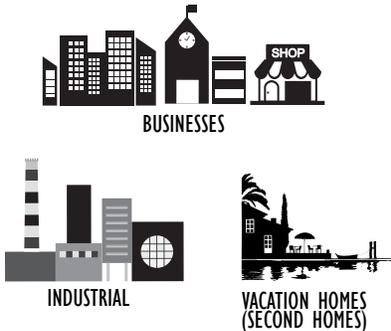




TWO OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSALS IMPACTING ONLY COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND 'SECOND HOMES' PROPERTIES

2
OPERATING
MILLAGE
PROPOSALS

THEY IMPACT:



THEY DO NOT IMPACT:



VOTE



There will be NO COST INCREASE TO HOMEOWNERS if these millage proposals pass

Voters will be asked on November 4 to renew a long-standing Non-Homestead Millage which generates operating revenue for Allendale Public Schools (Operating Millage Proposal), and to vote on an Operating Millage "Headlee Cushion" proposal which protects school funding for the next two years.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does non-homestead mean?

Non-homestead represents industrial, commercial and some agricultural property and second homes. It does not include a family's primary residence.

How does this fit into the overall school funding structure?

Michigan schools are funded under a structure created in 1994 when Proposal A was approved statewide by Michigan voters. Under the structure, Michigan schools are funded with 6 mills on all properties statewide and an additional 18 mills on non-homestead property, when approved by local voters.

I thought schools no longer received funding through property taxes so why are we talking about a millage renewal?

Under Proposal A, the State pays the majority of the cost, but to receive full funding, schools must levy taxes locally on non-homestead property in their District.

Is this a new tax?

No. Allendale voters have a long-standing history of approving the Non-Homestead Operating Millage and last approved it in 2012. The District has voter approval to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property through December 2014.

How much school funding does the Non-Homestead Millage provide?

The revenue generated from the current levy of 18 mills totals over \$2.5 million annually, or about 10.5% of the school district's budget. Unfortunately, Allendale Public Schools lost approximately \$54,000 (or 0.3798 mills) in General Fund revenue in 2014 due to something called a Headlee Rollback.

What does "Headlee Rollback" mean?

The state-created Headlee Amendment caps property tax increases at the rate of inflation. When the taxable values of properties rise faster than the rate of inflation, the actual tax levy is rolled back and funding decreases. This is called a Headlee Rollback.

Why is there an Operating Millage "Headlee Cushion" Proposal?

If passed, the Operating Millage "Headlee Cushion" Proposal ensures Allendale Public Schools are fully funded at 18 mills by levying up to 1.0 mill only if another Headlee Rollback occurs in the next two years. According to state law, school districts cannot levy more than 18 mills on non-homestead property. Passing the Operating Millage "Headlee Cushion" Proposal maintains full funding for Allendale Public Schools at the same level (with the exception of 2014) non-homestead properties have been paying since 1994.

What is the current rate for the Operating Millage?

As a result of the Headlee Rollback, the current Non-Homestead Millage rate is 17.6202 and expires at the end of 2014. If the Operating Millage Proposal passes, the 0.3798 mills reduced by the Headlee Rollback will be restored to fully fund Allendale Public Schools at 18 mills for 2015 and 2016.

Will my residential school taxes increase too?

No. This tax is on non-homestead property only and does not apply to your primary place of residence.

How much will this cost my business?

For a business that owns property with a \$200,000 taxable value (\$400,000 market value), the tax cost would be \$3,600 ($\$200,000 \times 0.018$).

What if the Operating Millage is not renewed?

If this millage is not renewed, the State will not replace the funding and the Allendale Public School District will lose \$2.5 million dollars forcing the district to reduce or cut programs.

What if the Operating Millage is renewed, but the "Headlee Cushion" Proposal does not pass?

Should there be another Headlee Rollback, Allendale Public Schools would once again incur a reduction in funding resulting in cuts to school programming. If this proposal passes it protects the district from another rollback during 2015 and 2016.

Where can I read the ballot language?

Please visit the Allendale Public Schools web page for the ballot language and other information regarding these millage proposals at <http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us>