

Plant Levy- March 2021

During the December 2020 board meeting, trustees approved a motion to ask the public to vote on a plant levy. Voting will take place on Tuesday March 9, 2021 at Swan Valley Elementary School. More information can be found at idahovotes.gov.

Objective

1. Understand the need for a plant levy in the amount of \$60,000 per year for two years.
2. At this time the board has decided to ensure our school has funds to cover basic maintenance items at the school and take the next 1-2 years to develop a long-term plan for the school.

Reasons we need a plant levy (Figures are approximate)

1. To enhance school electrical, security, phone system, & fire system.
2. To make repairs to brick and mortar on exterior of school.
3. To make repairs to playground and cracking sidewalk.

Professional Recommendations

1. Idaho Office of School Safety & Security recommends upgraded phone system, intercom system for both inside and outside of school building, upgraded classroom doors, etc.
2. Idaho Division of Building Safety recommends we replace cracking sidewalks, expand perimeter of gravel around playground equipment to 6 feet, and ensure gravel has minimum depth of 6 inches.
3. Fire Chief recommends we install an up-to-date fire system for our school. At this current time there is none.

Frequently asked Questions	Answer
When will vote take place?	Tuesday March 9, 2021 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Where will vote take place?	Swan Valley Elementary School 3389 Swan Valley Highway Irwin, Idaho 83428 OR Absentee Ballot Please visit idahovotes.gov for more information.
What % of voters must vote in favor to pass the levy?	Fifty five percent (55%) of the electors
How much in taxes did a School District 92 taxpayer whose home or property is worth \$100,000 pay in taxes for the \$40,000 plant levy from 2014 to 2019?	A homeowner paid approximately \$19 per year. Nobody paid plant levy taxes this past fiscal year.
How much will the new \$60,000 plant levy cost a taxpayer whose home or property is worth \$100,000?	A homeowner will pay approximately \$24.35 per year. (This is an increase of about \$5 per year from last \$40,000 plant levy)
How do you arrive at the approximately \$24.35 a taxpayer whose home or property is worth \$100,000 will pay?	As of July 2020, the taxable market value of our school district is \$246,416,919. $\$60,000 / \$246,416,919 = 0.00024349$. Multiply this figure by your total taxable value amount you get from your Bonneville County Tax Statement. For example, if this value is \$100,000, multiply by 0.00024349 and you will get approximately \$24.35.
When did the last plant levy end?	June 30, 2019. Nobody paid plant levy taxes this last fiscal year.
If passed, how long will the plant levy be?	Two (2) years Fiscal years July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 School will begin receiving funds January 2022 if passed.
What will happen in 2023 when plant levy expires	Our current Trustees would like to take the next 1-2 years to come up with a long-term maintenance plan for the school. This allows the school to meet basic maintenance needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jacobson at 208-483-2405 or via email at mjacobson@sveidaho.com.