



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Study Meeting - 5:30 PM
October 3, 2023
364 S Park St
Walla Walla, WA 99362

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE: Pursuant to Board Policy 1400, written public comment for this meeting will be accepted until 12:00 noon the day of the meeting. Comments are to be submitted to sgolden@wwps.org or Susie Golden, 364 S. Park Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Individuals with disabilities and those individuals who may have difficulty attending a board meeting due to issues such as mobility limitations may contact the superintendent’s office at 509-526-6715 no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so the district can arrange for them to participate.

Spanish Agenda / Agenda Española: <https://www.wwps.org/district/information/school-board/board-meeting-schedule>

I. CALL TO ORDER: (5:30 p.m.) *Derek Sarley*

II. FLAG SALUTE: *Kathy Mulkerin*

III. ROLL CALL:

- Derek Sarley, President
- Kathy Mulkerin, Vice President
- Ruth Ladderud
- Eric Rindal
- Terri Trick
- Hailey Thrall, Student Board Representative

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Derek Sarley*

V. CONSENT AGENDA: *Derek Sarley*

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VI. STUDY ITEMS: (5:35 p.m.) *Derek Sarley*

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VII. ADJOURNMENT: (7:00 p.m.) *Derek Sarley*



PERSONNEL REPORT

October 3, 2023 – Board Meeting

Date: September 28, 2023

EMPLOYMENT

Certificated: Amy Wells, Health Clinician (RN), Edison Elementary School, Green Park Elementary School, Garrison Middle School, WWCCF

Classified: Alma Arceo de Pena, Kitchen Assistant, Edison Elementary School
Benjamin Fork, Bus Driver, SE Washington Transportation Co-Op
Shaela Hetterley, Para-Educator, Sharpstein Elementary School
Tania Leon, Kitchen Assistant, Walla Walla High School
Tracy Watts, Kitchen Assistant, WWCCF
Shawna Woolcutt, Kitchen Assistant, Green Park Elementary School

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Certificated: Kenneth Smith, Math Teacher, Opportunity, 11 years

Classified: David Hardesty, Bus Driver, SE Washington Transportation Co-Op, 7 years

NON-ATHLETIC EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS 2023-2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
John Avery	PI	Guiding Coalition Team
Mike Bertram	GA	E-Sports
Grace Fritzke	W	E-Sports
Lucy Gregoire	GP	Guiding Coalition Team
Nathan Paine	LI	E-Sports

Date: September 28, 2023
To: The Board of Education
From: Chris Gardea
RE: 2023-24 Annual Request for Approval of Teachers:
• Assigned Out of Endorsement Area

We are requesting your annual approval of the following staff who are teaching subject(s) out of their endorsement area (WAC 181-82-110).

Out of Endorsement:

Name	Location	Course(s) taught Out of Endorsement
Kelsee Anderson	Opportunity	Art
Maria Green	Walla Walla Online	French, German, Spanish
Spencer Hessler	Lincoln	Anatomy
Daniel Mears	JJC	English, Math, Science, Social Studies
Zoe White	Lincoln	Drama

Thank you for your consideration.

CG/jh

WARRANT SUMMARY

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. Those payments have been recorded on this listing which has been made available to the board.

As of October 3rd, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and described as follow:

Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Fund	Warrant Number	Amount
		General Fund		
10/3/2023	230326	Through	230476	\$ 929,493.18
10/3/2023	23240057	Wire Transfer	232400078	\$ 4,123.01

		Capital Projects		
10/3/2023	230014	Through	230015	\$ 13,499.24
		Wire Transfer		

		ASB		
10/3/2023	230025	Through	230029	\$ 5,493.24
		Wire Transfer		

		Transportation Vehicle		
		Through		
		Wire Transfer		

		Payroll		
9/29/2023	230276	Through	230325	\$ 2,117,992.41
9/29/2023	1400001	Wire Transfer	1400946	\$ 3,194,696.61
9/29/2023	NA	Payroll Taxes	NA	\$ 1,081,573.76

TOTAL:	\$ 7,346,871.45
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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD:

Derek Sarley

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent



RESOLUTION #11-2023
October 3, 2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT IN JUUL LITIGATION

WHEREAS, Walla Walla School District joined a multi-district litigation against JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; Riaz Valani; Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc., (the “Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants (as defined below) have previously reached a tentative agreement to settle the matters in dispute, and now the Altria Defendants (as defined below) have also reached a tentative agreement to settle the matters in dispute (“Settlement Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants include JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; and Riaz Valani; while the Altria Defendants include Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement with the Altria Defendants has been presented to the Board for final approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after consideration of all factors, has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to approve the Settlement Agreement with the Altria Defendants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and will take all necessary steps to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.

