

Exchange Summary

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What are your thoughts and questions about the proposed Supplemental Levy, which would provide \$25 million a year for district operations? What do you want to know about this proposal to feel well-informed to vote in the March 14, 2023, election?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



360
Participants



251
Thoughts



6,991
Ratings



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What are your roles in our school district community? Mark all that apply to you.



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Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
72%	(238)	Current Parent or Guardian
13%	(44)	Former Parent or Guardian
30%	(99)	Current District employee
4%	(14)	Former District employee
1%	(4)	Student age 18 or older
57%	(188)	Voter in our school district
58%	(191)	Property taxpayer in our school district

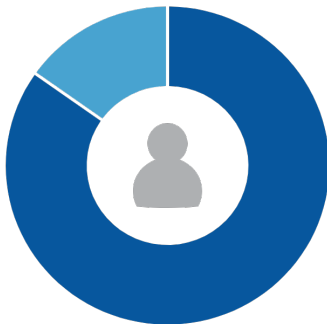



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What is your age range?



%		Answer
0%	(1)	18-25
85%	(277)	26-54
15%	(50)	55+



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Which of these social media apps do you use?



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Responses

%		Answer (Multi-select)
67%	(221)	Facebook
50%	(166)	Instagram
13%	(43)	Twitter
36%	(121)	YouTube
8%	(29)	Snapchat
14%	(49)	TikTok
17%	(58)	None of the above



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Top Rated





THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



Complete transparency on how the additional \$5 million will be used Some voters will feel like this money will be going into the pockets of high level administration and not into the schools.

4.1  (36 )
Ranked #1 of 251

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4.1  (36 )
Ranked #2 of 251

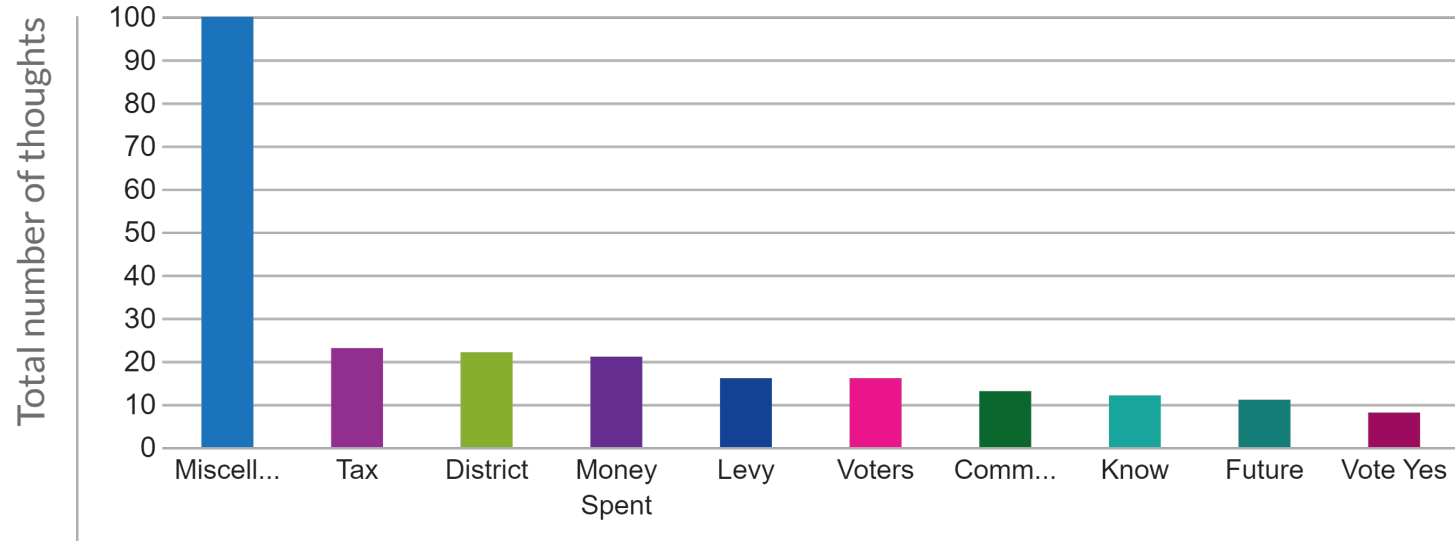
CDA area homeowners have been sharing lately that they can't afford taxes. Home assessments have increased and taxes to follow. They're anti levy. Its important because they think school levies will tax them out of affordability of living here. Better public education on the levy is needed.

