

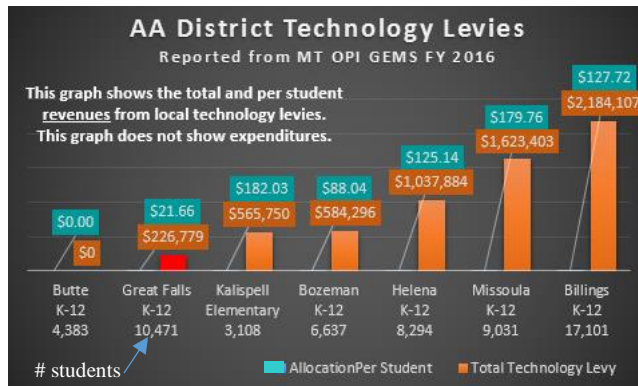
THE ASK: GFPS is requesting to replace a 2002 perpetual High School Technology Levy of \$75,000 with a 10-year \$500,000 levy to provide modern tech tools for students. This is a net increase of \$425,000.



THE HISTORY: 15 years ago, our community recognized the need to invest in technology. May 2002, voters approved perpetual tech levies for both districts:

- Elementary District - \$150,000
- High School District - \$ 75,000

Today, Great Falls is lagging behind other communities in available tech resources.



THE HOW: In March, the GFPS Trustees unanimously decided to ask voters to invest an additional \$425,000 in technology. They hesitantly recommended the tax increase given the generosity of the community in passing a \$98.8M bond levy for buildings and infrastructure in October, 2016.

THE WHAT: The \$500,000 high school technology levy will be used to pay for:

REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT \$325,000

- Desktop computers
- Laptop computers
- Printers
- Projectors & document cameras
- Servers, switches & wireless access points



PURCHASE OF NEW TECH TOOLS \$166,500



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT \$8,500



TOTAL \$500,000

THE WHY: The bond levy didn't include technology funding. We need to fix the buildings AND invest in technology to ensure students are prepared for the future.



HOW IT WORKS:

- If passed, the \$500,000 high school levy would replace the current \$75,000 levy for a net increase of \$425,000.
- If passed, it would end in 10 years.
- If it fails, the \$75,000 high school levy would continue.
- The elementary levy of \$150,000 continues either way.



HOW MUCH: Estimated tax increase on the \$425,000:
 \$100K home=\$4.65/year or 39¢/month
 \$150K home=\$6.99/year or 58¢/month
 \$200K home=\$9.32/year or 78¢/month
 To calculate the estimated cost for your property, go here:

www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/technology-levy

GFPS BELIEVES THAT TECHNOLOGY...

- Is a tool that supports our mission to successfully educate students to navigate their futures.
- Is an extension of students' current reality. It's an integral part of their daily lives.
- Engages students and promotes collaboration.
- Facilitates critical thinking skills and multi-dimensional problem solving.
- Prepares our students to be college, career, and citizenship ready in adapting and using technology for life.



**BALLOTS MAILED
TO REGISTERED
VOTERS:**

Monday, April 17

**BALLOTS DUE ON
ELECTION DAY:**

Tuesday, May 2



**Read the complete
GFPS Technology Plan
here: <http://bit.ly/2oq7r58>**

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017 TECHNOLOGY LEVY SUMMARY INFORMATION



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