WALLA WALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
Walla Walla County, Washington

Derek Sarley, School Board President

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors October 3, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting/Executive Session – 4:30 p.m.
September 18, 2023
WWPS Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

The Board of Directors met in executive session on September 18 at 4:30 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee. All board members were present. The executive session concluded at 5:30 p.m. and was not open to the public.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on October 3, 2023.

APPROVED:

Derek Sarley
School Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
September 19, 2023
WWPS Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Derek Sarley, President
Kathy Mulkerin, Vice President
Ruth Ladderud
Eric Rindal
Terri Trick
Hailey Thrall, Student Board
Representative

ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
Chris Gardea, Assistant Superintendent
Christy Krutulis, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
Janette Jeffris, Director of Fiscal Services
Barb Casey, Director of Special Education
Dr. Julie Perron, Director of Equity & Dual Programs

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 65 were in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the administration building Anne Golden Boardroom at 5:30 p.m. by President Derek Sarley.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance was led Director Terri Trick.

III. ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Eric Rindal and seconded by Terri Trick to approve the agenda as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ruth Ladderud and seconded by Kathy Mulkerin to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1) personnel report; 2) extracurricular athletic contracts; 3) non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts; 4) September 19 accounts payable; 5) June & July financial reports; 6) August financial report; 7) resolution 10-2023 – Transfer of ESSER III Funds from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and 8) regular study meeting minutes of September 5, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL PROGRAMS/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

National FFA Conference & Fair Update: Walla Walla High School FFA Advisor Jessica Johnson provided an update on this year's National FFA Convention and results from the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days.

VII. ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

ASB President Finley Reed reported on student activities at Walla Walla High School.

VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Public comment was received by 11 individuals.

IX. REPORTS

Board of Directors Report: The Board members shared of events and activities in which they participated or attended since the last Board meeting. This included visiting the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days student exhibits, attending the all staff back to school meeting, greeting students on the first day of school, participating in Washington State School Directors Association committees, attending the upcoming WSSDA General Assembly, and noting National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith commended Director of Communications Mark Higgins for staffing the district's fair booth and for being a great ambassador for our school district in helping to engage with the community. Dr. Smith also thanked FFA Advisor Jessica Johnson, Dr. Peggy Payne and others for their leadership with the FFA program, as well as Wa-Hi ASB Advisor Shayna Hutchens for her leadership of the Into the Blue event for 9th grade students, which is free to students thanks to funding by the Walla Walla Public Schools Foundation. Dr. Smith noted September enrollment is 5254 FTE.

Strategic Plan Strategies 9 and 10: Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning Christy Krutulic, Director of Special Education Barb Casey and Director of Equity & Dual Programs Dr. Julie Perron briefed board members on Vision 2030 progress for Strategic Initiatives 9 and 10. Goal 3 – Strategy 9: Ensuring a Culture of Support and Collective Accountability – In order to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment, all staff will implement PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) strategies, trauma-informed practices and building-level behavior plans with fidelity. Goal 4 – Strategy 10: Maximizing Family Engagement – Implement systems and opportunities to maximize family engagement with schools and each other. Promote family involvement in afterschool activities/extra-curricular experiences.

Monthly Financial Dashboard Report: Director of Fiscal Services Janette Jeffris provided a review of revenues, expenditures and ending fund balance.

Policy 5253 – Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries Second Reading: Superintendent Smith presented Policy 5253 for second reading.

X. ACTION ITEMS

Policy 5253 – Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries Second Reading: Motion by Kathy Mulkerin and seconded by Ruth Ladderud to approve policy 5253 as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Sarley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on October 3, 2023.

