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NOVEMBER 7, 2017 RENEWAL SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE

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ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Why place this proposal on the ballot now?



- This proposal is a **renewal** of the Washtenaw ISD Special Education Millage approved in 2011.
- County Special Education millage covers otherwise unreimbursed costs of mandatory special education services that must be provided and without this millage, would be paid from limited general fund dollars.

2017 Special Education Millage Renewal



*This proposal would **renew** a tax you already pay . . .*



Funding benefits all students.



The general fund dollars used to cover the costs of mandatory special education services would be available to fund other programs for all students.

What is the question before voters?

- A renewal of a 0.9719 millage to cover unreimbursed costs to provide special education services in Washtenaw County.
- This millage will expire in **2025**.
- Both the millage that was approved by voters in 2016 and this 0.9719 renewal millage will expire at the same time.



How much revenue is generated from this millage renewal?



- For **Ann Arbor Public Schools**, the Special Education Millage renewal represents approximately **\$6 million annually** that would have to be paid from General Fund operating budget to pay for required special education expenditures.
- The millage renewal generates approximately **\$15 million** per year county-wide

Special Education Millage dollars stay local.

All millage dollars collected are shared by all public school districts who serve students receiving Special Education services who attend charters, private schools or are homeschooled in Washtenaw County



Special Education Costs in Ann Arbor Public Schools

- Special education is mandated by the federal and state governments.
- Funding for special education services in the AAPS has historically been provided via local, state, and federal funds.
- In 2016-17 specifically:

Estimated cost of AAPS special education services **\$48M**

Less:

Federal Reimbursement (\$3M)
State Reimbursement (\$13M)
Local (WISD) Reimbursement (\$26M)
(from ALL WISD reimbursement)

Projected Reimbursements **\$42M**

AAPS General Fund Impact after reimbursements **\$ 6M**



Who receives special education services?

- Nearly **2,000 students** – or **1-in-9** – receive special education services in Ann Arbor Public Schools
- The majority of the students are enrolled in public schools who also serve students attending charters, private schools or are homeschooled in Washtenaw County
- Local districts are mandated to provide special education services to students, ages 0 to 26 in Michigan
- Disabilities range from mild to severe



What types of disabilities qualify for special education services?

- ☐ Deaf/Hearing Impairment
- ☐ Specific Learning Disabilities
- ☐ Other Health Impairment
- ☐ Hearing Impairment
- ☐ Emotional Impairment
- ☐ Blind/Visual Impairment
- ☐ Speech and Language Impairment
- ☐ Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ☐ Physical Impairment
- ☐ Early Childhood Developmental Delay
- ☐ Traumatic Brain Disorder
- ☐ Severe Multiple Impairment
- ☐ Severe & Moderate Cognitive Impairment



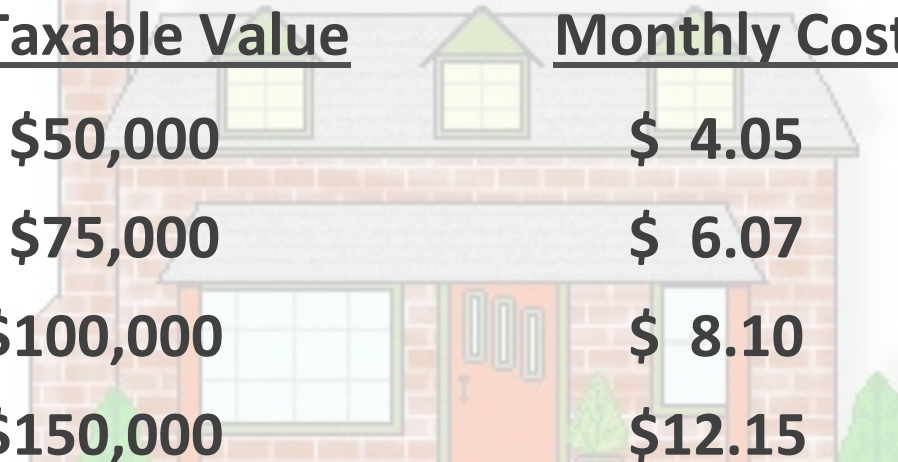
Who does the millage support?



- The largest group of students receiving special education services have learning disabilities.
- The second largest group of students eligible for services are speech and language impaired.
- The remaining students have disabilities that range from mild to severe.

This a millage renewal.

This 2017 Special Education Millage renewal represents a tax rate that Washtenaw County homeowners have experienced since 2011



<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>	<u>Monthly Cost</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$ 4.05	\$ 48.60
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$ 6.07	\$ 72.89
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$ 8.10	\$ 97.19
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$12.15	\$145.75

Election

When is the millage election?

Tuesday, November 7, 2017



Who is eligible to vote?

Registered voters who are residents in the school districts of:
Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Lincoln, Manchester, Milan, Saline,
Whitmore Lake and Ypsilanti.

Ballot Proposal

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to continue to levy special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by .9719 mill (\$0.9719 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2018 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2018 is approximately \$15,200,000 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a renewal of millage that expired with the 2017 tax levy)?

YES

NO

This renewal would not change the tax rate from your 2017 tax bill.

Questions



For more information:

- ✓ visit www.a2schools.org
- ✓ contact your local school principal
- ✓ email Jeanice K. Swift, Superintendent of Schools: swift@a2schools.org

Special Education Millage Renewal Information Sessions

Coming to a school near you in October...

- ✓ Principals at each school will host a school community meeting
- ✓ Principals will share information with staff
- ✓ Superintendent will host Community Tour
Community Tour meetings will be held at each middle school location




Ann Arbor Public Schools

Current Bonds/Voter-Approved Millages

Type/Term			2017-18 Millage Rate	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Beyond
Revenue Streams ^{1,2}	Operating Millages	Operating 2009-2019	17.5957							2017-18 \$62.1M									
		Supplemental (Hold Harmless) 2009-2019	4.3564							2017-18 \$22.1M									
		Sinking Fund 2017-2026	2.5000		Previous Millage rate of 0.9928 (Approx. \$8M annually)						Voter Approved May 2017 (Approx. \$21.5M Annually)								
	County-Wide Enhancement Millage	Special Education Charter No expiration	2.8530																
		Special Education ³ Non-Charter 2012-2017	0.9719							Proposed Renewal Millage to 2026 at 0.9719 mills (Approx. \$6M Annually)									
		Special Education Non-Charter 2016-2026	1.4890																
Debt Levy	2012 Technology Bond (\$46M) 2012-2025		2.4500	Series 1 \$27.4M				Series 2 \$10.5M				Series 3 \$8.0M							
	2015 Building & Site Bonds (\$33M) 2015-2025			2009 Bond				Series 1 \$26.9M				Series 2 \$6.0M							

NOTES:

1. Millage subject to Headlee Amendment which requires property taxes to be reduced when taxable values increase by more than the rate of inflation.
2. Millage changes annually according to property values & enrollment.
3. 2011 Millage authorization of 1 mill has been rolled back by Headlee to 0.9719..

 Proposed Millage Start