



Anacortes School District

Levy Discussion

Board Meeting – 11/19/09



- **Background Information on Tax Levy**
- **ASD Tax Facts - 2009**
- **ASD Historical Spending of Levy Funds**
- **2010 Levy**
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 - **Levy Considerations**
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 - **Board Discussion**
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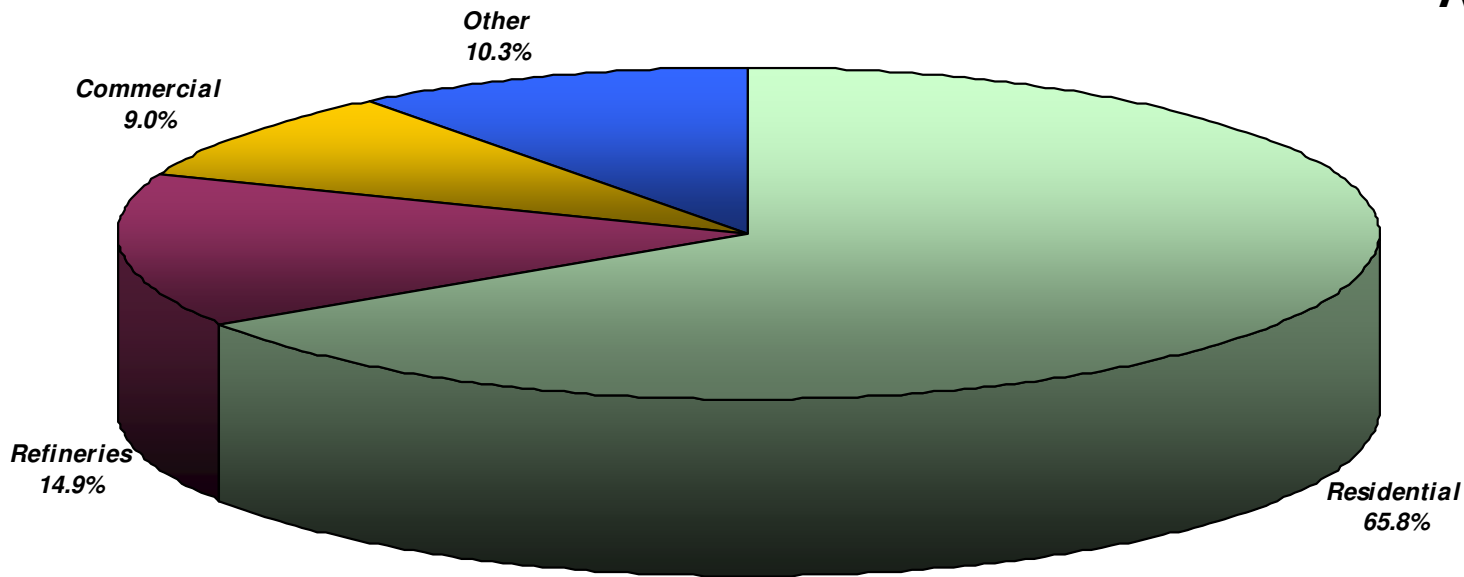
General Fund Property Tax Levy

- Used for Maintenance & Operations of the District (“Levy is for Learning”)
- A district is limited in the amount of Maintenance and Operations funds the public can authorize.
- Authority limit (“levy lid”) can generally be described as 24% of state and federal funds received in prior year (ASD is a grandfathered district with an authority limit of 30.54%)
- District can only assess tax in the amount approved, and an increase in the tax base does not increase the amount to be taxed without voter approval.
- **District can not levy more than authority even if voter approved.** (“levy rollback” – amount voter approved levy exceeds levy authority).