4.1  (30 )
Ranked #3 of 251



KEYWORD THEMES

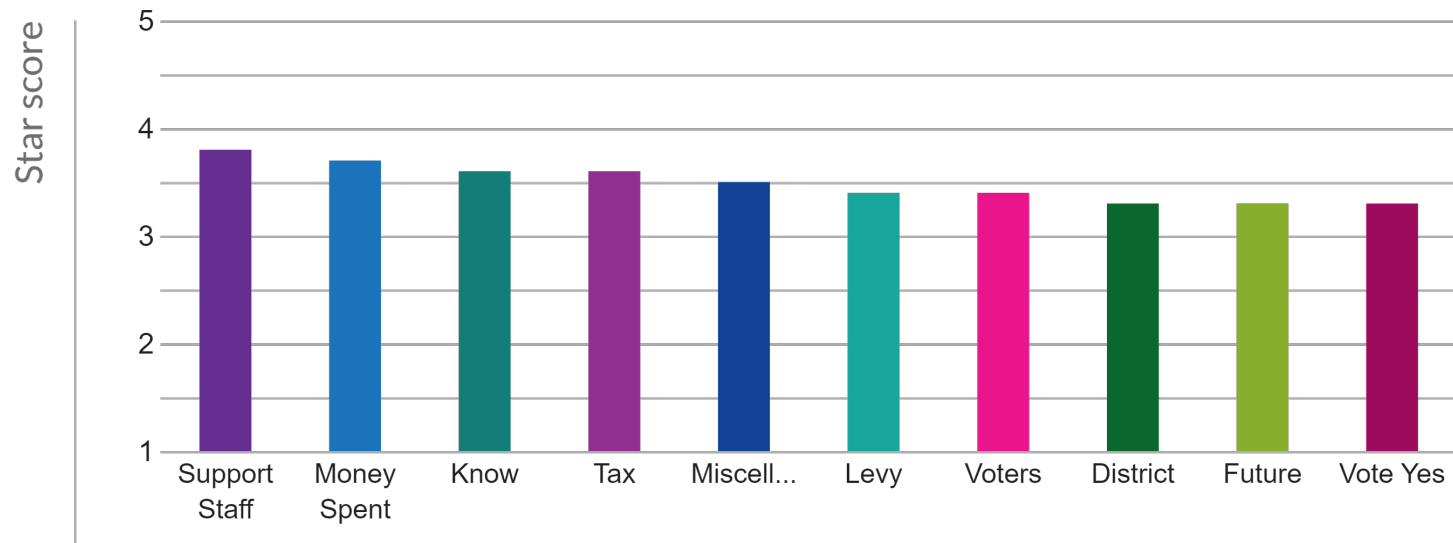
Top Themes by total thoughts





KEYWORD THEMES

Top Themes by star score





THOUGHTS

Support Staff



I would like to know how this will impact staff and students. Currently we have a shortage of support staff. This affects the safety and the students and increases the workload and availability of all staff.

3.9  (33 )

Where the money is being distributed Teachers and staff need to be supported especially in this era. Safety for our kids & staff is most important I would say.

3.8  (15 )

What are teacher and staff salaries currently? Will they get a raise from this levy?

Teachers and school staff deserve to make enough to support their families. Working in Washington pays a lot more for the same education jobs.

3.7  (30 )



THOUGHTS

Money Spent



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4.1 ★★★★★ (36 👤)

an additional \$5 million/year sounds like a lot when everyone is having to tighten their belt. What percentage would go to staff raises or new hires? Is the money being spent wisely? I would like to see exactly where the money is going. Is there plans for improvements to the buildings or just raises

4.0 ★★★★★ (36 👤)

Create a web page showing spending on projects in the district. Provide weekly/monthly spending updates on the site. Along with completed projects. This creates transparency to taxpayers. Rumors and hearsay are rampant on Nextdoor, Facebook and social media. This helps provide factual data.



