



Mount Vernon Schools

Successful Learners Strengthening Our Community

February 2010 Levy Proposals



Replacement Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Levy

- Makes up approximately 16% of the district's total general fund budget
- Provides funding for:
 - Teachers
 - Support staff (nurses, counselors, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, security)
 - Facility maintenance
 - Programs for highly capable students
 - Art and music programs
 - Special education programs



Technology Levy

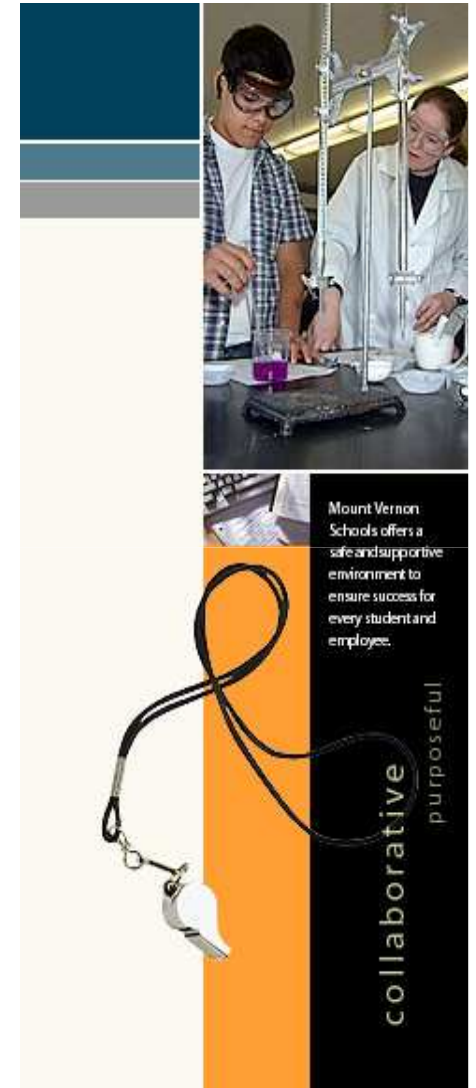
Providing teachers and students with increased access to software:

- Adding the equivalent of one computer lab per school
- Continue to replace aging student and teacher classroom equipment
- Providing needed training for staff



Replacement Levies: The Facts

- Two year duration (beginning Jan 2011)
- 2011 - 0% increase over current levies
- 2012 - 3% increase over 2011 levies
- Estimated rate = \$3.26/\$1,000 each year
 - \$0 increase over current levies
 - Assessed Value – 0% and 3% change
- Must be approved by a majority of voters



Total Estimated Costs

- 2010 levies = \$11,684,289 resulting in est. rate of \$3.26/\$1,000

2011 REPLACEMENT LEVIES		
	<u>LEVY AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
M&O	\$11,110,584	\$ 3.10
TECH	<u>\$573,705</u>	<u>\$ 0.16</u>
TOTAL	\$11,684,289	\$ 3.26

2012 REPLACEMENT LEVIES		
	<u>LEVY AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
M&O	\$11,676,713	\$ 3.17
TECH	<u>\$353,882</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>
TOTAL	\$12,030,595	\$ 3.26

The Importance of February's Levy Vote

- Over past 18 months, Washington has seen largest drop in revenue in recent memory.
- Last session, we closed \$9 billion shortfall through:
 - cuts to programs and services
 - use of Recovery Act funds
 - fund transfers, including Rainy Day Fund
- As revenue projections continue to decline, we will need to cut more to stay in balance.
- Reduction options are limited by constitutional and federal spending mandates. This will narrow our choices.

