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Howell Public Schools Seeks Renewal of Non-Homestead Millage

Renewal will appear November 4 ballot for residents of Howell Public Schools District

HOWELL, Mich., Sept. 15, 2014 – On Nov. 4, voters residing within the Howell Public Schools district boundaries will be asked to renew an 18-mill non-homestead millage that provides the district with approximately 17 percent of its operating budget. The district is seeking a 12-year renewal of the current non-homestead millage that expires with the 2015 tax levy.

“As implied in its name, a non-homestead millage is not assessed against a family’s primary residence, families will not see an increase in their taxes if the renewal passes” said Rick Terres, Howell Public Schools associate superintendent for business. “The levy is applied to commercial properties, rental properties and second homes.”

Under Proposal A, which was passed in 1994, all public school districts in Michigan are required to seek voter approval of a non-homestead millage. If the millage fails to pass, the district will lose approximately \$11.5 million from its budget.

“The funds generated by the non-homestead millage are an important funding source for our district,” said Ron Wilson, Howell Public Schools superintendent. “If the non-homestead millage is not renewed the district will be forced to cut programs to offset the loss of revenue.”

On Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Howell Public Schools will hold a community meeting to answer questions on the non-homestead millage renewal. The meeting will be held in the administration building boardroom.

For additional information on the non-homestead millage renewal please visit www.howellschools.com or contact the Howell Public Schools Business Office at 517-548-6357.

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