

KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL SCHOOL REPLACEMENT LEVY

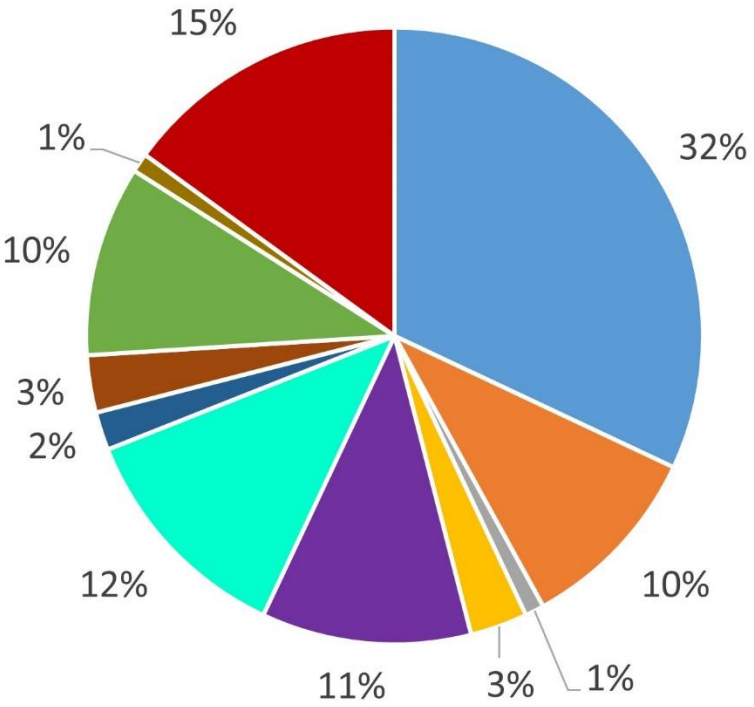
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS (EP&O) LEVY

- Our school district has a two-year Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy on the **April 27th** election.
- Levies are **locally approved** ballot measures used to support local students and pay for programs not funded by the state.
- This levy will **replace** Kiona-Benton's levy that expired in 2020.



WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED LEVY FUND?

State dollars do not cover the costs of athletics, music and the arts, or extracurricular activities. If approved, this levy helps ensure students get the benefit of a well-rounded school experience. If approved, the replacement levy will help pay for:

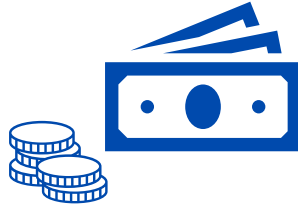


- Athletics
- Music and Arts
- Camp Wooten
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Technology
- Safety Training and Staff
- Professional Development
- Facilities/Maintenance
- Club Advisors
- Classroom Support



A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

Proposed Levy Rate =
\$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed
value



Total 2-Year Levy Collection Amount:

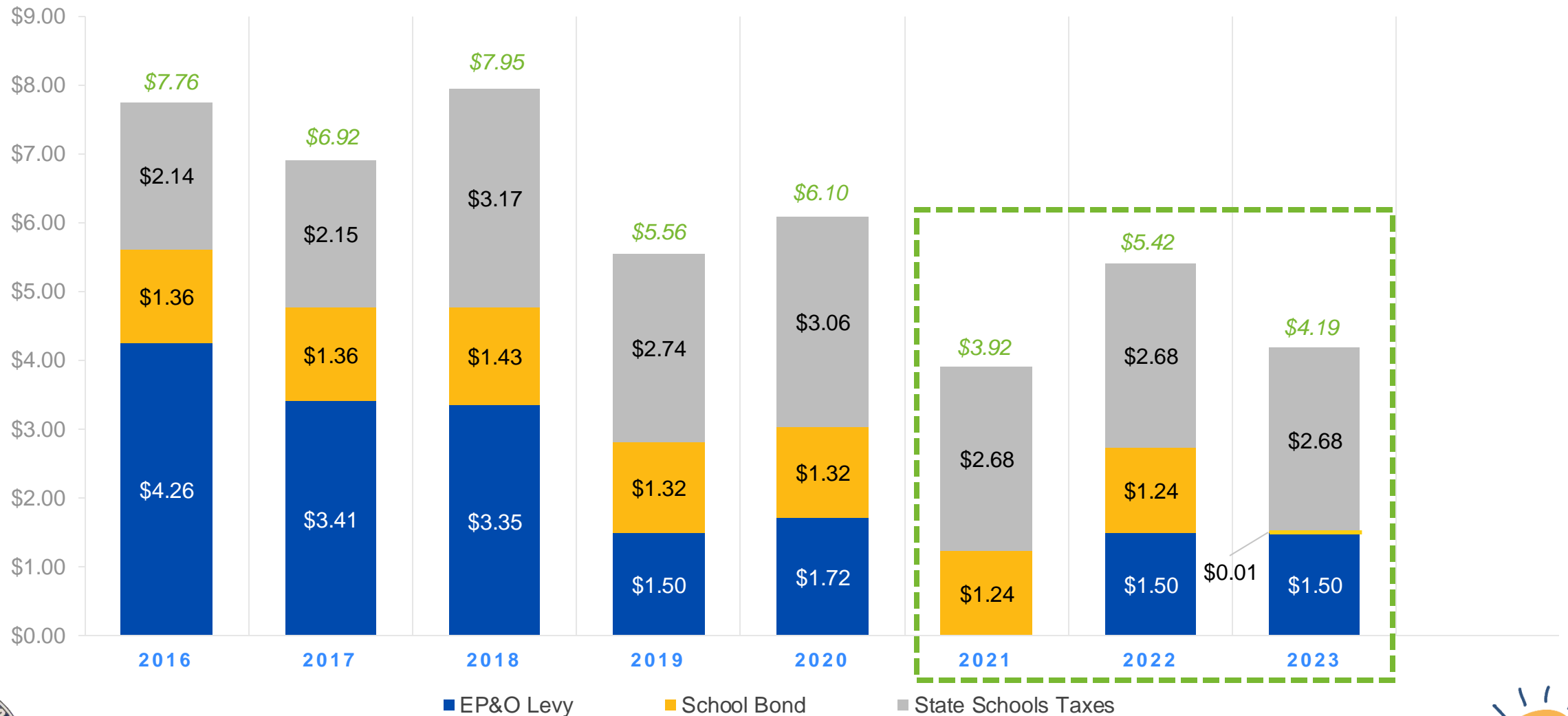
2022 = \$1.445 million

2023 = \$1.561 million

- We are asking voters to authorize the 2021 EP&O Levy
- This allows us to maintain our athletics, music, and extracurricular programs while remaining fiscally responsible and sensitive to the overall tax rate.
- Since 2018, the total state tax rate (including McCleary) has dropped from \$3.17 to \$2.68 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in our district.
- As the state tax rate decreases, so does the amount of funding our district receives to cover these costs.



KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE HISTORY



VOTING INFORMATION



- Election day is **Tuesday, April 27th**
- Voter ballots will be mailed April 9th. Make sure to check your mailbox!
- A ballot drop box can be found at Benton City Hall at 1009 Dale Ave. Find more drop boxes at bentonauditor.com/Current-Election#
- Tax breaks are available for senior citizens and individuals who are disabled. Contact the Benton County Assessor's Office for more info at 509-735-2394.



QUESTIONS & CONVERSATION

