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### COEUR D'ALENE DISTRICT OFFICIALS CALL OUT INACCURATE LEVY INFORMATION

Households in the Coeur d'Alene School District are being subjected to a last-minute campaign to confuse voters. The district has been made aware that an unknown group is leaving campaign material on residential doorsteps that misrepresents the purpose of the proposed school funding levies and blatantly distorts the property tax impact if the levies are approved on the March 14 election.

“Voters deserve factual information about the two levies on the ballot, and they can find that in both the ballot language and on the school district website, [www.cdaschools.org/levy](http://www.cdaschools.org/levy),” Superintendent Shon Hocker said. “It’s regrettable that a group would use bogus facts to confuse and scare voters this close to the election. From the beginning, we have been transparent and forthcoming with accurate information about the financial needs of our school district and how these two levies will keep our schools strong and working in the best interest of the families and students we serve.”

Casey Morrisroe, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, also condemned efforts to twist the facts and mislead voters, particularly regarding the \$25 million annual supplemental levy that would provide a quarter of the district’s operating funds.

“It’s disgusting that a group would purposefully misrepresent the tax cost of the district’s levy in an effort to scare residents into voting no,” Morrisroe said. “Voters have a right to have accurate election information, which is why I feel compelled to speak out. In this case, I find this flier to be unethical and un-American.”

The facts of the increase in property taxes can be found on the school districts website at <https://www.cdaschools.org/taxcalculator>

As an example, a homeowner of a \$500,000 house within the Coeur d'Alene School District will see an estimated increase of \$138.75 annually if both levies pass. What this means is that the SPFL levy, which is focused on building repairs and safety and security improvements, will increase the property taxes of the homeowner of a \$500,000 home by less than \$70 annually. Additionally, the Supplemental Levy request, which provides 25% of the entire district’s operating budget, will also increase property taxes by less than \$70 annually. If both levies pass, the annual increase will be less than \$140, or \$11.56 per month.