ASD – 2009 Tax Levy Details

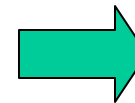
All properties in the ASD boundaries



Home Value = \$400,000

M&O Levy = \$1.3066/1000

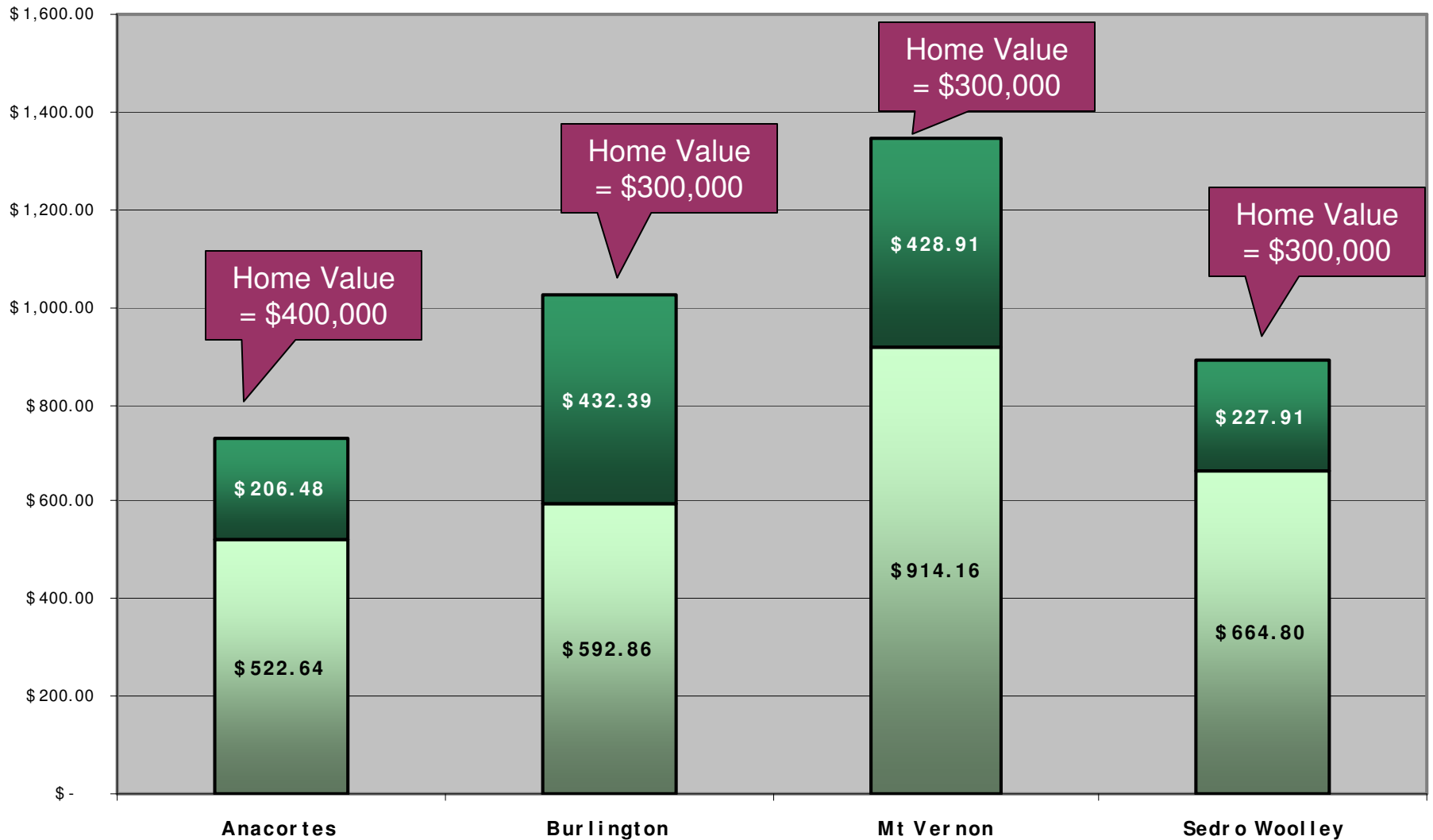
