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**NON-HOMESTEAD ANNUAL ELECTION**

On May 3, 2016, voters in the Mt. Morris Consolidated School District will again be presented with a proposal regarding the 18 mill non-homestead property tax levy. This levy does not cover owner-occupied residences, but generally includes business, rental homes, second homes, and commercial properties. Voters in our district have approved the 18 mill non-homestead property tax renewals since the passing of Proposal A in 1993.

The proposal will ask voters to again approve the 18 mill operating levy to fully fund our district, as prescribed by state law. The non-homestead levy raises close to $1.3 million each year and represents about 6% of the district’s budget. This allows the district to receive the full per student funding amount, currently $7,391 per student. This does not affect the millage rate for owner-occupied primary residences and is an essential portion of the State of Michigan’s foundation grant formula for each district.

If this proposal does not pass, the State of Michigan will not replace the $1.3 million of funding and Mt. Morris Schools will be forced to significantly reduce or cut programs.

*Questions? Call (810) 591-8760*

***What does “non-homestead” mean?***

Non-homestead represents industrial, commercial, business, rental, agricultural property and “second homes”. It DOES **NOT** include a family’s primary residence.

***Is this a new tax?***

**NO!** This original millage was approved by the voters in 1994. Voters have approved the renewal each time they have been asked since the original approval in 1994.

***What if the millage is voted down?***

The revenue generated from the 18 mills totals approximately $1.3 million annually, about 6% of the school district’s total budget. If this restoration millage does not pass, the State will not replace the funding and Mt. Morris Schools will be forced to reduce or cut programs to offset the loss.

***Where and when do I vote?***

The election will be held on May 3, 2016 at your regular voting precinct. The polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

***Who can vote in the election?***

j0304687All registered voters who reside in the Mt. Morris School District are eligible to vote.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS…