

OPERATING MILLAGE
RENEWAL
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OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

The millage has been in effect since the passage of Proposal A in:

1994

It is necessary in order to collect our full per-pupil foundation allowance.

MILLAGE RATE = 18 mills
Non-homestead property ONLY.

Homeowners do not pay the tax on their primary residence. The tax only applies to industrial and commercial properties, certain agricultural properties, and second homes.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT?

The tax is necessary to collect our full foundation allowance, which we need in order to maintain quality educational programs for our students.

ABOUT THE MILLAGE:

- The millage accounts for approximately \$600 of our \$6,966 / pupil foundation allowance.
- Estimated revenue, \$1,575,000; or about 7% of our total operating budget.
- We are asking for a 5-year renewal.
- We are asking for 0.5 mill of "Headlee Override," which will only be levied to the extent our tax rate is reduced by the constitutionally required "Headlee Rollback" in order to maintain a stable non-homestead millage rate.
- Under no circumstance will the rate exceed 18.0 mills.

KEY POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- This is not a new tax, it is a renewal of a tax that has been in effect for nearly 20 years.
- The tax will have NO IMPACT on homeowner's property tax bills. It is paid only by owners of non-homestead property.

SCHOOL FUNDING OVERVIEW

Districts receive most of their funding on a per-pupil basis. The amount received per student is called the:

FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The foundation allowance accounts for approximately 87% of our total general fund revenue.
- Vicksburg's 2012-2013 foundation allowance is state's minimum, \$6,966.
- The foundation allowance consists of two sources:

LOCAL & STATE

Collected through the 18 mill operating millage

The remainder is paid for by the State of Michigan

- The State of Michigan does not replace the revenue lost if the local district does not collect the operating millage, which would result in a loss of \$1,575,000 in district funding.

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MAY 7