Bond Levy = \$0.5162/1000



Taxes = \$729.12

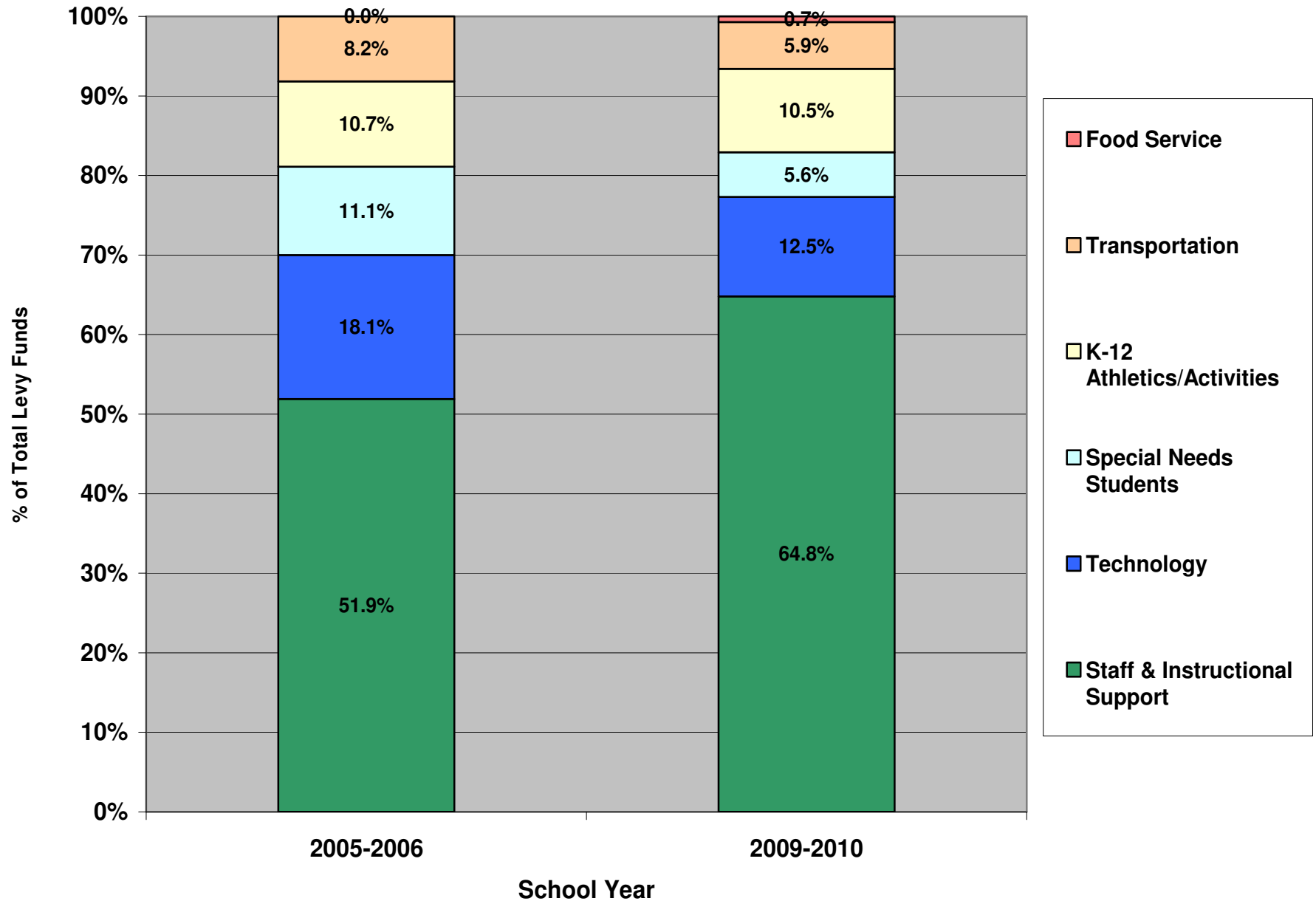


Skagit County - 2009 Property Tax Comparison





Evolving Split of Levy Dollars Spent



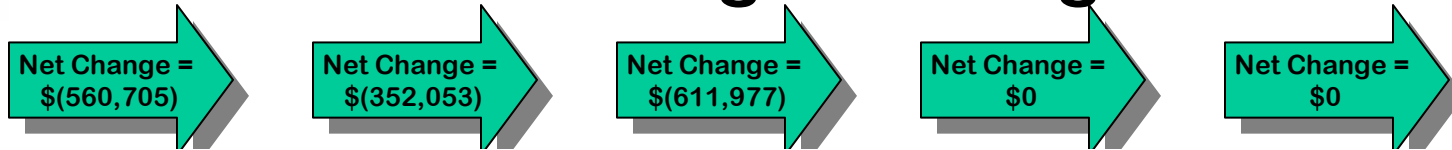