APPROVED:

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board
- Susie Golden, Recorder

Derek Sarley
School Board President



Capital Levy: Review of Community Survey and Next Steps

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COMPARABLE VS COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

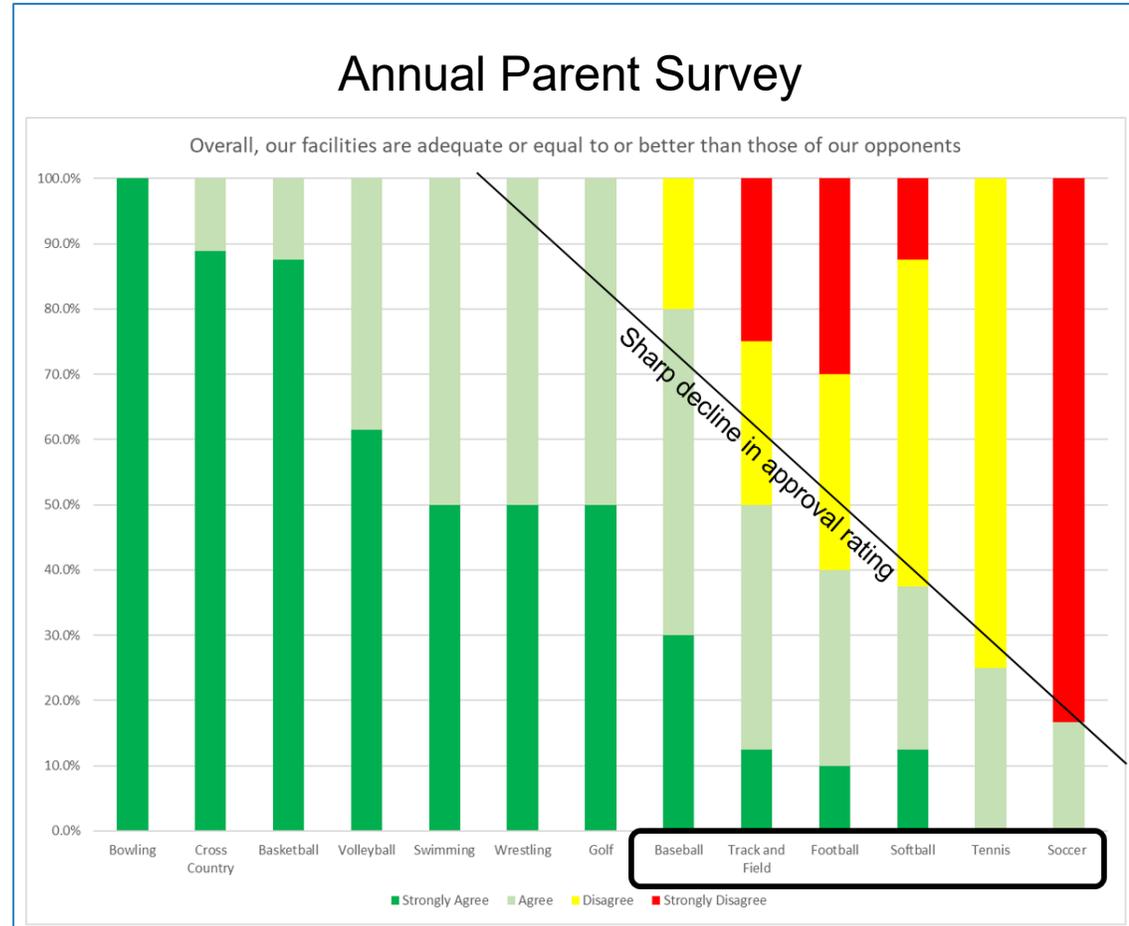


Walla Walla Public Schools

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

March 2023: Coaches & Parents Address the School Board

- Since 2019, WWPS coaches, advisors and staff have been meeting regularly to review current amenities, research league and regional facilities, review parent and athlete feedback and prioritize improvements necessary for student participants.



April 2023: Independent Athletic and Activity Community Advisory Group Formed

- 20-member Committee developed consisting of a broad cross section of parents, alumni, community and business leaders



Outdoor Athletic & Activity Facilities Committee Membership

Don Davis (Chair)

Andy Coleman (Vice-Chair)

Doug Hayes

Mark Thompson

Scott Shields

Mike Monahan

Julio Tapia

Phil Shivell

Stephenie Bowen

Scott Krivoshein

Lawson Knight

Stacy Bergevin

Dewight Hall

Tim Wooster

Denise Isenhower

Jaime Tiscareno

Kelly Belcher

Colby Burke

Robert King

Dean Lodmell, Volunteer Consultant



Core Committee Charge

1. Compare and contrast WWPS outdoor athletic and activity facilities to similar-sized schools in our athletic league/region
2. Research and report funding mechanisms utilized by league/regional schools
3. Provide pragmatic capital improvement solutions that attempt to deliver equitable and comparable outdoor athletic and activity facilities with similar-sized schools.

