



Emmett School District Supplemental Levy Quick Facts

Financial Facts

- The Board of Trustees of the Emmett School District is **asking patrons to vote** on a measure that would provide \$1 million each year for the next two years to offset an estimated budget shortfall of \$1.1 million each year for the next two years.
- The **current levy** will expire in June 2011, has a rate of **2.13/\$1000** in taxable value. The **proposed levy** would be **1.25/\$1000** in taxable value, **reducing the taxes** by about **\$88/yr** per \$100,000 in taxable value. This results in a **reduction of approximately 38% per year**.

Why a Levy is Needed?

- In the last 2 years, Emmett School District, has lost \$3 million in funding due to drop in enrollment and decreases in state and federal funding. **Despite enrollment being up** for the 10-11 school year, Emmett School District is expecting a total **budget shortfall of 1.9 million dollars** for the 11-12 school year, with 1.7 million due to state & federal cuts.
- With past and present budget cuts ESD has reached the point where **we cannot cut any more without hindering the education** of our children.

What Would the Levy Pay for?

A supplemental levy of \$1 million each year for two years will allow the district to do the following:

- Maintaining **manageable class sizes**
- **Preventing loss** of educational programs, athletics, and activities
- Maintaining **safety & instructional staff** such as resource officer, instructional aides, tiered learning groups, and catalyst.

THE LEVY WILL NOT BE USED TO PAY FOR INCREASES TO SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

Who?

- All Gem County registered voters 18 years of age or older.
- Same-day registration will be available at all polling locations (bring a utility bill showing proof of address and a valid state ID).
- Absentee ballots are available and can be requested by contacting the County Clerk at 208.365.4561. <http://www.co.gem.id.us/election/default.htm>

What?

- A Supplemental Levy Measure for \$1 million each year for two years for a total of \$2 million.

When?

- Tuesday May 17, 2011 8am-8pm

Where?

Voters must vote in the precinct in which they reside. A map of the precincts can be found at <http://www.co.gem.id.us/maps/County-Wide-Precinct%20Map.pdf> or contact the Gem County Clerk at 208.365.4561

Precinct

01 Central
02 North Emmett
03 Butteview
04 South Emmett
05 West Emmett
06 Emmerson
07 Lincoln
08 Letha
09 Hanna
10 Brick
11 Bench
12 Sweet/Montour
13 Ola
14 Absentee

Polling Place

Catholic Church
American Legion Hall
Community Bible Church
Lutheran Church
4H Building/Co Fairgrounds
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Armory
Letha LDS Church
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Nazarene Church
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Sweet School
Ola Community Hall
Gem Co Courthouse

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