



GRANT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Grant Elementary Families,

As you consider the November 3 ballot, you may be wondering what the proposed 0.75% earned income tax could mean for your child's school.

For Grant Elementary, one of the planned permanent improvements is completing air conditioning throughout our building, something I know is important to students and staff alike.

The ballot measure would generate approximately \$14 million annually if approved, with about \$9.6 million supporting district operations and \$4.4 million dedicated to permanent improvements. In addition to the work at Grant, those funds would address districtwide needs such as security and safety, technology, buses, athletic facilities and playgrounds, roofs and HVAC systems, parking lots, sidewalks and ongoing facility upkeep.

The proposed tax is 0.75% of earned income, including wages, salaries, tips and other active income. It would not apply to Social Security benefits, pensions, capital gains, interest, dividends, or other passive income. For a resident with \$50,000 in earned income, the tax would be approximately \$375 per year, or \$31.25 per month, and would last for a continuous period of time.

The ballot issue also presents two possible paths for the district. If approved, Willoughby-Eastlake would maintain two high schools while continuing to look for ways to operate efficiently. If it is not approved, the district would move toward one high school and one middle school beginning in 2028-29, with staffing reductions to align with the smaller building footprint.

The Shared Vision of Willoughby-Eastlake Schools has not changed. What has changed is the financial environment in which the district must deliver it. The board placed this issue on the November ballot so the community can decide how the district responds.

For additional information, please visit weschools.org.

Sincerely,

Courtney Lausin
Grant Elementary School