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Charge #1: Compare and contrast WWPS outdoor athletic and activity facilities to similar-sized schools in our athletic league/region



Multi-Purpose Facility								
SCHOOL	STADIUM LOCATIONS	BOND/LEVY FUNDED	LIGHTS	ARTIFICIAL TURF	BLEACHER CAPACITY	RESTROOMS	LOCKER ROOMS	CONCESSIONS
Hanford	High School + Fran Rish	✓	✓	✓	2,200	✓	✓	✓
Richland	Fran Rish	✓	✓	✓	9,000	✓	✓	✓
Kamiakin	High School + Lampson	✓	✓	✓	2,500	✓	✓	✓
Kennewick	High School + Lampson	✓	✓	✓	7,000	✓	✓	✓
Southridge	High School + Lampson	✓	✓	✓	7,000	✓	✓	✓
Pasco	Edgar Brown	✓	✓	✓	5,300	✓	✓	✓
Chiwana	High School + Edgar Brown	✓	✓	✓	5,300	✓	✓	✓
Hermiston	High School	Grant/Pvt Funds	✓	✓	2,500	✓	✓	✓
Walla Walla	Borleske (off-campus rental)	\$100K/yr op fee	✓	✗	2,000	✓	✗	✓

Baseball/Softball Facilities		
SCHOOL	BASEBALL LIGHTS	SOFTBALL LIGHTS
Hanford	✓	✓
Richland	✓	✓
Kamiakin	✓	✓
Kennewick	✓	✓
Southridge	✓	✓
Pasco	✓	✓
Chiwana	✓	✓
Hermiston	✓	✓
Walla Walla	✗	✗

Track Facilities					
SCHOOL	BOND/LEVY FUNDED	LIGHTS	SPECTATOR SEATING	RESTROOMS	ANNOUNCING/TIMING BOOTH
Hanford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kamiakin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kennewick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Southridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pasco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chiwana	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hermiston	Grant/Private Funds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walla Walla	Private Funds + District Basic Ed Funds	✗	✗	✗	✗

Soccer Facilities			
SCHOOL	ARTIFICIAL TURF COMPETITION FIELDS	BOND/LEVY FUNDED	LIGHTS
Hanford	✓	✓	✓
Richland	✓	✓	✓
Kamiakin	✓ (2 Turf Fields)	✓	✓
Kennewick	✓ (2 Turf Fields)	✓	✓
Southridge	✓	✓	✓
Pasco	✓	✓	✓
Chiwana	✓ (2 Turf Fields)	✓	✓
Hermiston	✓	✓	✓
Walla Walla	✗	✗	✗

Tennis Facilities				
SCHOOL	NUMBER OF COURTS	BOND/LEVY FUNDED	LIGHTS	BLEACHERS
Hanford	8	✓	✓	✓
Richland	8	✓		✓
Kamiakin	8	✓		✓
Kennewick	8	✓		
Southridge	8	✓	✓	✓
Pasco	8	✓	✓	✓
Chiwana	8	✓	✓	✓
Hermiston	4	✓	✓	✓
Walla Walla	5	✗	✗	✗



Charge #2: Research and report funding mechanisms utilized by league/regional schools

The primary funding mechanisms utilized by regional and league schools to make larger scale athletic improvements over the last two decades have been bond/levy funded improvements. The Committee found only one exception in Hermiston, where the Kennison Field Renovation Project was primarily paid for by grants, municipal donations and private fundraising in 2012

Primary Funding:

- Kennewick:
 - 2019, 2015, and 2009 Bond/levies
- Richland:
 - 2017, 2013 and 2003 Bond/levies
- Pasco
 - 2023, 2017 and 2005 Bond/levies
- Hermiston
 - 2019 Bond, 2012 Fundraising and 2008 Bonds



Charge #3: Provide pragmatic capital improvement solutions that attempt to deliver equitable and comparable outdoor athletic and activity facilities with similar-sized schools

