$1.2 Million High School General Fund Levy for:
Technology, Activities, Curriculum, Individualized Learning/Technical Education, Safety & Security

Technology
Technology changes by the moment. We live in a fully connected and digital world. While this is exciting, it requires continued investment to upgrade our software, curriculum and computers so our students can be successful in and after high school.

Activities
Not average programs, extraordinary programs. From speech and debate, football, wrestling and cross country to band, choir, math club and FFA, our gold standard extra-curricular activities are some of the most highly honored across the state. We believe that active learning produces active leaders.

Curriculum
Our gold-standard extends to academic programs like IB, AP and Project Lead the Way that elevate our standing in Montana and the nation. These programs receive no direct funding outside of local levies. Healthy curriculum means replacing materials every 5-7 years. We have instructional materials that are decades old and need replacement and innovation.

Individualized Learning/Technical Education
Linderman Education Center and the Agriculture Education Center support important alternative and direct trades learning for more than 300 students from both high schools, and require resource, staff and maintenance improvements.

Safety and Security
Safety and security funding includes school resource officers and other facility upgrades to keep our students safe.

How do I vote?
Ballots mailed week of April 22. Please VOTE AND RETURN BY MAIL.
-OR-
Hand-deliver your ballot to the school district office at 233 First Avenue East.

All ballots must be received by 8 PM on May 7.

Are you a REGISTERED VOTER?
Late voter registration is available up to May 7.
Contact Flathead County Election Office at: 406.758.5535

PLEASE VOTE!
Ballots mailed APRIL 22

COST
$1.07 per month per $100,000 assessed home value

The last high school levy was passed in 2007.
Levy history and facts

2007 was the last time any high school levy passed for Kalispell. That’s when the first iPhone was introduced! Since then our schools have grown. We have added 333 students since 2007, which is the equivalent of a Montana class A high school (Flathead and Glacier are AA).

A local levy bridges the gap between state and federal funding for education and the actual costs to run a school district. Montana schools receive 80% of their funding from federal and state dollars; the remainder is raised through local levies.

Kalispell Public Schools ranks #7 out of 7 AA schools in maximum school funding and cost per student. Since 2007, Flathead and Glacier High Schools have operated at close to 10% under maximum budget and have not requested additional support from local taxpayers. This levy will bring KPS to approximately 97% of the maximum budget, while being fiscally responsible to local taxpayers and providing a quality education to our students.

How much will it cost me?

If you have a home valued at $100,000, you will pay approximately $1.07 per month or $12.84 per year.

This levy is for $1.2 million. The cost to you is based on the assessed property value of your home.

If you have a home valued at $275,000*, you will pay approximately $2.94 per month or $35 per year.

* $275,000 is the median priced home in the greater Kalispell area.

A note from the Superintendent

“Our Kids. Our Future.” That’s the motto of Kalispell Public Schools as we strive to provide our students the very best modern education while still staying connected to the needs and concerns of our growing Kalispell community.

We are indeed growing! In the past 12 years our high schools have grown by 333 students – that’s the size of a class A school (Glacier and Flathead are both AA schools). Due to this growth, our board of trustees has put forth a $1.2 million levy vote for our high school general fund.

This levy is being asked for to bridge the gap that exists between state and federal funding and the difference made up locally. It will fund technology upgrades, new textbooks and teaching materials, continued school safety and security, diverse academic and extra-curricular activities and continued resources for Linderman Education Center and the Agriculture Education Center.

With the passage of this levy, SD5 will avoid the need to cut $1.2 million from the high school general fund. This levy will maintain current staffing levels, resources, activities, diverse learning programs and school safety.

Please exercise your right to vote on May 7. Our team welcomes the opportunity to answer questions. Please contact us directly: 406.751.3434

Onward and Upward,
Mark Flatau, Superintendent

Please VOTE BY MAY 7 Kalispell Public Schools High School General Fund Levy