



# PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT LEVY

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**What is PPEL & what can these funds be used for?**

→ A voter-approved levy that generates funds a school district can use for infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases, and improvements and must be renewed every decade.

**Why is PPEL important to our district?**

→ The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is the main revenue source that supports infrastructure investments and equipment needs.

**Does PPEL change my property taxes?**

→ Linn-Mar currently has the \$1.34 voted PPEL levy in place through June of 2025. The District is asking for a continuation of this levy through June of 2035.

**How long has Linn-Mar had a voted PPEL?**

→ According to the Department of Management records that date back to 2003, Linn-Mar CSD has had a voted PPEL since then. It's possible it dates back previous to 2003 but we don't have records to confirm that.

**How many districts in Iowa have PPEL?**

→ 276 out of 325 districts in Iowa have a voted PPEL.

**Why is the school board requesting the voters to renew PPEL now?**

→ It is the main revenue source that supports infrastructure investments and equipment needs. The voted PPEL, by law, is good for a maximum period of 10 years and this levy, at Linn-Mar, will sunset in June of 2025 without it being approved by voters.

**What might happen if PPEL is not renewed? What "bucket" will maintenance come from? What might need to be sacrificed?**

→ If the PPEL is not renewed, the district would need to use general fund or [SAVE](#) dollars to support building infrastructure needs, transportation, and technology, delaying potential projects planned from SAVE funding.

**There is a state grant of \$50,000/building for security improvements and evaluation, what upgrades are you considering past these funds?**

→ The \$50,000 is per building and cannot be pooled. First step will be to assess recommendations from evaluation for each individual building and then prioritize per building what to apply the \$50,000 grant money toward. After that we would need to assess what security improvements are needed per building to bring them all to the same level of security.

**Why was March 5 selected for the special election date?**

→ Election dates are set in Iowa Code.

**Is it a simple majority vote?**

→ Yes, it is a simple majority vote.

**Is this just to approve a continuation of the current rate with no rate change or more cost to the taxpayers?**

→ Yes, a continuation of the current PPEL rate for 10 more years.