OPTION 1 Comparable Plan

- Construct a multi-sport facility for football, soccer, track, PE and community use
- Install artificial turf and restroom/team room at the existing soccer field site to maximize field utilization and participation (JV field)
- Replace the failing 60-year-old original tennis courts at Wa-Hi
- Repair the 43-year-old Garrison MS tennis courts and resurface the 20-year-old track
- Install an all-weather track at Pioneer MS for athlete, school and community access
- Install low spill/low glare lighting on the varsity baseball and softball fields
- Construct a JROTC "Raider Obstacle Course" for student, first responder and community use

TOTAL COST **\$15,258,172**

Local/State Grants and Value from the

District's 1/3 share of Borleske \$950,000
 6 yr Levy @ \$0.38 \$14,275,947

TOTAL REVENUE **\$15,225,947**

OPTION 2 Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Plan addresses all of the core components in the Comparable Plan, in addition to providing:

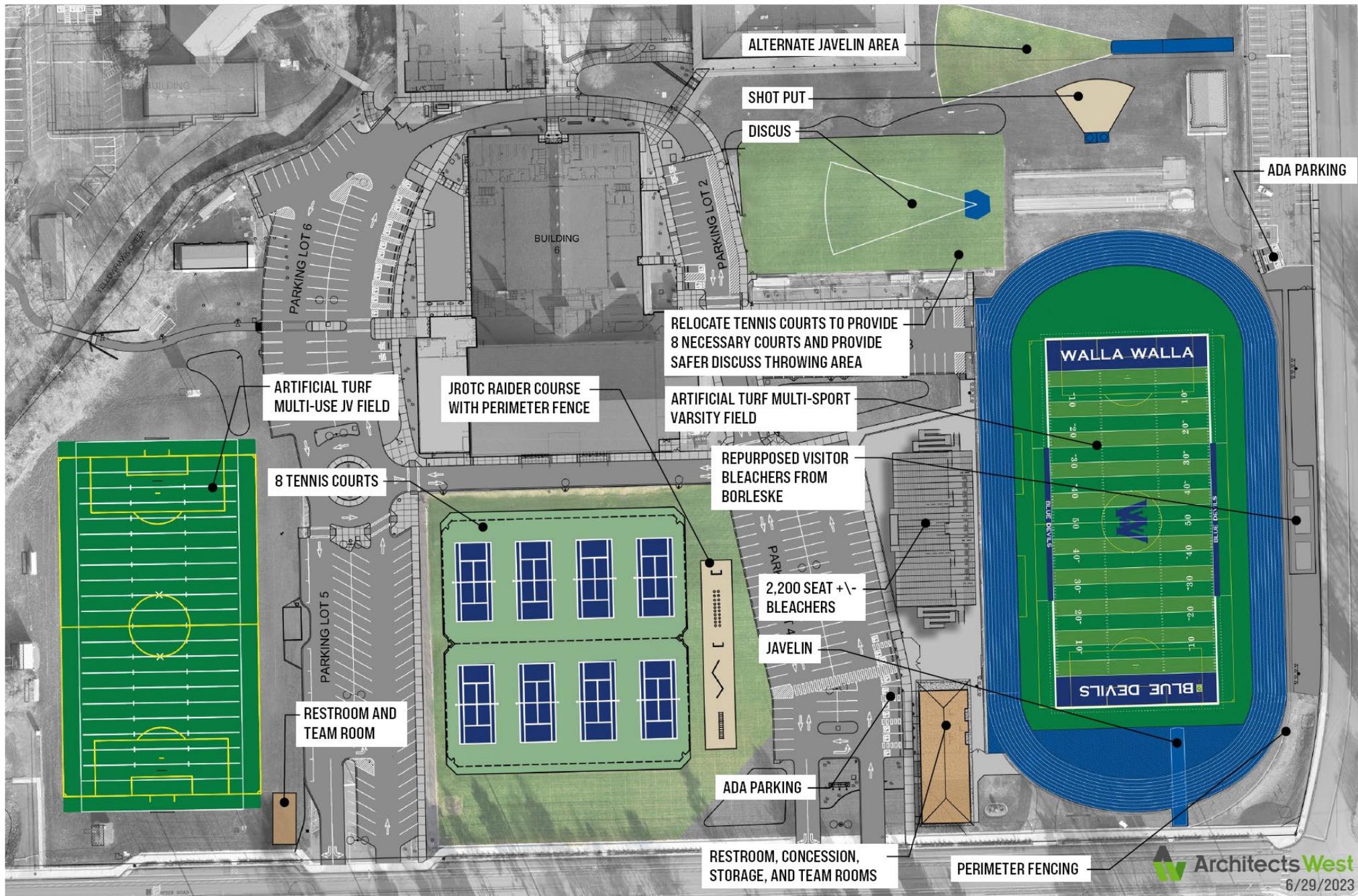
- Adds 800 additional seating capacity to the multi-sport facility (from 2,200 to 3,000 seats on home side), a larger announcers/press box (12X50) vs (8x24) with elevator access and includes a permanent structure under bleachers for equipment storage, a sports med/trainer room & gear room
- Installs low spill/low glare field lights on the JV multi-sport field
- Replaces the 55-year-old west tennis courts at Garrison MS (Cobain Courts)

