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Beverly Marie "Bev" Rehm



Beverly Marie Rehm passed to her heavenly home April 23, 2025. She was born April 10, 1940, in the prairie town of Hebron, ND to Buster and Doris Keith, the first of their six children. Her grandmother owned the Green Lantern Cafe, and her parents owned the Columbia Hotel and Buster's Bar in Hebron. In the 8th grade she got her first job working concessions at the Mayer Theater. She later worked as a medical assistant at the local clinic. She married local farm

boy, Bill Rehm in 1959 upon his return from service in the US Army, after being stationed in Germany. She gave birth to daughter Brooke Ellen, January 1, 1960, at Saint Mary's Cathedral Monastery in Richardton, ND. She delighted in telling the story of the nuns excitedly delivering the New Year's Baby. Two years later, she gave birth to son Brent Keith in Pendelton, OR.

Bill became a respected auctioneer and judge of purebred cattle and together they built Rehm Sale Service, having ownership in Beaverhead Livestock Auction, as well. Over the years, they acquired agricultural properties in Gallatin, Jefferson, and Beaverhead Counties. They were partners in business and in life.

In 1976 she decided to complete the college education she began at Dickinson State Teachers College, earning a degree in Elementary Education from Western Montana College. She was known by her younger classmates as the student who took her studies seriously and was a favorite among her professors. Her home of over 50 years on the corner of Parkview Ct and Walnut St was a popular gathering place, especially on Halloween where she cheerfully welcomed hundreds of annual Trick or Treaters.

She was deeply devoted to her late husband of 56 years, her children and grandchildren. Her great grandchildren knew that a visit to Grandma Bev's resulted in a trip to the park, Dairy Queen, or Dollar Tree. She treasured her relationships with her First Presbyterian Church Community, bridge partners, coffee buddies, walking partners, and her beloved sister-in-law, Betty Rehm.

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A celebration of life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, May 5th at 11:00 am. A lunch reception will follow at The Andrus Gathering Place. Gifts in memoriam may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Dillon, Beaverhead County 4-H Foundation or Friends of Jaycee Park.

Birch Creek Center Open House

Join Montana Western and the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest for an Open House at the Birch Creek Center on Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Explore the historic CCC camp and learn about updates and plans for the center. Guided nature walk and information about the area provided by UMW students.

For more information, contact Dr. Estee Aiken: estee.aiken@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7035.

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Dillon Elks Lodge #1554 Awards Dinner

Dillon Elks Lodge #1554 held its awards dinner on Saturday, April 26. The following people received awards. We could not do it without you! Thanks to everyone who came to help us celebrate these great people. Sharon Rice - Citizen of the Year. Carolyn Bacon - Elk of the Year. Gerald Penn - Officer of the Year



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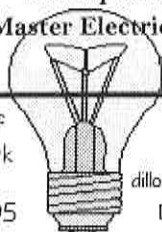
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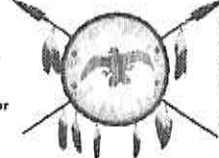
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408 E. Glendale St. • Dillon, MT 59725**btp59725@gmail.com • (406) 683-9844****Dillon Lady Beavers Defeat Laurel Locomotives, 4-2***Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News*

The Dillon Beavers defeated the Laurel Varsity Locomotives 4-2 on Friday, securing a solid victory with contributions from key players on the roster.

Kylie Konen set the tone for the Beavers, hitting a double in the top of the first inning to put Dillon on the board early in the game.

Adyson Creighton earned the win for the Beavers, delivering an impressive performance on the mound. She surrendered seven hits and two runs (none earned) over seven innings, striking out nine batters and walking one. In contrast, Alydia Stahlman took the loss for the Locomotives. The starter pitched three and one-third innings, allowing two runs on five hits, while striking out two and walking four.

