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**MILLAGE RENEWAL REQUESTED AUGUST 5 BY**

**CHARLOTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

On May 12, 2014, the Charlotte Public Schools Board of Education approved the placement of a millage renewal question on the August ballot. The school election scheduled for August 5 will contain a request for renewing 20 mills for operations of the schools for a period of 11 years, 2016 to 2026, inclusive. The millage renewal request will amount to $2.5 million for the district, or about $966 for each student enrolled.

The millage renewal applies only to non-homestead property such as businesses, rental properties, and second homes. A primary residence will not be affected by passage of the 20 mill proposal.

The millage request is equal to 11 percent of the district’s total funding sources for the 2013-2014 school year. The millage is being requested to continue current programs following the upcoming expiration of the 18 mills approved by voters ten years ago in 2006.

The ballot includes the following description: Operating Millage Proposal Exempting Principal Residence and Qualified Agricultural Property – This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18.00 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

During this past school year Charlotte Public Schools received $7,026 per student as its foundation allowance. This includes the funding provided by the 18 mills which is up for renewal on August 5. In order to receive the full foundation allowance promised by the state, the 18 mill renewal is a necessary portion of that funding. The 18 mills will not cost homeowners any additional millage.

If you have questions regarding the May 5 millage renewal election, please call 541-5109 for information.