

5 Year Levies Helping Fund Champion Schools

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Champion School District is supported by State and local funding. The State foundation provides funding dollars based on enrollment and the valuation of the district. Champion Schools receive about 52% of its operating budget from the State. The rest of the funding is provided through school tax levies.

Champion School Levies Voted on Every Five (5) Years

Type of Levy	Effective Millage Rate (1/09)	Date Initially Voted In	Dollars currently brought in by levy	Year levy is up for renewal	% of District's Operating Budget provided by the levy
Permanent Improvement*	.47	1976	\$122,791	11/2010	N/A ~ see below
Emergency Levy**	2.10	1987	\$380,189	11/2011	2.8%
Emergency Levy**	8.75	1994	\$1,655,168	11/2013	12.2%

*Permanent Improvement levies are restricted to use on improvements with 5 years or more "life" such as paving, boilers, heating/ventilation systems, roofs, sidewalks, technology equipment, to name a few. Each year the auditor evaluates the millage rate and adjusts it so the levy only generates the dollar amount it did when first passed. ~Permanent improvement can not be used for district operating costs.

** Emergency Levy – used for general operating costs, utilities, maintenance supplies. Each year the auditor evaluates the millage rate and adjusts the effective rate of the levy so the levy only generates the dollars it did when the levy first passed.