Katey Vezina was a standout at the plate for Dillon, driving in two runs and finishing the game 1-for-2. Kinzy Creighton led the team with two hits in three at-bats. The Beavers displayed a strong eye at the plate, accumulating a total of six walks throughout the game, with both Vezina and Tyler Gibson contributing two walks each.

On the other side, Kourtney Kraft led the Locomotives with two hits in four at-bats, providing some offensive spark for the team.

The Dillon Beavers will face the Ronan Varsity Maidens for their next game on Saturday, looking to build on their successful outing against Laurel.

**Beaverhead County Beavers Blow
Past Broadwater Bulldogs, 16-1***Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News*

Kanin Engelhardt drove in four runs on two hits, leading the Beaverhead County Beavers past the Broadwater Varsity Bulldogs with a decisive 16-1 victory on Friday.

The Beavers took an early lead in the bottom of the first inning. Trenton Moreni was struck by a pitch, driving in the first run, followed by Marcus Lagunas, who drew a walk, and Engelhardt's single that brought in two more runs. Colby Garland then doubled, adding two additional runs to make it 5-0.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Beavers exploded offensively, scoring eight runs on seven hits. An error allowed one

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run to score, and Cohen Hartman was hit by a pitch to drive in another run. Engelhardt continued his strong performance with another single, scoring two runs, while Garland doubled again, scoring one run. Sawyer Tackett drew a walk to bring one more run across, and Andrew Bartlome followed with a double that added another run. Moreni capped off the inning with a double, scoring the final run of the frame.

Andrew Bartlome earned the win for the Beavers, surrendering just one hit and one run over four innings, striking out six and walking two. Beau Sumner took the loss for the Bulldogs, pitching one and one-third innings and allowing 12 runs (nine earned) on seven hits, with one strikeout and three walks.

The Beavers collected a total of 10 hits in the game, with Bartlome, Engelhardt, and Garland each contributing two hits. Both Bartlome and Moreni stole multiple bases, showcasing the Beavers' aggressive base running strategy, which resulted in a total of seven stolen bases for the game. The team remained solid defensively, committing no errors, with Garland recording the most chances in the field with four.

Keaton Boylan led the Broadwater Bulldogs with one hit in two at-bats.

The Beaverhead County Beavers will look to continue their success as they prepare to face the Frenchtown Varsity Broncs on Saturday.



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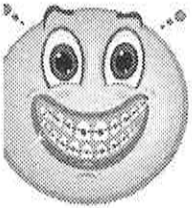
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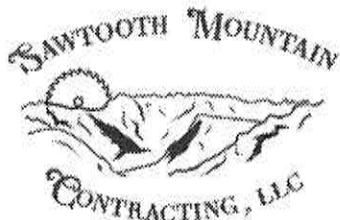
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"We had some strong performances this meet which is exciting as we had into conference next week. Justene was able to place 6th out of our conference schools in steeplechase. Additionally, Brody was able to drop five seconds off his 1500m personal record which was exciting to see," Head Coach Taylor Grove said. "Gracie and Wade were both able to improve their times in the 100m and 110m hurdles. Ruby was able to run a 5k personal record and Olivia was right near hers as well. Justin keeps improving week to week, being able to grab a personal record in the discus again. I think we are in a good spot going to the conference meet next week."

Highlights Six Bulldogs earned personal bests with Justene Santi placing sixth in the Frontier Conference 3000m steeple event after she earned a personal best time in the event.

Brody Henry, Wade Dahood, and Justin Maier each earned personal bests for the men's team in their events.

