

**Voter Approved Physical Plant
and Equipment
Levy
(PPEL)**

Election Date:

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Polls will be open from
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Poll Locations

**Sioux Center
Terrace View Event Center
230 St Andrews Way**

**SIoux CENTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

What is PPEL?

P-Physical

P-Plant and

E-Equipment

L-Levy

PPEL is the fund that school districts use to pay for facility/grounds maintenance and improvements.

Voting to renew the \$1.03 “Voter Approved” PPEL will generate approximately \$515,015 for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Sioux Center School Board has initiated the “Board Approved” PPEL at \$0.33 (per \$1,000 of taxable property valuation). The “Board Approved” PPEL will generate approximately \$165,005 for the 2016-2017 school year.

How will the school district use PPEL funds?

- **Buildings**-remodeling and renovation of space at all three school buildings
- **Maintenance**-roof, sidewalks, parking lots, painting, carpet, etc.
- **Purchase of equipment** in excess of \$500-buses, vehicles, maintenance equipment
- **Improvement** of grounds and roads
- **Safety and Security updates** to benefit our students and staff
- **Technology needs** (“Board Approved” PPEL)
- **Not** for salaries or activities



How will this affect my taxes?

The \$1.03 PPEL levy is **not a new tax**, but simply a renewal of an existing levy. This PPEL levy has actually prevented a tax increase for the Sioux Center Community by providing part of the funding for the recent projects at Kinsey, the Middle School, and the High School.

A portion of the Preschool Learning Center and most Joint Use Projects were covered by the Local Option One-Cent Sales Tax for School Infrastructure.

This Local Option One-Cent Sales Tax has helped keep your taxes below \$16.00 per \$1,000.

Between the PPEL and the Local Option One-Cent, your property taxes remain **about the same**.

Why does the school district need the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)?

PPEL is needed primarily to protect the investment already made in our facilities. If improvements, repairs and maintenance are not done when needed, they become more expensive later. The school district maintains:

- Preschool Learning Center
- Kinsey Elementary
- Sioux Center Middle School
- Sioux Center High School
- a transportation facility
- playground areas
- parking lots
- driveways and sidewalks

The District also partners with the City of Sioux Center and Dordt College in improving and upgrading **Joint Use projects like Open Space Athletic Complex and Te Paske Theater**.

The PPEL fund is vital to the upkeep of the district’s existing facilities and to keep the transportation fleet current.

How does our school district's total property tax levy rate compare with area school districts?

<u>School</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Boyden-Hull	\$14.16
Central Lyon	\$13.31
Cherokee	\$12.78
Emmetsburg	\$12.04
Estherville-Lincoln	\$16.59
George-Little Rock	\$12.13
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	\$11.85
Le Mars	\$11.96
Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn	\$9.50
MOC-Floyd Valley	\$10.23
Rock Valley	\$14.42
Sheldon	\$14.18
Sibley-Ocheyedan	\$11.98
Sioux Center w/ ASC	\$15.91
Sioux Center w/o ASC	\$15.56
South O'Brien	\$11.73
Spencer	\$14.56
Spirit Lake	\$7.67
Storm Lake	\$15.26
West Lyon	\$10.01
West Sioux	\$16.37



(This information brochure has been reviewed by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board for compliance with campaign laws)

Can PPEL funds be used for staff salaries?

NO. The Code of Iowa prohibits the use of PPEL revenue for salaries.