



Lapwai School District #341

One Year Supplemental Levy - \$250,000 for the 2014-2015 School Year



Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.

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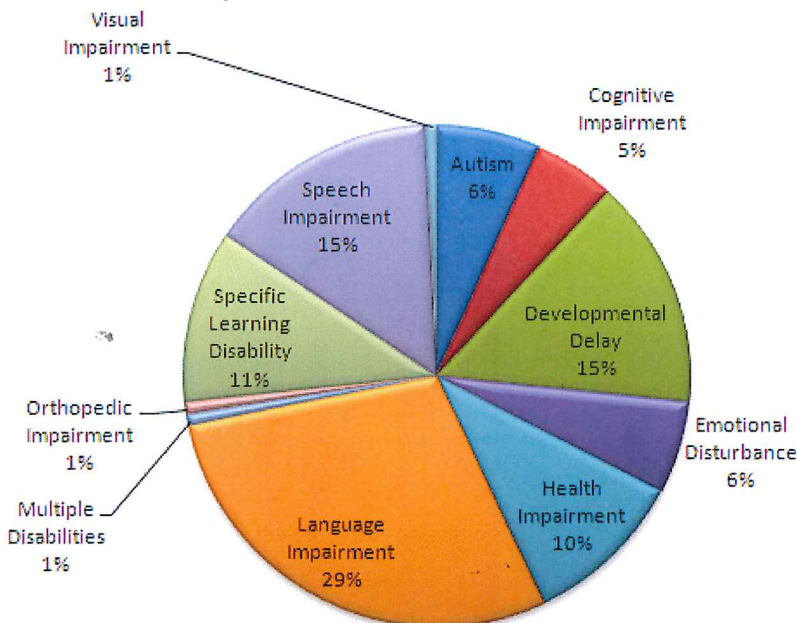
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Special Education Distribution



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE BY AUGUST 26TH

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District Website: www.lapwaidistrict.org

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 341
NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO
AUGUST 26, 2014



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INSTRUCTIONS: Vote either in favor of or against the question below by marking an (X) in the square at the right of the question.

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Lapwai School District No. 341, Nez Perce County, State of Idaho, be authorized, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 33-802, a supplemental levy of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) for one year for maintenance and operation of said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015?

ANSWER:

IN FAVOR of authorizing the supplemental levy in the amount of \$250,000 for one year.....

AGAINST authorizing the supplemental levy in the amount of \$250,000 for one year.....

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July 2014

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The school district has been proactive in reducing expenses; unfortunately this has also reduced resources for students. Several positions have been absorbed and eliminated including 4.5 teachers, a mental health counselor, 3 para-educators, a bookkeeper, an attendance secretary, a custodian, and a bus driver. The district has also reduced to a half-time business manager, sharing services with the Highland School District. Ownership of the former district office building was returned to the Nez Perce Tribe as well. This change will save the district approximately \$11,000 per year in utility and insurance expenses. We have relocated to the Lapwai High School campus. The entrance is through the front doors of the high school gym. Our office is just off the lobby.

The facts shared in the last election included:

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**NEZ PERCE COUNTY RESULTS
PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 20, 2014**

Precinct	Lapwai School District #341 Levy Election		VOTING STATISTICS				
	In Favor Of	Against	Total Number of Registered Voters at Cutoff	Number Election Day Registrants	Total Number of Registered Voters	Number of Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters That Voted
Foothills 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Tammany 25	0	3	14	0	14	3	21.4%
Lapwai 26	133	100	882	29	911	233	25.6%
Leland 27	0	1	20	0	20	1	5.0%
Lenore 28	19	89	332	14	346	108	31.2%
Gifford 30	0	4	9	0	9	4	44.4%
Culdesac 31	0	0	7	0	7	0	0.0%
Webb 32	16	33	172	5	177	49	27.7%
CO. TOTAL	168	230	1,436	48	1,484	398	26.82%

Total # absentee ballots cast

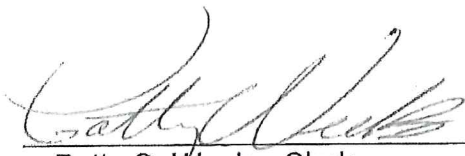
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STATE OF IDAHO

COUNTY OF NEZ PERCE

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I, Patty O. Weeks, County Clerk of said county and state, do hereby certify that the attached is a full, true and complete copy of the abstract of votes for the candidates therein named and/or the questions as they appeared on the election ballot on May 20, 2014 for the Lapwai School District No. 341 as shown by the record of the Board of Canvassers filed in my office this 22nd day of May 2014.



Patty O. Weeks, Clerk
Nez Perce County

