



## RESIDENT DeTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

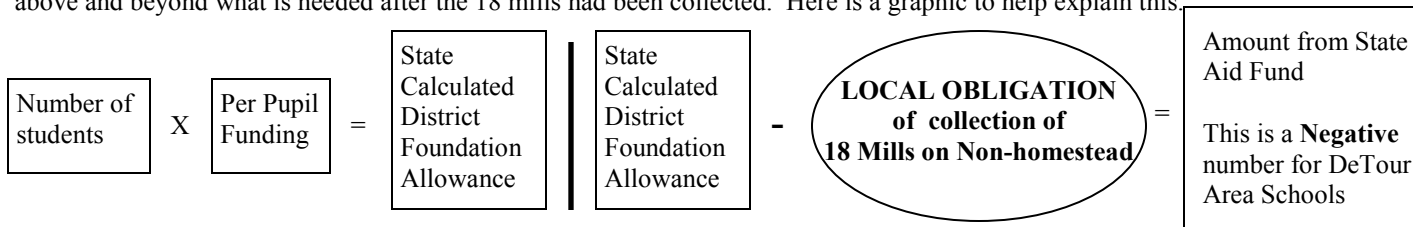
**School Election May 3, 2011**  
**Honors / Athletic Banquet May 11, 5:30 pm**  
**Fine Arts Fair May 18, 6:30 - 8:30**  
**Graduation — May 21, 2011 2:00 p.m.**

### SCHOOL FUNDING

In 1994, Proposal A was passed by the voters in Michigan. The passage of this proposal changed the way schools are funded in our state and eliminated the possibility of a local voter approved millage for school operational costs. Under this proposal, all properties are taxed 6 mills. This money goes into the state school aid fund and is distributed back to the schools on a per pupil basis. There are other components that go into the school aid fund besides the property taxes including part of the state sales tax and revenue from the Michigan Lottery, but for the sake of simplicity, we won't go into those other components.

#### OUR LOCAL OBLIGATION

As part of proposal A, locally we are **expected** to collect 18 mills **only on non-homestead property**. This is a renewal of the millage from previous year and is placed on the ballot annually. Since we have such a high amount of non-homestead property within our district and so few students, this makes up the majority of the funding for our district. As stated earlier, the State of Michigan **expects** us to collect this millage and only supplements our funding if the **expected** amount of revenue from the 18 mills is less than what the state calculates our foundation amount to be. This does **NOT** happen for DeTour Area Schools. If the voters of our district fail to pass the non-homestead millage, we will not have a school because the State Aid Fund only pays the amount of money above and beyond what is needed after the 18 mills had been collected. Here is a graphic to help explain this.



#### **How Does Geographic Isolation Fit into the Picture?**

The above graphic illustrates the simple version of school funding, but there is another portion of money we have been fortunate to have receive from the state in the past called Geographic Isolation Funds (referred to in the state budget as section 22d money). This money was set aside to help districts that have a school on an island or are farther than 30 miles from their neighboring district. This money supports the additional costs incurred due to the rural nature of these districts. Because of the increase in costs to provide these students with the education they need and consolidation is not an option, these moneys help with the basic operating cost of the district. Every year when the state creates their budget, this category is on the chopping block. The superintendents of the five districts impacted by this money, along with the ISD superintendents, have been active in lobbying to have this money remain in the state budget. We need your support in contacting your legislators to let them know how important this funding is to our district.

#### **What Can You Do?**

- Exercise your constitutional right to vote on May 3 and consider the 18 mill non-homestead operational tax.
- Contact your legislators and let them know how important adequate school funding is, especially the section 22d or Geographic Isolation money for our district. This can be done by email, letter or phone calls. If you can, contact as many legislators as possible. Our legislators are:

**Senator Howard Walker**  
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 Lansing, MI 48909-7536

**Representative Frank Foster**  
 S-1486 House Office Building  
 PO Box 30014  
 Lansing, MI 48909

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## ***Athletic Booster News***

Summertime is the big fund raising season for the DeTour Athletic Boosters. This past year, the Athletic Boosters were able to pay for all the coaches as well as aid the teams in their transportation costs. This only happened through the support the area communities have shown for all of the fundraisers during the year. The Boosters are currently gearing up for another year but need your help once again with sponsorships and volunteer time. Check for notices on the school webpage for the next booster meeting. Future fund raising activities include: the annual golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities, another raffle with some big cash awards, the sports calendar, and sales of banners to hang in the gym.

