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Voters Approve Supplemental Levy for BCSD

HAILEY, ID — Blaine County School District voters have approved a supplemental levy on the ballot during the November 4 election.

Preliminary results show the measure passed with 4,791 votes in favor (66.2 percent) and 2,439 opposed. The measure required approval of at least 50 percent to pass.

“Our community’s support for the supplemental levy is an investment in both the safety and future of our students,” said Superintendent Jim Foudy. “These funds will allow us to continue early learning opportunities and summer education programs, and make important upgrades to safety and security across all our schools. We are deeply grateful to our voters for their trust and commitment to providing every student with a secure and supportive place to learn.”

The approved levy will be in place from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, and will generate up to \$3.85 million. The funds will be allocated as follows:

- Special education expenses beyond reimbursement: \$1,784,654
- All-day kindergarten: \$721,000
- Preschool: \$561,545.70
- Summer school: \$345,050
- School resource officers: \$296,640
- Cyber security enhancements: \$141,110

The supplemental levy’s average estimated cost to property taxpayers within the district is \$16.33 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value.

Programming investments help BCSD remain a regional leader in education. Recent achievements include year-over-year increases in district reading and math scores, Carey High School receiving an Exemplary Achievement Award from the IHSA, and Wood River High School being recognized by U.S. News & World Report.

Supplemental levy funds may be used for staff salaries and benefits, student activities and programs, and other operational needs. This differs from the plant facilities levy approved by voters in 2022, which supports improvements and maintenance of existing buildings.

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