Ruby Smith and Gracie Yakos each earned personal bests on the day, with Smith earning hers in the 500m race

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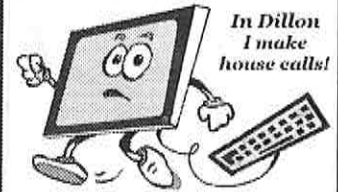
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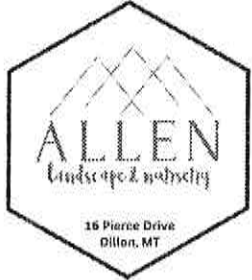
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Shannon Maness Weekly Update

Greetings once again from Helena. As we approach the end of the session, we are diligently working on solutions for the people of Montana. Our primary focus remains on property tax relief and finalizing the budget for the next two years. Unfortunately, we're over budget by several million dollars, and we'll need to make some cuts, either from the legislature or the Governor. Given that we spend over \$6 billion a year, one would think we could remain within the budget, but there are too many parties involved. I am collaborating with other Representatives to compile a list of wasteful spending to show how some of your hard-earned money is being used. Since we are constitutionally required to maintain a balanced budget, we must address this issue.

Another major issue we are facing is property taxes, which have been the top concern for almost everyone living and working here. As we near the finish line, we are still working on this matter. Many solutions have been proposed, but most have significant downsides, benefiting only one or two specific groups. The two main bills still under consideration are HB 231 and SB 542. Both bills include a "homestead exemption" for primary residences but shift the tax burden to other properties. One study suggests that under HB 231, taxes on second homes could increase by 60-70%. This means that if you own a cabin in Polaris or a second house on your ranch, any savings you gain on your primary residence would be offset by increases elsewhere. The intention behind this bill is to aid residents while excluding those who are not year-round inhabitants of Montana; however, the potential downsides could affect many people in Beaverhead County.

On a positive note, one of our biggest achievements this session is HB 337. This bill will reduce income taxes for every income bracket, resulting in a \$756 million tax reduction for all of us. It accomplishes two key goals: lowering the top tax rate for high-income earners and raising the lower income brackets to allow more people to pay a lower rate. Additionally, it expands the Earned Income Tax Credit. This is a win for all of Montana, as history has shown that lowering income taxes stimulates increased economic activity.

I look forward to finding good solutions in the coming days and hope that when we conclude this session, the people of Montana will emerge as the winners.

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Single Vehicle Accident on I-15 Near Mile Marker 59

Jeremy Crawford, Southwestern Montana News
On Monday morning, first responders were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on Interstate 15 near mile marker 59.

A truck towing a trailer lost control and swerved off the roadway, ultimately coming to rest on its side in the median. The trailer detached from the truck and also ended up on its side in the median.

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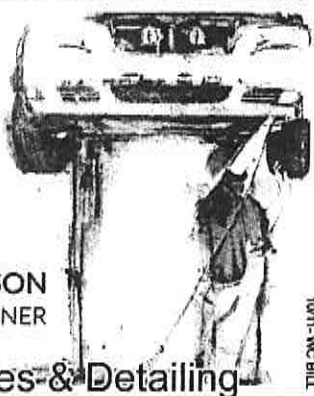


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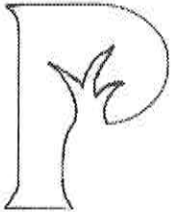
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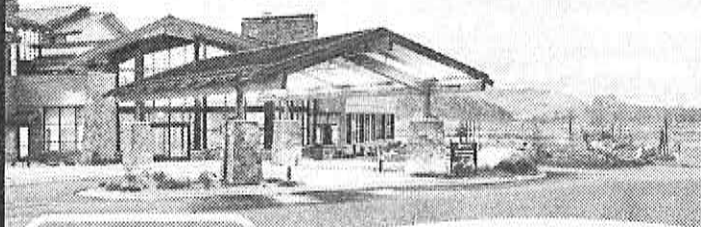
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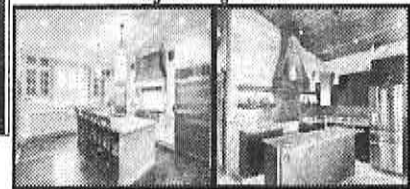
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Accepting Applications

4/15-WC BILL

Honeybee Hospice is accepting applications for a Community Relations Specialist opening July 1st. This role involves a blend of responsibilities, including:

- * Volunteer coordination
- * Bereavement support
- * Event planning
- * Creating marketing materials like flyers and brochures
- * Maintaining and updating the organization's website

We're looking for someone creative, with a strong design sense, and proficiency in Canva (or the ability to learn it quickly).

