

IMPORTANT New State School Levy Information

In 2017, the State Legislature passed Engrossed House Bill 2242, requiring the State to fully fund local schools. News outlets have reported widely on this new legislation, often referred to as the “McCleary Tax” in reference to the State Supreme Court case of *McCleary vs. Washington*. This legislation affects property tax bills for 2018 and future.

For 2018, the levy for Douglas County has increased from \$2.10 to \$2.82 (per \$1,000 value) to fund the State School portion of the property tax. For 2019, limitations on local school levies take effect that could result in reduced property tax obligations. In 2022, the state levy will return to a budget-based system.

On 2018 - 2021 tax statements, taxpayers will see the State School levy amounts broken into two (2) distribution line items. These will appear as:

STATE-SCHOOL PT 1

STATE-SCHOOL PT 2

The portion labeled “PT 1”, or Part 1, will function much like the original State School amount has in the past. “PT 2”, or Part 2, represents the additional amount due required by the new legislation.

For more information on this new tax, please visit the following links:

Department of Revenue – Funding Education

<https://dor.wa.gov/get-form-or-publication/publications-subject/tax-topics/funding-education>

Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction

<http://www.k12.wa.us/>

Washington State Legislature – Documentation for House Bill 2242

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2242&Year=2017>

Wenatchee World News Article and Tax Example

<https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2017/nov/11/ncw-assessors-the-mccleary-tax-is-coming/>

<https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2017/nov/11/imelda-and-brian-a-mccleary-tax-example/>