4.0 ★★★★★ (34 👤)






THOUGHTS

Know



Would like to know why the increase from \$20M to \$25M. People will want to know why the increase and what it will be used for. 4.1  (28 )

Where will the funds go It is important to know how this large amount of money will be spent 3.9  (18 )

I want to know EXACTLY who is getting a raise and to what amount. Because transparency is important! 3.7  (36 )



THOUGHTS

Tax



CDA area homeowners have been sharing lately that they can't afford taxes. Home assessments have increased and taxes to follow. They're anti levy. Its important because they think school levies will tax them out of affordability of living here. Better public education on the levy is needed.

4.1 ★★★★★ (30 👤)

It seems unreasonable for administrators to receive a higher raise than teachers. I cannot support a levy to support this at this time. The cost of living increase has been a burden...especially for families and single-income households like myself.

3.8 ★★★★★ (35 👤)

I understand there's a need for wages and I support that but what about other costs, are they necessary, are they beneficial or just "a want"? Efficiency is key with spending. Are the dollars currently being paid by tax payers being used in the best manner? Are we thinking outside the box?

3.7 ★★★★★ (33 👤)



THOUGHTS

Miscellaneous



Necessary! Teaching cannot be driven by passion alone. There must also be a financial incentive. Those dedicated to our future deserve to be rewarded financially

4.0  (34 )

These funds are needed We need to keep increasing salaries for classified employees in order to keep them employed in our district.

4.0  (31 )

A "highly qualified" Sp Ed para, working with most challenging kids makes less than starting wage and McDonalds What does this say about our community?

3.9  (33 )



THOUGHTS Levy



What will the district lose if the levy does not pass? People need to know what is at stake if they chose to vote against the levy 4.0 ★★★★★ (35 👤)

If the proposed Levy does not pass, what does this mean for our students? And, for taxpayers, how much will this increase what they pay yearly? 3.9 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

How much of the supplemental levy will go to teacher salaries? 3.8 ★★★★★ (34 👤)



THOUGHTS Voters



Complete transparency on how the additional \$5 million will be used Some voters will feel like this money will be going into the pockets of high level administration and not into the schools.

4.1 ★★★★★ (36 👤)

Why the switch now from 2-year to perpetuity? Perpetuity is a big ask, so requires clear justification

4.1 ★★★★★ (27 👤)

If the district is asking families to pay more in taxes during historic cost of living increases, they should be radically transparent to voters. The private sector is undergoing massive operational changes across all industries due to the economic crises. Public sector must do the same.

4.0 ★★★★★ (35 👤)



THOUGHTS District



What would the hourly wage range look like for District employees if the levy was passed? Anyone can make \$17-\$20 / hour working at Target or Wal-Mart now. I realize the District probably offers better benefits and more hours, but still....

4.0 ★★★★★ (33 👤)

Will we be able to see how the 25 million is distributed within the district from teachers' salaries, extracurricular activities, and athletics. I feel there is a lack of accountability district-wide from curriculum to program funding. I would like to see how much \$ each area receives.

3.7 ★★★★★ (37 👤)

What is the school district's plan if the Supplemental Levy doesn't pass? This probably will affect school district employees. What will be the outcomes/consequences?

3.7 ★★★★★ (28 👤)



THOUGHTS Future



Specifically what the funds will be used for and why the district isn't going to the state for support. Education is our future 3.9 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

I think it's a great idea and important. I just want our schools to have access to the funds they need to provide the best possible education to our kids. 3.7 ★★★★★ (34 👤)

We need to keep our schools safe and it good working condition. Our kids futures rely upon it 3.7 ★★★★★ (34 👤)