### ***Boys/Girls Golf***

Thurs.	April 21	DeTour-Mack. Island @ Cedarville	4:00
Tues.	April 26	Jr. High Teams @ Pickford	4:00
Thurs.	April 28	DeTour - Mack. Island @ Pickford	4:00
Mon.	May 2	ALL EUPC TEAMS @ Mack. Island	TBA
Thurs.	May 5	Mack. Island - DeTour @Engadine	4:00
Mon.	May 9	DeTour-Mack. Island-Engadine@Brimley	4:00
Tues.	May 10	Jr. High Teams @ Cedarville	4:00
Friday	May 13	Cedarville-Pickford @DeTour	4:00
Mon.	May 16	Brimley-Mack. Island-Engadine@DeTour	4:00
Thurs.	May 19	Conference Meet @ Brimley (Wild Bluff)	10:00
Tues.	May 24	Pre-final @ Cedarville (Hessel Ridge)	10:00
Thurs.	June 3	Upper Peninsula Finals @ Ontanogan	TBA

### ***Varsity Boy/Girls Track***

Tues.	April 12	EUPC Teams @ St. Ignace	4:00
Friday	April 15	EUPC Teams @ Engadine	4:00
Tues.	April 19	EUPC Teams @ Brimley	4:00
Tues.	April 26	EUPC Teams @ Cedarville	4:00
Sat.	April 30	**Web Morrison Invitational @ Pickford	10:30
Tues.	May 3	**Engadine Invitational @ Engadine	4:00
Friday	May 6	**St. Ignace Invitational @ St. Ignace	4:00
Tues.	May 10	**Invitational/Relays @ Brimley	4:00
Thurs.	May 12	**Rapid River Invitational @ Rapid River	4:00
Mon.	May 16	EUPC Teams-Mackinac Is. @ St. Ignace	4:00
Friday	May 20	**Regional Meet @ Pickford	2:00
Mon.	May 23	**EUPC Frosh/Soph Meet@Cedarville	4:00
Thurs.	May 26	**Conference Meet @ Pickford	4:00
Sat.	June 4	**Upper Peninsula Finals @ Kingsford	10:00

\*\*Medal Meets

### ***Jr. High Track***

Friday	April 29	EUPC Teams @ Engadine	4:00
Thurs.	May 5	EUPC Teams @Cedarville	4:00
Thurs.	May 12	EUPC Teams @ Brimley	4:00
Sat.	May 14	**Pickford Boosters Meet @ Pickford	10:30
Thurs.	May 19	**Conference Meet @ Pickford	4:00

\*\*Medal or Ribbon Meets

### ***Elementary Boys Basketball***

Sat.	April 16	Cedarville @ DeTour	10:00
Mon.	April 18	DeTour @ Pickford	10:00
Sat.	April 30	DeTour @ Rudyard	10:00
Mon.	May 2	Brimley @ DeTour	10:00
Sat.	May 7	DeTour @ Cedarville	10:00
Mon.	May 9	Pickford @ DeTour	10:00
Sat.	May 14	DeTour @ Engadine	10:00

***Sports Physicals for the 2011-12 School Year will take place on May 4th in the AM  
This will cover all of next years sports for \$10.***

### **DeTour Board of Education:**

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*Board Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month.*

### ***Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2011***

DeTour Area Schools is proud to announce the Class of 2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Matthew Tiefenbach is the 2011 Valedictorian and Bailey Miller is the class Salutatorian.

Matthew is the son of Scott Tiefenbach and Amy Bailey. Matthew has one sister, Pearl Tiefenbach, and two brothers, Michael and Jordan Bailey. Matthew has attained a GPA of 3.94 and plans to attend Northern Michigan University. Matthew has been active in football and golf during his high school years.

Bailey Miller is the daughter of Craig and Traci Miller. She has an older brother, Teryn, and a younger sister, Rayne. Bailey has achieved a GPA of 3.90 and plans to attend Lake Superior State University to pursue a degree in Biology with an ultimate goal of becoming a veterinarian. Bailey is the President of the National Honor Society, has participated in both basketball and volleyball all four years of high school, and served as the team captain on both teams her senior year.

### ***Building Improvements***

On Monday, April 11, the DeTour Board of Education will be reviewing a proposal by Johnson Controls to improve our boilers and lighting in the schools as a cost savings effort. Johnson Controls has performed an energy audit, at no cost, at both buildings and will come to the board with a recommended plan that will increase our energy efficiencies. This project is proposed to be paid for by QZAB bonds. These are bonds that can be secured by schools at low interests rates (0 to 1%) and are paid back over time with the guaranteed savings projected by the completion of the project. There is no millage to be passed and no increase to the tax payers of our district. If you would like more information about the project, please attend Monday night's meeting for the presentation.