TOTAL COST **\$19,425,968**

Local/State Grants and Value from the

District's 1/3 share of Borleske \$950,000
 6 yr Levy @ \$0.49 \$18,448,000

TOTAL REVENUE **\$19,398,000**





NEW 8 LANE RUBBER TRACK TO REPLACE GRAVEL TRACK

EXISTING FIELDS TO GET MODEST IMPROVEMENTS

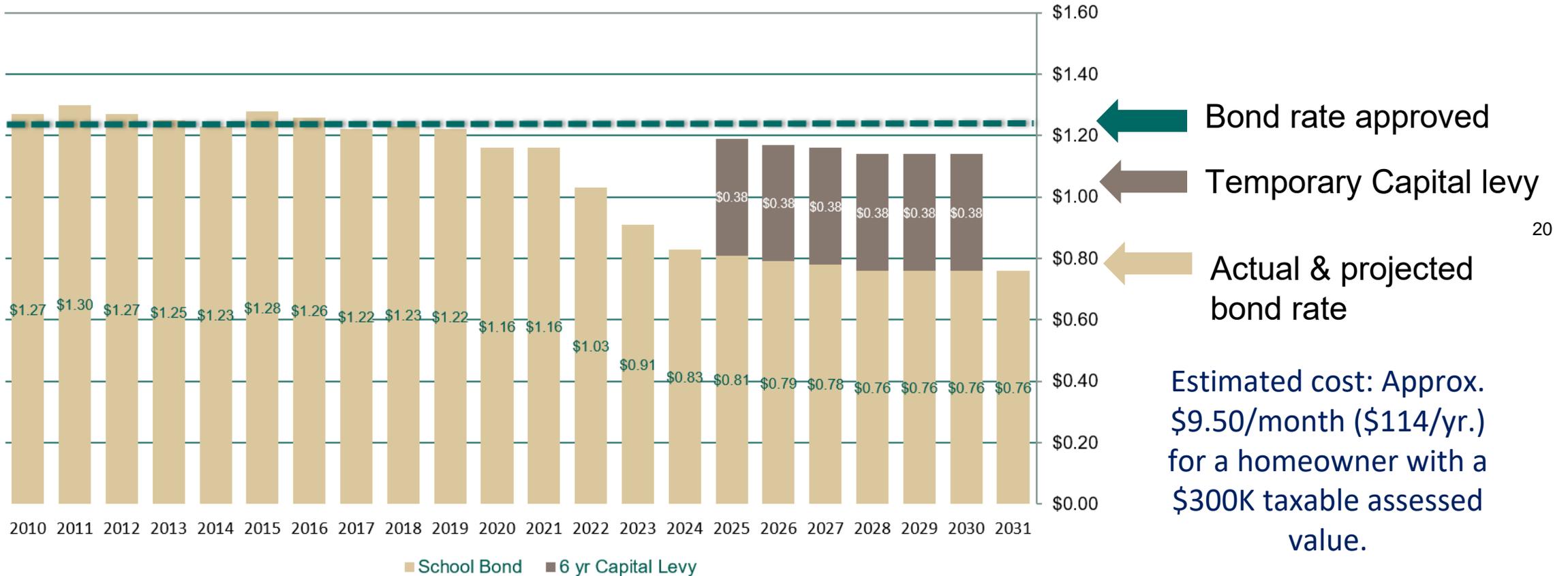
Committee Recommendation: “Comparable” or “Comprehensive” Plan

- Relies on a one-time short-term levy (at either 38 cents or 49 cents)
- Both deliver on core facility improvements over a 2 year construction window
- Projects completed by fall 2026