THOUGHTS

Vote Yes

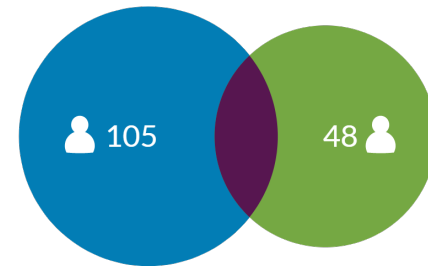


- Please stop making "feel good" videos about this levy** Nobody is going to vote yes for this levy if they think the money is going toward square dancing. We have legitimate problems that need addressing **4.0** ★★★★★ (27 👤)
- Yes yes yes to making our kids' day to day lives good! They deserve good teachers and teachers deserve to be well paid.** And education is so important to our community! **3.9** ★★★★★ (34 👤)
- Why not have this vote on Election day in November?** Everyone has busy schedules. It would be nice to do this on the same day we vote for everything else. **3.3** ★★★☆☆ (34 👤)



DIFFERENCES

Support These Levy | District and Money [105 | 48]



Side A

I already know I will vote to approve

★ 5.0 ★ 1.4

I am fully in support of doing whatever the district needs. I trust the district to use the funds wisely for the good of all students.

★ 4.7 ★ 1.3

Side A/B Common (high)

What will the district lose if the levy does not pass? People need to know what is at stake if they chose to vote against the levy

★ 4.6 ★ 3.7

Complete transparency on how the additional \$5 million will be used

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★ 3.7 ★ 4.6

Side B

"Dear voters: The CDA school district habitually runs about \$20 million over budget, and is asking you to continue to enable us." I would love to see the school district pretend that they understand the importance of responsible fiscal practices. No business could run that way.

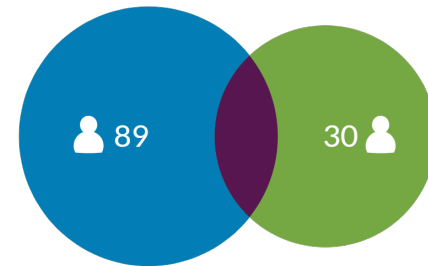
★ 1.1 ★ 4.7

How much did the school district get from the government for covid? What down to the penny have you spent it on? How about past levy's money? Be 100% transparent on who, what, where



DIFFERENCES

District Employees | Staff and Levy [89 | 30]



Side A

Necessary! Teaching cannot be driven by passion alone. There must also be a financial incentive. Those dedicated to our future deserve to be rewarded financially

★ 4.6 ★ 1.6

It's needed as cost of living is higher and employees need to be happy with their income to perform and feel valued at there job

★ 4.6 ★ 1.5

Side A/B Common (high)

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★ 4.2 ★ 4.3

an additional \$5 million/year sounds like a lot when everyone is having to tighten their belt. What percentage would go to staff raises or new hires?

Side B

Every time you propose a levy, you promise raises to the teachers and staff. It seems this is more about pay raises than helping our kids I'm voting no

★ 1.9 ★ 4.4

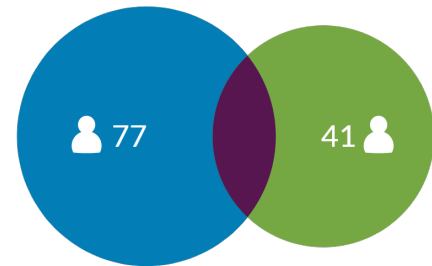
Give them all the money they require. BUT incentivize students to root out communism in class. If faculty or admins are caught using pro-communism tactics, fire them immediately.

★ 2.4 ★ 4.5



DIFFERENCES

Money and Know | Support [77 | 41]



Side A

Just because something has been approved every year since 1986 does mean it should be approved everytime..

With this mindset there already an expectation that it will pass, just because it has been for so many years. I want to know WHY the need.

★ 4.5 ★ 1.4

Where EXACTLY is the money going?

Itemized budgets for the public to view will help an honest cause.

★ 4.5 ★ 2.0

Side A/B Common (high)

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★ 4.4 ★ 3.5

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★ 3.9 ★ 4.6

Side B

I support this levy! I learned other states have teachers separating children into ethnic groups to show their ancestors used slavery and racism. CDA could learn that!

★ 1.5 ★ 4.0



WRAP UP Next Steps



Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.