

## **Levies Support Activities and Programs at Our School**

Did you know that levy dollars support extra-curricular activities such as music, art, drama, and athletics? State funding doesn't cover all of the costs of basic education. Therefore, local districts must make up the difference through school levies. In Kennewick, levy dollars make up about 20% of the district budget and, in addition to programs and activities, help pay for teachers, nurses, librarians, cooks, security personnel, para-educators, and many other staff positions.

State funding reductions to K-12 education have resulted in Kennewick School District losing close to \$8.5M in state revenue. Actual state revenues continue to come in below projections meaning more funding reductions to education are likely. Programs, activities, and jobs are more vulnerable than ever in our district. Take time to educate yourself about how school levies affect our students and staff. Information is available on the KSD website at [www.ksd.org](http://www.ksd.org).