

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE

**A STATEMENT AS TO WHY THE 15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED**

The District currently receives funding from a 15% M&O (maintenance and operations) override. This override was approved by voters in 2013.

The Governing Board of the District called for a special budget override election to be held on November 6, 2018, requesting voter authorization to continue the Maintenance and Operation override in order to fund existing programs. Such budget override will be in effect for a period of seven years. The continuation of the override authorized by this election shall be funded from a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the District.

With voter approval to continue the override, it is estimated that the total amount of the override for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be \$19,342,879. If the override is not approved, the existing 15% override will begin to phase down by one-third each year beginning in 2019-2020 and be completely gone in 2021-2022.

The estimated tax rate needed to fund the full override is \$1.49 based on recent assessed value trends. The estimated cost to an owner of a home with a limited property value of \$114,240 (the average value of a home in the District) would be approximately \$170 per year.

The 15% Maintenance and Operations budget override would continue to fund programs currently serving District students. This override supports the District's efforts to help maintain present levels of service in all Maintenance and Operations programs, including:

- Continuing to provide full-day academic programs for kindergarten students;
- Continuing to provide comprehensive services for students who require intervention to succeed academically;
- Continuing to provide enhanced programs for students in art, music (general and instrumental), and physical education;
- Continuing to provide choices for parents regarding special programs (e.g. Gifted) and specialized school settings (e.g. traditional school, Cardinals Preparatory Academy).
- Providing opportunities for WESD to add teachers or additional support in classrooms when enrollment exceeds classroom maximums;
- Assisting with maintaining competitive salaries to attract and retain qualified instructional staff.

WESD has consistently operated within all approved budget limits each fiscal year, including the override authority previously given.