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A New Era for Moses Lake Schools: Community's Support Paves the Way for Stability and Growth

Moses Lake, WA – Today, the Moses Lake School District celebrates a monumental victory for students: the successful passage of the 2025 Educational Programs and Operations Levy. This community-driven decision marks a turning point for our schools, proving that resilience, trust, and a shared vision for the future can overcome even the toughest challenges.

After a difficult year following the 2024 double levy failure compounded by financial hurdles, Moses Lake voters have spoken loud and clear: **EDUCATION MATTERS**, and investing in our students is investing in the future of our community. With this renewed support, the district is not just bouncing back—we are forging ahead, stronger and more committed than ever to providing a top-tier education for every student.

“This moment is about more than funding—it’s about our community standing together to say our kids deserve better,” said Superintendent Carol Lewis. “We’ve faced challenges, we’ve had tough conversations, and we’ve made changes to ensure accountability and transparency. This levy is proof that when we listen, adapt, and work together, we can achieve incredible things for our students.”

What This Means for Our Schools

The passage of this levy ensures vital programs and services continue to thrive, reinforcing our commitment to excellence in education. The funding will directly support:

- Academic Growth – Educators and support staff to help students thrive in the classroom.
- Athletics & Activities – A fully funded return of extracurricular programs by 2026-27, giving students opportunities to learn, lead, and compete.
- Maintenance & Custodial - Improving the day and night custodial care; increased ability to maintain facilities and grounds.
- Materials & Supplies - Increase classroom access to necessary materials, including supplies needed to provide the safe and orderly operation of our schools.
- Elementary Arts & Physical Education – Expanding programs to enrich the student experience from an early age.
- Safety & Security – Availability of school resource officers and health staff to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment.

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- Technology & Infrastructure – Instructional technology to prepare students for an increasingly digital world.

Rebuilding Trust, Ensuring Accountability

The challenges of 2024 forced the district to take a hard look at its financial management and community engagement. In response, we have implemented stronger oversight, transparency measures, and open lines of communication to ensure every dollar is spent responsibly. The passage of this levy is not just about funding—it’s about a renewed trust between the district and the community we serve.

“The trust of our community is something we will never take for granted,” Lewis continued. “We are committed to ongoing transparency, fiscal responsibility, and, most importantly, keeping students at the heart of every decision.”

Moving Forward Together

With this levy in place, the future of Moses Lake schools is brighter than ever. Over time, our students will receive the resources they need, our educators will have the tools to inspire, and our community will continue to grow stronger. This victory is not just about today—it’s about laying the foundation for years of success.

The Moses Lake School District extends its deepest gratitude to every voter, volunteer, and advocate who made this possible. Your support fuels our mission, and together, we are shaping a future where every child has the opportunity to succeed.

We exist to serve all students and the entire community, and we are committed to continually reaching out and building understanding with everyone, including those who voted against the levy.

For more information on how levy funds will be utilized and updates on district initiatives, visit www.mlsd161.org/levy.

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About Moses Lake School District:

The Moses Lake School District serves a diverse and dynamic community, providing comprehensive educational opportunities to over 8,300 students across multiple campuses. Committed to fostering a collaborative and innovative learning environment, the district emphasizes academic excellence, career and technical education, and inclusive practices that support all students in achieving their full potential.