The position offers hourly compensation ranging from \$20 to \$24, depending on experience, for 10 to 20 hours per week.

To apply, please send a resume to care@honeybeehospice.com or visit us at 1000 St. HWY 91 S, Bldg. B, Dillon, MT 59725. You can also reach us at 406-498-7149

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425-5/1 PD

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4/28-5/9 BILL

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY is currently accepting applications for the position of County Planner.

The County Planner performs professional planning support to the Beaverhead County Planning Board and Beaverhead County Commissioners on comprehensive planning and development matters, in accordance with state law, the Beaverhead County Growth Policy and local land use regulations.

The varied work is performed under general supervision and requires individual judgment in variation from standards and procedures. Must be organized, people-oriented and able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. This is a full-time position and has an excellent benefit package. Pay is DOE. A complete job description and application can be found on the Beaverhead County website at www.beaverheadcountymt.gov or applications can also be picked up in the County Finance Office. Please return application and resume to ssetzer@beaverheadcountymt.gov or drop off in the Finance Office. Position is open until filled.

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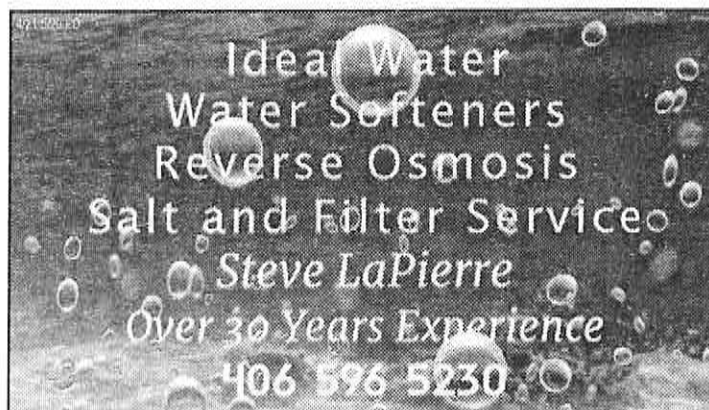
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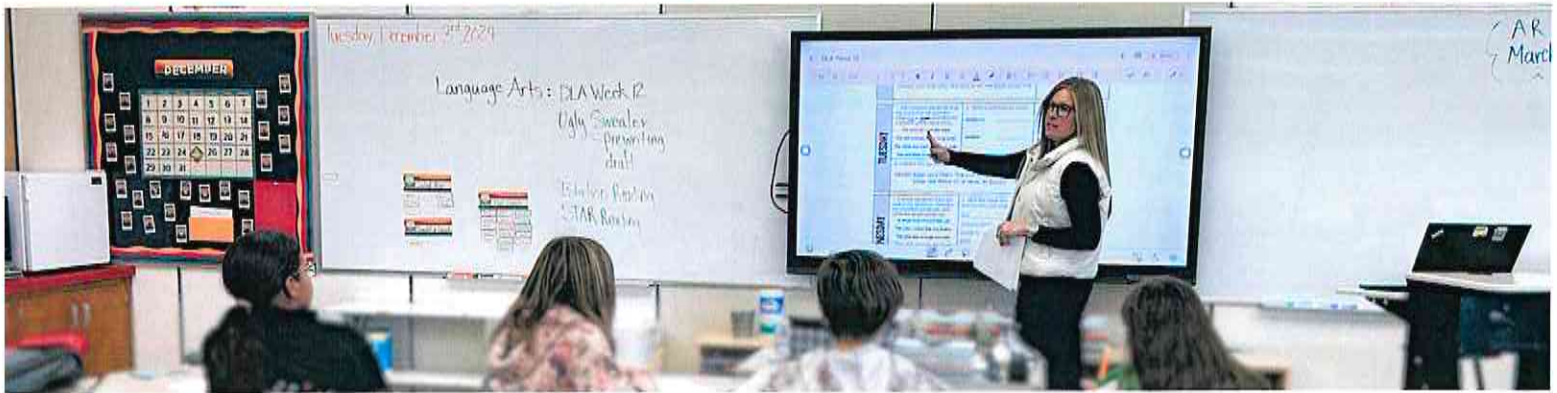
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Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