Levy Summary

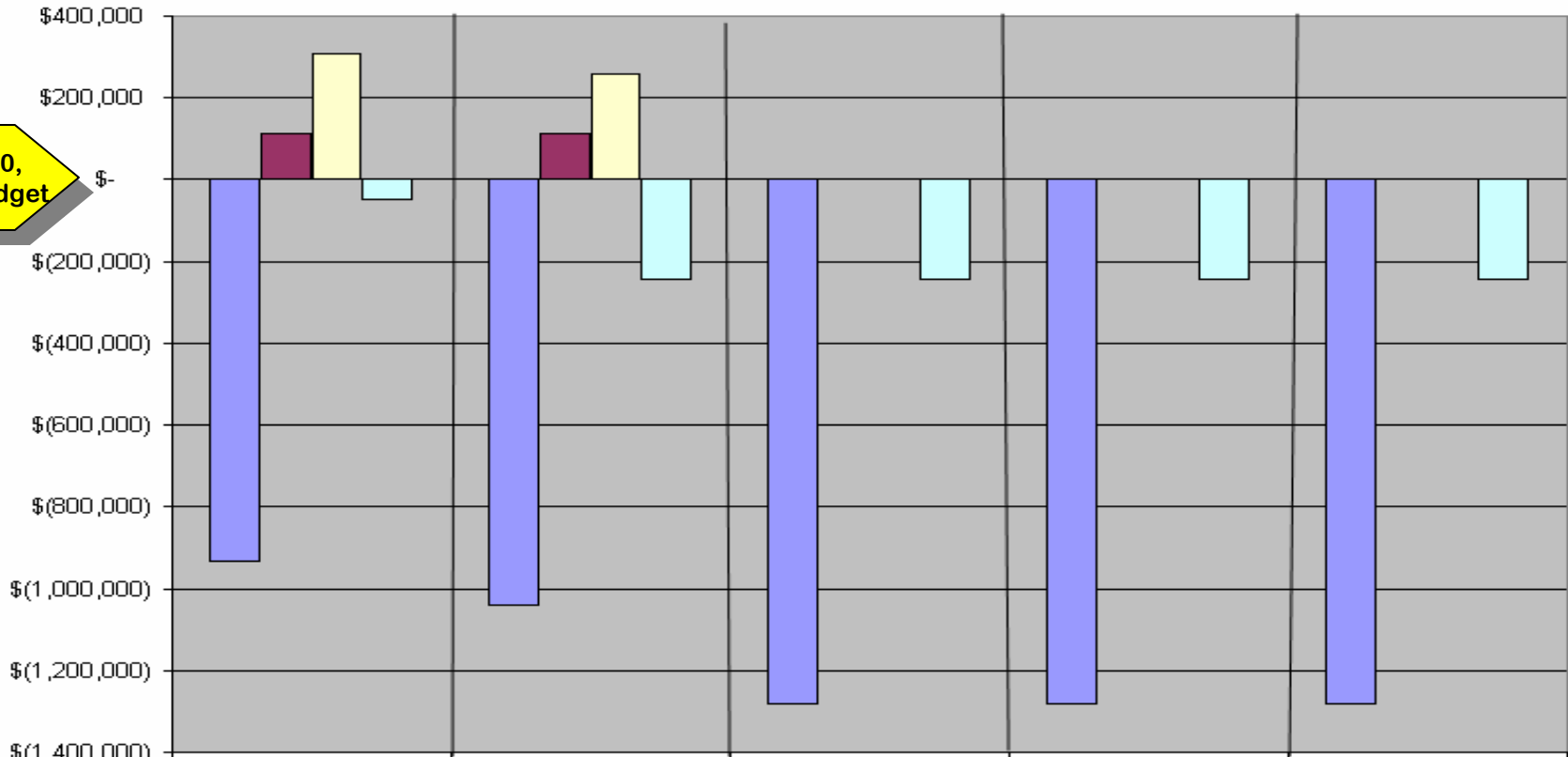
	2008	2009	2010
Levy Approved	6,371,000	6,834,000	7,333,000
Levy Assessed	6,371,000	6,834,000	6,870,447
Net Rollback	-	-	(462,553)



