

## Plant Levy- May 2019

During the February 2019 board meeting, trustees approved a motion to ask the public to vote on a plant levy. Voting will take place Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Swan Valley Elementary School.

### Objective

1. Understand the need for a plant levy in the amount of \$420,000 per year for five years.

### Reasons we need a plant levy (Figures are approximate)

1. Upgrade our heating system (\$400,000), phone system (\$25,000), and fire system (\$25,000).
2. To enhance school security (\$50,000).
3. To replace our high school shuttle car (\$10,000) and purchase a new bus (\$100,000).
4. To make repairs to playground and cracking sidewalk (\$25,000).
5. To expand our current gym (\$1,250,000).

### 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, remove old swing set by basketball courts, 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 May 21, 2019 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Where will vote take place?	Swan Valley Elementary School 3389 Swan Valley Highway Irwin, Idaho 83428
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.
How much will the new \$420,000 plant levy cost a taxpayer whose home or property is worth \$100,000?	A homeowner will pay approximately \$190 per year.
How do you arrive at the approximately \$190 a taxpayer whose home or property is worth \$100,000 will pay?	As of March 2019 the taxable market value of our school district is \$220,230,286. $\$420,000 / \$220,230,286 = 0.001907090$ . 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 0.001907090 and you will get approximately \$190.71.
When does the present plant levy end?	June 30, 2019
If passed, how long will the plant levy be?	Five (5) years July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024
What will happen in 2024 when plant levy expires	Our current Trustees envision going back to a very basic plant levy amount to continue maintaining our school.

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