By the Numbers



\$150,000

Technology Fund increase to protect student and staff data, purchase student learning software, improve parent communication tools and maintain and replace instructional devices.



10 year term for levy

If approved, the technology levy would remain in place until 2035.



14.7% less per-pupil

Dillon Elementary School District spends 14.7% less per-pupil than Montana's per-pupil average. SD #10 spent \$11,388 per pupil, in contrast to Montana's state average of \$13,346, as reported in the 2022-2023 school year.



\$50,000 - \$1 million

Monetary losses to school districts following a cyber incident ranged from \$50,000 to \$1 million according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.



23 years

Number of years since Dillon Elementary School District has requested technology funds, despite growing demand. Currently, the district has a \$50,000 annual technology levy.



141%

Increase in technology-related costs over the last 7 years ensuring students and the district can keep pace with technological advancements essential for modern education.



\$275,000 current shortfall

Current technology costs exceed the existing \$50,000 technology levy by \$275,000. A new technology levy would increase funding and allow general funds to be reallocated to support our students, teachers, staff, and community.

You're Invited to Elementary Technology Levy Information Meetings

Join us for one of three community meetings to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming levy. Each session will be simultaneously available both via in-person and virtually at the following dates and times, taking place in the District Conference Room. We encourage you to join us at one of the sessions to learn more about the 2025 elementary technology levy that will appear on the ballot this May!

Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 10th at 7:00pm

Dillon Elementary School District #10

2025 Technology Levy



Dillon Elementary
School District #10



Why is Dillon Elementary asking for a technology levy increase?

Dillon Elementary School District #10 is asking for voter approval of a \$150,000 technology levy increase in the May 2025 election to help maintain and update critical educational technology. This additional funding will support the following:

- Protecting Student and Staff Data
- Purchasing Student Learning Software
- Improving Parent Communication Tools
- Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices

How much would this cost me?

Tax Increase Estimate	
\$8.01 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$100,000
\$24.02 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$300,000
\$48.03 per year	Estimate for a home with a market value of \$600,000

Please visit the website below for additional tax estimates and information.

The Dillon Elementary School District technology levy will provide sustainable funding to maintain a safe learning environment, ensure reliable access to educational resources, purchase parent communication tools and digital learning platforms as well as maintain and replace instructional devices.

Protecting Student and Staff Data and Privacy:

Annual threat response and cybersecurity subscriptions are vital in protecting student and staff data and maintaining a safe learning environment. In 2023, 22% of all data breaches involved the education sector, highlighting the significant risk and need for effective data protection measures.

Purchasing Student Learning Software:

Annual software fees for student assessment and learning tools are essential to the success of our students. The variety of educational resources provides personalized learning experiences, allowing students to progress, addressing their individual needs in an effective and enjoyable way. Additionally, it offers valuable data and insights to help us track progress, identify areas for improvement and tailor instruction to better support student achievement. Technology directly impacts our students' success.

Improving Parent Communication Tools:

Effective parent communication technology is crucial for fostering a supportive school community focused on student success. These funds will enable timely updates and the purchase of tools that enhance collaboration between parents and educators, improving student outcomes. Additionally, communication technology supports both administrative functions and the diverse needs of students.

Maintaining and Replacing Instructional Devices:

Maintaining and replacing instructional devices is crucial for keeping technology up to date and supporting effective teaching. Annual IT support contracts help our small school manage technical issues, maintain a productive learning environment, and allow educators to focus on student success. We also need repairs for devices used in state-mandated assessments.