ASD – Funding Challenges **



Baseline = \$0,
2008-2009 Budget



	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Fiscal Stabiliation/I-728	\$(932,629)	\$(1,039,229)	\$(1,281,755)	\$(1,281,755)	\$(1,281,755)
Title I - ARRA	\$112,077	\$112,077	\$-	\$-	\$-
Special Ed - ARRA	\$306,847	\$257,394	\$-	\$-	\$-
Gates Grant	\$(47,000)	\$(243,000)	\$(243,000)	\$(243,000)	\$(243,000)

** Excludes enrollment related funding changes



Levy Length Considerations: 2-4 Year

2 Year

- + Can adjust future levy amounts for changes in legislative funding
 - Cost the taxpayers additional funds for election costs
 - Additional community and district staff time invested

4 Year

- + Provides a predictable funding source for district financial planning
 - District may not request approval of enough funds from taxpayers, with unknown state and federal funding impacts in the “later” years



Levy Amount Considerations

- **Replacement Levy Only**
- **Declining Enrollment**
- **Reduced State and Federal Funding Projected**
- **Current Economic Climate and Impact on Tax Payers**
- **Ability to Provide Quality Instructional Programs**



Superintendent Advisory Committee Discussions

- Replacement
- 4 Year Duration
- State/Federal funding not anticipated to “get better” in the near future

Superintendent Advisory Committee Members

Dean Maxwell	Roy Duncan	Tom Kuhn	Lori Gere	Vince Oliver
Peter Fleming	Steve Wilhoit	Sally Hill	Jim Ford	Marilyn Sollers
Don Sorensen	Jean Adrich	Bob Hyde	Jason Easton	Frank Higgins
Joe Schlundt	Pam Allen	Sue Krienen	John Prosser	Rick Yeomans
Kirk Kennedy	Mitch Everton	Densley Palmer	Sandra Russell	Larry Stevens
Mike Lytton	Lisa Matthews			



Superintendent Advisory Committee Survey Results

Statement: Based on our discussion and feedback from the advisory team, it was my belief that the group was advising the Superintendent to consider the following: *Go out for a four-year replacement levy that is equal to the current total levy amount.*

	Response Percentage	Response Count
Strongly Agree with this statement	78.6	11
Agree with this statement	21.4	3
Not Sure that is what I heard from the group	0	0
Disagree with this statement	0	0
Strongly Disagree with this statement	0	0



Levy Amounts

Year	Anacortes District Adjusted Value	Increase in Values	Levy Approved	Levy Assessed	Rate/ \$1,000	Levy as % of District Revenue
Historical						
2007	\$4,342,252,284	22.089%	\$5,939,000	\$5,939,000	1.3677	21.54%
2008	\$5,217,384,059	20.154%	\$6,371,000	\$6,371,000	1.2211	22.24%
2009	\$5,230,203,224	0.246%	\$6,834,000	\$6,834,000	1.3066	23.19%
2010 (Projected) @	\$4,821,990,601	-7.805%	\$7,333,000	\$6,870,447	1.4248	25.98%
4 Yr Total				\$26,014,447		

Proposed	**					
2011	\$4,896,990,601	1.555%	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	1.3927	tbd
2012	\$4,996,990,601	2.042%	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	1.3648	tbd
2013	\$5,121,990,601	2.502%	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	1.3315	tbd
2014	\$5,271,990,601	2.929%	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	1.2936	tbd
4 Yr Total				\$27,280,000		

