

Voting Information



May 16, 2017

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 12th (5pm)**, mailed by **May 10th**. **Mail-in absentee ballots** must be **received** at the **County Clerk's Office** by **May 16th (5pm)**. **Early voting** is available at the County Clerk's Office from **May 1st to May 12th (5pm)**.

On May 16th, **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.

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Vision

Emmett School District implements innovative and best educational practices utilizing cutting edge technology and rigorous curriculum. Passionate, visionary professionals guarantee high level learning across all grades. Our district works collaboratively in state of the art facilities to ensure all students are empowered to succeed in life beyond high school.



Kids learning how to write code for computers.

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REPLACEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

Thank you for investing in our local schools!

Over the past few years the Gem County Community has invested in our local schools by passing levies. This investment has made a significant impact on the buildings, staffing, and curriculum. Our children deserve a high quality education and the past community support has made that possible.

Continue Current Levy of \$1,400,000 for 2 years for a total of \$2,800,000.

Will Not Increase Taxes.

Your Levy rate will not increase. The cost of the new levy is:

- \$1.56 per \$1,000 or \$155.61 for \$100,000 of property value
- Owner-occupied, primary dwelling homes may receive a 50% homeowner's exemption with a maximum exemption of \$100,000.
- \$136.44 is how much a homeowner with a home valued at \$150,000 will pay with a 50% homeowner's exemption.



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Goals for 2017 Replacement Levy

1. Provide for appropriate **staffing** to maintain reasonable class sizes and provide needed services.
2. Provide safe and well maintained **facilities** for learning.
3. Fully implement a **blended learning** model and provide quality **curriculum materials**.

Appropriate Staffing

The levy will provide funds for three full time and two half time teachers, two new and four current paraprofessional positions and a behavioral specialist. These positions will enhance our ability to offer more courses while keeping class sizes reasonable. By adding and maintaining current staff the district will be able to:

- ◆ Reduce the 5th grade class size at the Middle School from approximately 37 to 28 students.
- ◆ Add physics and computer science classes to our course offerings at the High School.
- ◆ Offer computer science courses at the Middle School.

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.

What is Blended Learning?

This levy will allow the District to make significant improvements in student learning, curriculum, and teaching.

Blended Learning is a formal education program in which a student's learning is guided by a teacher in a school and, at least in part, through online delivery of content and instruction with some element of student control over time, place, path and/or pace.

5th grade teacher talking about Blended:

I finally talked myself into implementing the blended classroom — WOW! My kids were working quietly in small groups. As I moved around the room, every single kid was on task! They really bought into the whole concept of Watering Hole, Cave Time, & Campfire.

The kids said they love the new way we are doing science and I'm excited about the engagement and level of interest in their learning!

Watering hole is "lab work" where the kids had 2 science experiments on xylem and phloem to do. I put the instructions and tools on the table and they led the experiments.

My campfire was book reading together, finding the vocabulary definitions, and a knowledge chart.

My cave time was the online work using Buzz. They reviewed the test, prepared notes, watched the science videos and learned online.

Maintain Quality Facilities

The levy provides significant assistance so we can provide quality facilities for our schools.

Emmett School District has 375,478 sq. ft. of Student-Occupied buildings to maintain. We are required by law to spend at least \$611,654 on the inside of these buildings each year.

Idaho's lottery provides \$142,704 per year to help cover these expenses.

Our current 10 year Maintenance Plan shows that we need to spend \$17,940,348 over the next 10 years to maintain our buildings.

This levy will provide for new heating and air conditioning units at the middle school, roofing the gym at the middle school, replacing external doors at high school, upgrade parking lot lighting, safety improvements to playground and football field, lower well at Sweet, and security cameras at Carberry and Shadow Butte.

State Funding

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.

