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## Voter PPEL Information Sheet

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Iowa Falls Community School District will be asking for the eligible voters of the school district to re-approve the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) for a period of ten years. This levy must be approved every ten years by the community and this sheet will provide some information of what the PPEL is and is not used for. A simple majority (50% +1) is needed to approve this levy.

### Building Project/GO Bond

First, this is not a part of the GO Bond referendum vote that was held last March. While there are some projects that are funded using the Voter PPEL, it has nothing to do with the building project from last spring. This vote was going to happen this fall regardless of the outcome of the bond vote.

### Tax Rate

Voting YES for the PPEL Levy on September 14<sup>th</sup> will not result in an increase of your current tax rate. We currently have an approved Voter PPEL and we are asking for another ten-year extension of that rate. The board could have asked for up to \$1.34/thousand, but we are only asking to renew the current rate of \$0.67/thousand of assessed value.

### Purpose of PPEL

As the name indicates, the revenue generated from the Physical Plant and Equipment levy can only be spent on purchase/improvement of grounds, construction, purchase/lease of technology over \$500, repairs/remodels/expansion of school buildings, transportation equipment, or energy conservation. These funds cannot be used on salaries, staffing or curricular items.

### Impact of PPEL

The current Voter PPEL generates over \$300,000 a year for our school district. We use these funds to update classrooms, purchase vehicles, replace HVAC equipment and other expenses allowed by Iowa Code. If this measure would not pass, we would have significantly less money available for improvements and would operate in a "maintain what we have" mindset instead of creating a "progressive learning environment" mindset.

### Questions

The Iowa Falls Community School District is committed to providing a high-quality educational experience to all of our students. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Tony Neumann (info below).