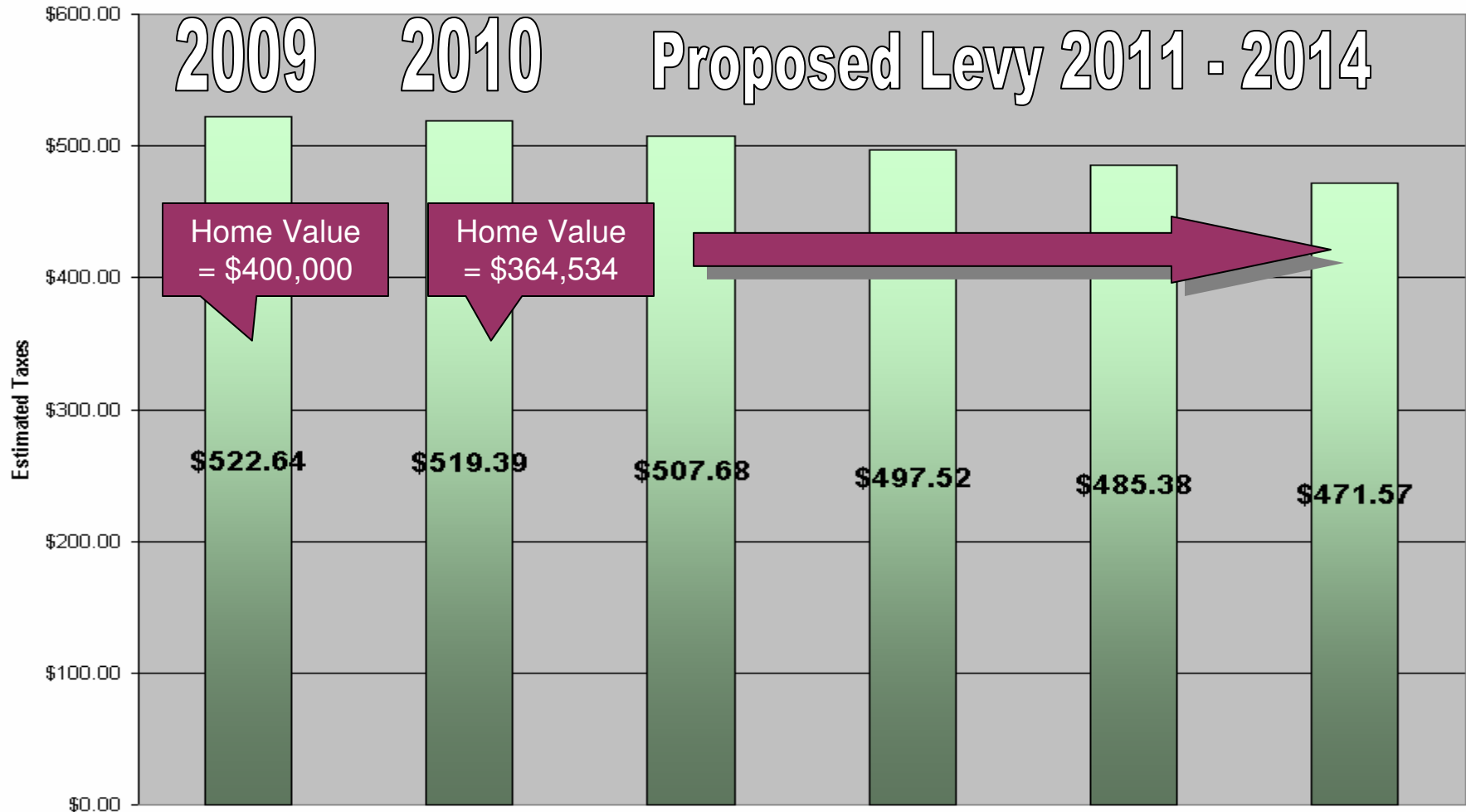
@ Based upon estimates currently available from the County Assessor

** Projected Assessed Values include 0% change in existing property, plus new construction estimates



ASD Proposed Levy

Estimated Impact on Taxpayers



Estimates based upon current information from County Assessors office, assumption for Levy Years is 0% change in existing base + increase for new construction each year.



Levy Amounts

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Levy Assessed	\$6,834,000	\$6,870,447	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000	\$6,820,000
Change in Levy Amount		\$ 36,447	\$ (50,447)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Levy/Student		3.17%	0.78%	1.52%	1.52%	1.52%
Change in Levy Rate		9.04%	-2.25%	-2.00%	-2.44%	-2.85%



Next Steps/Timeline for February 9, 2010 Election

Board Approves Levy Resolution

December 3, 2009

Resolution Filing Deadline

December 23, 2009

Approximate Date Ballots Mailed

January 22, 2010