
- Safety and maintenance projects that include: expansion of the public address systems so that students and staff can hear emergency announcements in all parts of the buildings
- Improve security for student safety
- Make ramp at Middle School ADA compliant
- Replace worn out flooring and carpet
- Idaho law will require Emmett School District to spend over \$550,000 on maintenance projects next year.

State Funding of Public Schools

The State made dramatic reductions in funding to public schools resulting in a \$3.2 million loss to the Emmett School District between the 2008-2009 and 2014-2015 school years. New state funding will:

- Restore about \$450,000 of the \$3.2 million to our district
- Fund the 18,000 new students in other Idaho school districts over this period of time
- Districts have also seen significant cost increases in areas such as health insurance.



What has the district done to reduce expenses?

The Emmett School District has continued to reduce our expenses and right-size our district so we can efficiently use the money we are provided. Some of the reductions are:

- \$848,000 for the 2011 – 2012 school year, consolidated locations, reduced staff, and re-organized
- \$241,500 for the 2013 – 2014 school year, reduced staff and eliminated programs
- \$300,000 for the 2015-2016 school year, reduce staff, programs
- Staff now pays a significant portion of their health insurance cost along with increased deductibles.