



What's the issue?

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, residents in our school district will be asked to consider an additional 2 mills for 5 years for the education of our children.

This request is about:

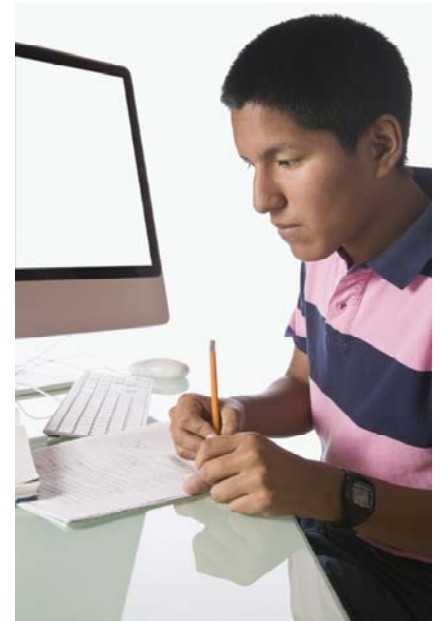
- maintaining the quality of our local schools,
- preparing our children for 21st century jobs, and
- attracting jobs to our community.

So, if you have children in school or live or work in the community, this millage will be important to you.

All registered voters who live within the school districts of Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Lincoln, Manchester, Milan, Saline, Whitmore Lake, Willow Run and Ypsilanti can vote on this proposal.

What will the millage do?

- It will help our schools maintain the quality of education that our children and community expect.
- It will help provide a quality elementary and high school education so our children can go on to a technical school, community college or university and get a 21st century job.
- It will keep our schools strong. Statistics show that strong schools attract jobs. Companies want to locate where there are excellent school systems and a highly-qualified workforce. And, good jobs in our community mean employment opportunities for our graduates and our citizens.
- It will return 100% of the collected revenue to our local school districts.



Why is it needed?

School funding is heading toward a crisis point... – Ann Arbor News, May 31, 2009. Our district is facing a severe shortfall in next year's budget. And more state cuts in the district's per-pupil funding—which makes up the bulk of our schools' revenue—are projected for next school year.

We have reduced budgets, found more cost-effective ways to conduct operations and are working with other districts to share services and staff. But even with these efforts, our schools cannot overcome the loss of state revenue.

What will it cost?

On a primary home with a taxable value of \$50,000, a two mill increase in property taxes is \$100/year. Depending on individual circumstances, the additional property tax paid may be eligible as a federal income tax deduction and/or for the Michigan Property Tax Credit.

Ballot Proposal Quick Facts

- School election is November 3, 2009.
- Proposal is a Regional Enhancement Millage for the ten public school districts within the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.
- It's about:
 - maintaining the quality of our local schools,
 - preparing our children for 21st century jobs,
 - attracting jobs to our community.
- Request is for 2 mills for 5 years.
- All of the funds--100% --will remain in our local school districts.
- Vote at your school polling place.
- For more information, visit:
 - your school district's website, or
 - www.wash.k12.mi.us

It Takes A Millage

To Educate A Child