Learn more at <https://www.dillonschools.org/page/2025-technology-levy> or scan the QR Code.



Beaverhead County High School Technology Levy 2025

BCHS Students need help keeping up with the ever- evolving Technological world. We are proposing a Technology Levy this year to keep our students up to date, safe, and ready for the workplace. We have not run a Technology Levy since 2007.

2007 vs 2024

THERE WAS ONLY **ONE** CYBER ATTACK OF RECORD AND THAT WAS IN ESTONIA



THERE WERE OVER **480,000** CYBER ATTACKS IN THE U.S. ALONE

REQUIRED BENCHMARK AND STATE TESTING WAS COMPLETED ON **PAPER**



BENCHMARK AND STATE TESTING IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED **ONLINE**

ALL CURRICULUM IS OFFERED IN **PAPER AND BOOK** FORMAT



CURRICULUM IS MOVING TO **PARTIALLY OR FULLY ONLINE**

TRADITIONAL LITERACY SKILLS WERE ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS



DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

What is Included in the Technology Budget?

The Technology budget supports more than just Computer Hardware and Software.

- Fire Security
- Door Locks & Bells
- Surveillance Cameras
- Student Information System (PowerSchool)
- Cyber Security
- Disaster Communication

Keeping Our Students Safe

CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST SCHOOLS ARE ON THE RISE

RANSOMWARE ATTACKS INCREASED **827%** LAST YEAR

MALWARE ATTACKS INCREASED **323%** LAST YEAR

The education sector in the United States is consistently among the most targeted for cyberattacks and data theft. K-12 schools are a leading target for ransomware attacks.

CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST MONTANA SCHOOLS ARE ON THE RISE

OF PHISHING LINKS TO MONTANA SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES THAT MADE IT THROUGH EMAIL FILTERS AND SECURITY TOOLS INCREASED BY

1,100%

Phishing: Cyber attack, primarily on email, appearing to be from a credible source aiming to trick the recipient into providing sensitive information; passwords, bank information, etc.

A Full 35% of our current annual levy is spent on keeping students and database safe.

Beaverhead County High School Technology Levy 2025

Budget VS Current Technology Levy

Current Technology Levy **\$50,000**
Annual Technology Expense **\$151,000**
(Expenses increase 3%-5% every year)

We are currently investing over **\$100,000** to maintain the tools and resources that support student learning, teacher instruction, and essential programs. This gap is unsustainable. We are at risk of losing critical technology services. The levy is not just about funding equipment it's about preserving the innovative programs that make a difference in our students' education every day.

Estimated Tax Increase

Current Tech Levy \$50,000 Annually
Proposed Tech Levy \$175,000 Annually
New Total Tech Levy \$225,000 Annually

Your Estimated Cost:

If your home is worth \$100,000

- \$2.00 is your current annual tax
- \$7.02 Estimated annual increase
- **\$9.02 Estimated new annual total**
- *75 Cents Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth \$200,000

- \$4.01 is your current annual tax
- \$14.04 Estimated annual increase
- **\$18.05 Estimated new annual total**
- *\$1.50 Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth \$300,000

- \$6.02 is your current annual tax
- \$21.05 Estimated annual increase
- **\$27.07 Estimated new annual total**
- *\$2.26 Monthly estimate*

If your home is worth \$600,000

- \$12.04 is your current annual tax
- \$42.11 Estimated annual increase
- **\$54.15 Estimated new annual total**
- *\$4.51 Monthly estimate*

Let's Bring it Home!

Just as in a household, technology in a business or school setting has the same limitations and needs as your mobile phone:

- **Annual Fees**
- **Cost Increases**
- **Constant Updates**
- **Maintenance and Repair**
- **After a few short years it is outdated and needs to be upgraded.**

Failure to adapt means leaving students at a disadvantage in an increasingly digital world. Today's students must have technology training and familiarity to ensure that their education remains relevant, secure, and future ready!