Proposed Schedule for Either Improvement Plan				
Improvements	Summer 2024	24-25 School Yr	25-26 School Yr	26-27 School Yr
General	Finalize Funding, Prep & Bids			
Pioneer Middle School		All-Weather Track & Minor Baseball/ Softball Improvements		
Garrison Middle School		Repair Tennis Courts & Resurface Track		
Wa-Hi Tennis		Construct Tennis Courts		
Wa-Hi Track		Construct Throwing Events Area		
Wa-Hi Multi-Use JV Field		Construct Bathrooms, Team Room & Install ArtificialTurf		
Wa-Hi Softball/ Baseball Lights		Grant Application (June 25 Award)	Install Lights	
Multi-Sport Facility		Finalize Contracts, Orders & Permitting	Construct Facility	Occupy Facility
Wa-Hi JROTC Raider Course		Construct JROTC Raider Course		

Comparable Plan

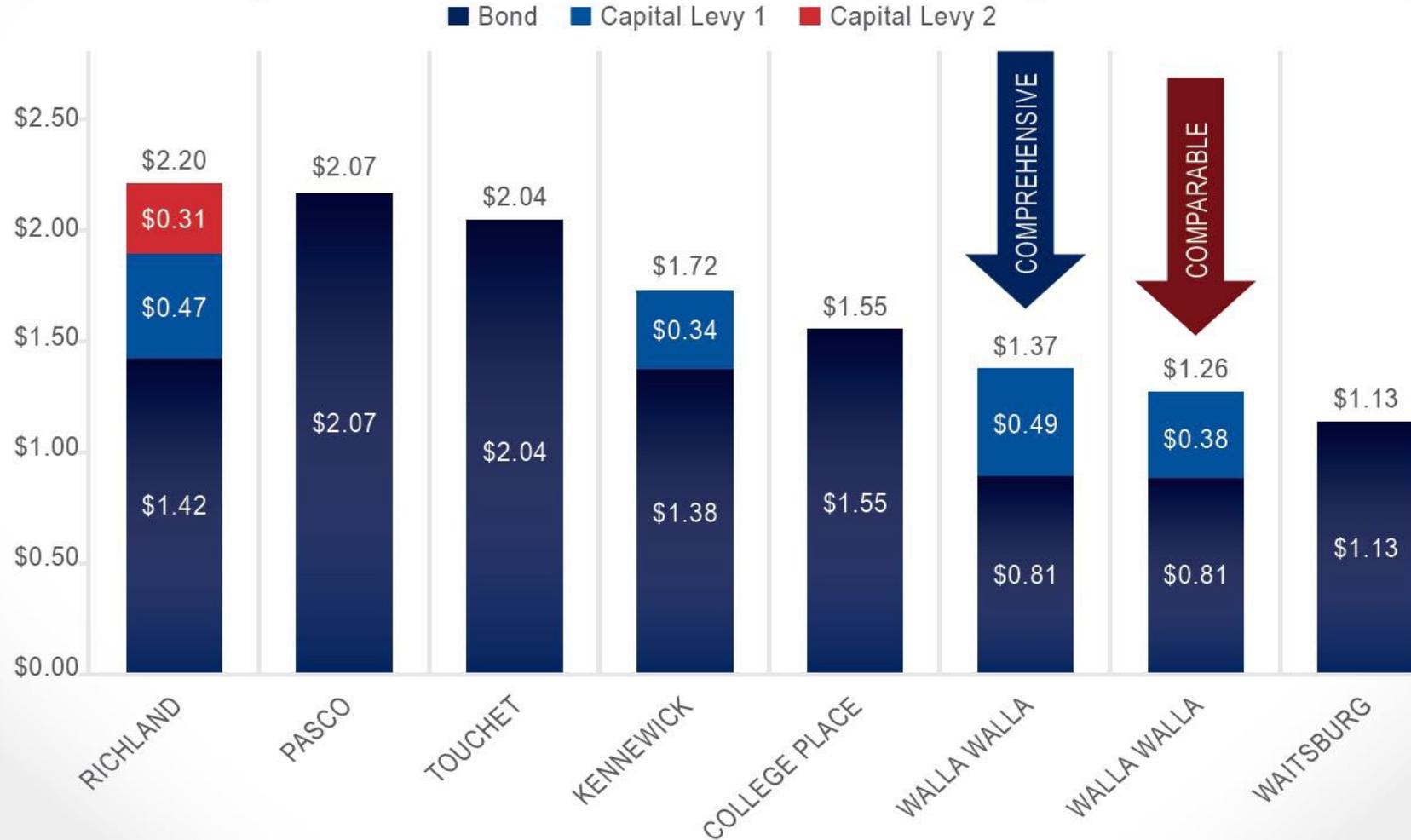
Temporarily recaptures amount approved by voters in 2018



