The Coeur d’Alene School District will run a two-year supplemental Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Levy on March 10th. The levy is critical to providing students with quality educational opportunities. The levy allows the district to maintain essential school services and basic education needs not supported by state and federal funding.

- School Resource Officers for safety
- Student transportation beyond state minimum
- Athletics, music, performing arts & extra-curricular activities
- Para professionals & staff who support student learning to buffer the increase in classroom size
- Advanced academic support for high achievers & remediation for struggling students
- Computer/Technology replacements & upgrades
- Maintenance, grounds keeping & repair of our 16 school buildings & district facilities

Our schools rely on local support to fund essential programs and services.

1 out of 5 dollars the district spends educating our students comes from the local levy (approximately 20% of the district’s general fund budget).

How will the levy impact your taxes?

- Taxes are based on market values, which change each year. Using current market values, the average homeowner will see an increase of approximately $2.58/month or $30.96/year (see example on back).
- The Board of Trustees approved a levy increase of $2.1M for the March ballot to purchase new curriculum materials/textbooks for students and reduce class sizes.
- The current authorized M&O Levy is $12,866,762 (expires June 2015).
- The School Board is asking voters to approve a $15M M&O Levy for two years.

Why does the district ask for money from the taxpayer every two years?

By state law, M&O Levies can be approved for only two years before expiring. The district must go back to the voters every two years for a renewal of the local levy.
IS THIS THE RIGHT TIME TO BE ASKING THE COMMUNITY FOR FUNDING?
Reliance on the levy has changed. What was once supplemental is now essential funding due to the need to fill the gaps created by significant cuts from the state and loss of one-time federal dollars.

The school district has earned strong community support and the public’s trust through a 25+ year relationship of supporting local M&O levies (M&O levies have passed every two years except for 1984).

Our Trustees do not want to place any additional economic burden on our taxpayers but acknowledge that local financial support is the only way to ensure our students continue to receive a quality education in a safe environment.

PROJECTED COSTS FOR THE AVERAGE PROPERTY TAXPAYER?

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$200,000 taxable assessed value (Less 2015 Homeowner’s Exemption of $89,580) = $110,420 (Tax Assessed Value)

Potential Increase to Average Property Taxes: $2.58/month
$30.96/year

HOW ARE WE DOING?

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND EXCELLENCE
Our teachers regularly monitor student progress to identify both areas of growth and struggle, with the goal of preparing students to be confident on state and local assessments. Coeur d’Alene School District students continue to outperform peers on the Idaho Reading Indicator, the SAT and the ACT.

OUTPERFORMING THE STATE
Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results indicate that Coeur d’Alene School District students continue to score above state averages. Specifically, our district has outscored all other large districts in Idaho on the ISAT, every year since 2011.

PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE – COLLEGE AND CAREER
The Coeur d’Alene School District’s graduation rate has increased by 16% over the last 10 years, with a 93% graduation rate district-wide for 2013. Students in District 271 attend college at a greater rate than both the state and nation. District graduates have a lesser college dropout rate than both the state and nation.

Comments or questions? We encourage you to contact Superintendent Matt Handelman at info@cdaschools.org or by calling the district office at 208.664.8241.

For more information about the March 10th M&O Levy Election:
Visit the district’s website at www.cdaschools.org

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