



The Ypsilanti Community Schools

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The 2017
Operating Millage (Renewal)
Informational





What is our YCS Operating Millage?

Since 1994, the State has controlled school funding

- YCS is requesting a Millage Proposal be put before voters
- It is only proposed for Washtenaw County-Ypsilanti Community Schools
- It passes or fails on a local basis, not by all of Washtenaw County residents
- Ypsilanti Community Schools has local control over how the money is spent for operating purposes

What is the Specific Proposal?

- May 2nd Ballot
- 18 mills to be levied over 5 years
- .5 mills for 5 years to restore Headlee reduction*
- Approximately \$8,901,558 annually
- If the Millage does not pass YCS will lose \$2,370.29 per pupil
- Operating Millage would **NOT** cost principal homeowners any increase in taxes
- Money would go to Ypsilanti Community Schools starting in 2018 thru 2022
- City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Superior Township

Note: .5 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of a reduction required by the “Headlee” amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

May 2nd

Citizens living within the boundaries of The Ypsilanti Community School District will be asked to vote on a proposal to renew and restore the non-homestead Operating Millage on the following properties:

- Apartment Buildings
- Rental Homes
- Vacation Properties
- Vacant Land
- Commercial and Industrial Properties

100% principal residential dwellings will NOT be financially affected

How much will this cost a local homeowner?

If the Millage passes, there will be **NO** increase of cost to homeowners. Non-homestead represents industrial, commercial, business, rental and certain agricultural properties and second homes

100% Principal Residence Exemption = Homeowners 0% Increase

Why Ypsilanti Community Schools requested to put this Proposal before Voters?

- Ypsilanti Community Schools is committed to providing the quality education needed for its students to be successful and believes this investment will help them do so
- Despite reducing or freezing salaries, benefits, administrative costs and implementing other cost saving measures, districts are struggling to provide core educational programs
- A recent statewide school funding adequacy study supports the need for added investment into local schools to prepare students for success after school
- Ypsilanti Community Schools system wants to increase educational opportunities for all Ypsilanti Community Schools students

How will the money be used?

As an aggregate, we will....

- Hire and retain quality teachers and administrative staff
- Support students with added needs
- Improve School programs
- Improve district technology and computer upgrades
- Maintain building repairs

...and specifically?

- Improve and maintain curricular programs and services for all students
- Support our reading and mathematics programming
- Support the School Improvement Plans
- Upgrade and improve facilities
- Modernize classroom furniture and equipment in buildings
- Preventative maintenance of school buildings
- Make payroll

Impact on Ypsilanti Community Schools

If the Millage fails, YCS will lose...

\$2,370.29 per pupil

\$8,901,558



YCS is committed
to see ALL of its students succeed.

