

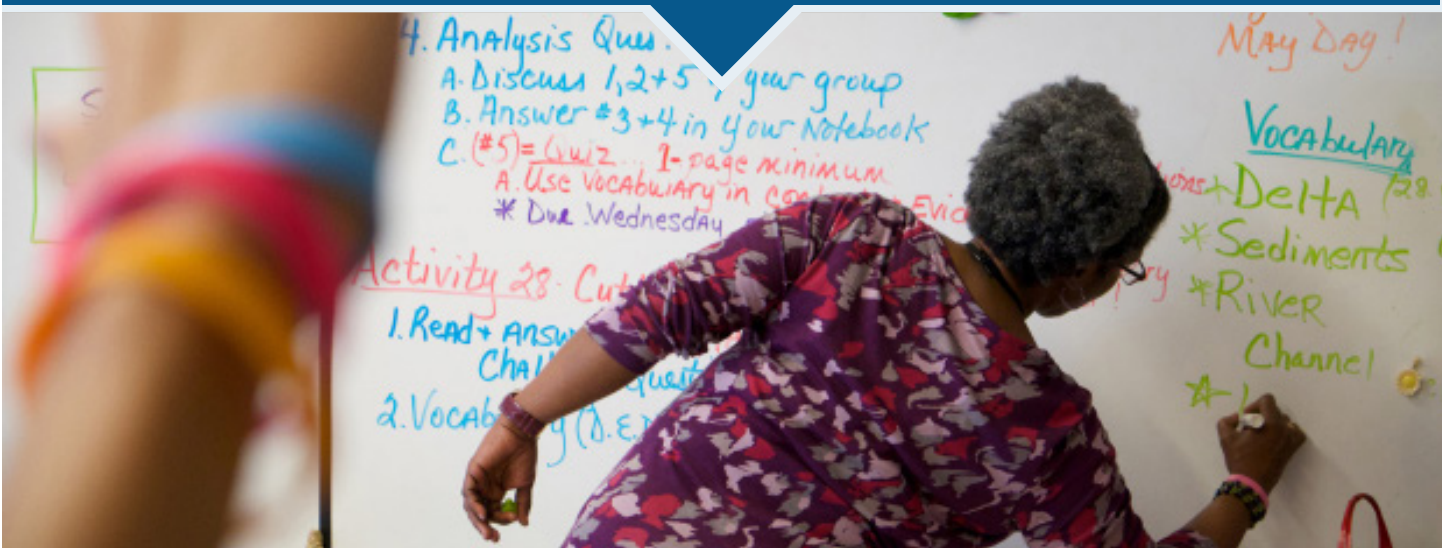


PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## WHAT'S ON THE MAY 21, 2024 BALLOT?

### PROPOSED PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEVY MEASURE

Portland Public Schools has referred to the ballot for voters' consideration renewal of a levy that currently funds teaching positions across the district. If the measure passes, it would authorize continuation of property taxes at \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for an additional five years.



*This information was reviewed by the Oregon Elections Division for compliance with ORS 260.432.*

If the measure passes, the levy is estimated to collect property tax revenue in the amount of \$101.5 million for Portland Public Schools in school year 2025-2026.

**If the measure passes, the levy would fund teaching positions and classroom support staff at every school in the district, approximately 660 positions annually over five years.** If passed, the levy would fund teaching and other positions to:

- Support a well-rounded education, including career and technical programs and enrichments and electives, so students graduate with skills for their career or college readiness.
- Provide classroom supports, such as educational assistants and reading specialists for students struggling with academic or mental/behavioral health issues.
- Help maintain class sizes and prevent significant increases across the district.

**If the levy passes, there would continue to be fiscal supervision and independent oversight.**

- The measure would maintain the existing tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and would provide tax revenue that would be directed to supporting schools
- If passed, the measure would require independent citizen oversight so that tax dollars would be used for purposes approved by local voters.
- Funds would be placed in a sub-account to facilitate oversight and accurate reporting.
- No tax revenue authorized by the measure would be used for district administration.

**If passed, the measure would maintain the existing tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.** The owner of a home assessed at \$275,706, the district's current average assessed property value, would pay \$45.72 per month or \$548.65 per year.

**If the measure passes, what would it cost?**

The measure would authorize renewal of the current property tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for an additional 5 years. The owner of a home assessed at \$275,706, the district's current average assessed property value, would pay \$45.72 per month or \$548.65 per year.

**What happens if the measure does not pass?**

If the measure does not pass, the teaching and support positions would not be funded as proposed and the current property tax of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would not continue. The current tax expires in June 2025.

**Why was this levy referred to the voters?**

The school district is funded through state, local and federal dollars. There is an approximately \$100 million gap between what the state funds for K-12 education and the school district's proposed expenditures. If the measure passes, the proposed levy would provide tax revenue to fill the gap in the school district's budget.