Regional Tax Rate Comparisons

Taxpayers are still projected to maintain one of the region's lowest combined bond/capital levy rates

Projected 2025 Local Bond and Capital Levy Tax Rates



Committee Recommended Outreach

- Recommend district perform outreach and engagement to determine which of the two approaches (Comparable or Comprehensive) best meets community priorities
- Based on feedback, include either the Comparable or Comprehensive short-term capital levy plan on the February 2024 ballot to accompany the district's EP & O renewal levy.

**WE NEED
YOUR
INPUT!**

Please take time to review these options and share your feedback via a survey posted on the district ²² webpage.

www.wwps.org



June Thru September: Significant Community Engagement

- Community-wide Newsletter
- Service Club Presentations
- Key Communicators
- Chamber of Commerce
- Social Media
- Radio



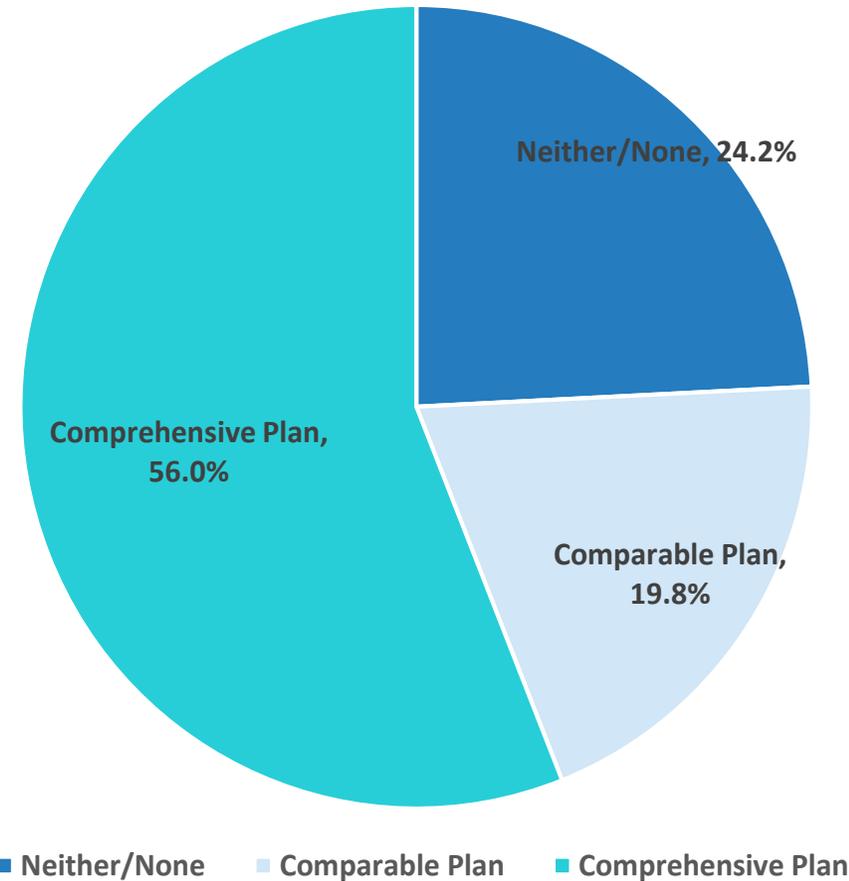
Community Priorities Survey

Administered: 8/1 through 9/27

Out of the two proposals offered by the committee, which do you feel best aligns with our community's priorities?

-298 Total Survey Respondents

76% of Respondents Recommended Either the Comprehensive or Comparable Plans



EP and O and Capital Levy Timeline

- October 3: Board Reviews Feedback
- October 24: Board Established Levy Rates
- October 25: Superintendent Files Required Pre-Ballot Approval With OSPI
- November 21: Board Adopts Resolutions
- November 22: Superintendent Files Resolutions W/County

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WSSDA General Assembly Position Discussion

- <https://wssda.org/about-us/permanent-and-legislative-positions/positions-catalog/>