

Levy Task Force Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2015
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions:

The Methow Valley School District's current four-year Maintenance and Operations and Capital Projects - Technology Levies, representing over 25% of the district's annual operating budget are set to expire at the end of 2016. In the absence of the state fully funding basic education, the two local levies consistently supported by our community provide our students and staff with access to high quality educational programs, the routine maintenance and operations of our facilities, smaller class sizes, professional development, and current technologies that we would not have otherwise. The M&O alone funds the equivalent of 22 certificated staff members - nearly half of our certificated teaching staff.

Levy Task Force:

The MVSD's Levy Task Force's first of three scheduled meetings will take place this evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the MVES library. All meetings are open to the public. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- **October 22** - During the first meeting, the LTF will briefly revisit the district's vision for all students, examine the district's budget, highlighting its strategic investments, and participate in an interactive presentation describing how schools across the state (and more specifically, the Methow Valley) are funded in support of their educational programs, maintenance and operations, and technologies. Two documents (MV Schools: How Schools Are Funded 101 and a Definitions Sheet) will be shared with the LTF at tonight's meeting.
- **October 29** - During the second meeting, the LTF will receive a presentation from the Technology Committee, highlighting the accomplishments during the past four years. The will also receive a draft of the newly revised four-year (2016-2020) Technology Plan and its alignment to our district's vision. The Technology Committee will solicit feedback for possible revisions to the new four-year Technology Plan.
- **November 5** - During the third meeting, the LTF will discuss what they've learned and if ready, make a recommendation to the superintendent.
- **(November)** Once a recommendation is proposed, the superintendent, will share and solicit feedback from staff, community members, and the board school board.
- **December 9** - A final recommendation in the form of two resolutions (M&O Replacement Levy and Capital Projects - Technology Replacement Levy), if ready, would be presented to the board by the superintendent on December 9th, in advance of the December 11th filing date (assuming the recommendation by the LTF is to place the two measures on the ballot in February).

As with any process, the Levy Task Force, lead by co-chairs, Anne Andersen and Drew Simmons will make adjustments as they go...