

Millage Renewal Ballot Question

The district's official name, but all our friends call us Dearborn Public Schools.

The State of Michigan requires the district to levy 18 mills against non-homestead (business) property. If the voters do not agree to do so, Dearborn Public Schools will receive LESS than the state's minimum revenue per student.

The ballot asks if the 18 mills on businesses, rentals and other non-homestead properties should be renewed.

The Operating Millage represents about \$41 million to the district, which is 16 percent of the general fund budget. That breaks down to \$34 million from businesses and \$7 million from homeowners.

Yes is a vote to renew this important millage. No is a vote against renewing the millage.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEARBORN
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to **maintain the number of mills required to be levied for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance** and **renews millage** that will expire with the 2024 tax levy.

Shall the currently **authorized millage rate limitation of 4 mills** (\$4.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes **which may be assessed against principal residences**, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy, industrial personal property and commercial personal property, and **18 mills** (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) **against all property, except principal residence** and other property exempted by law, in the School District of the City of Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the **estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from combined property taxes authorized herein** if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 **is approximately \$41,000,000** (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2024 tax levy)?

Yes No

"Operating Millage" funds are used for daily operations including staff, supplies, busing, utility bills and more. This is NOT a bond for construction or renovations.

"Renews millage" refers to the part of the tax on district homeowners. This tax on homeowners has been in place since 1994 when Proposal A passed.

In 2014, voters approved a tax of up to 6.17 mills on homeowners. This 6.17 rate expires in 2024. Voters are being asked to renew the tax at a maximum of 4 mills for homeowners. The district is only allowed to collect \$313 per student from homeowners, and so expects the actual millage to be about 2.5 mills in the next few years. If the state increases the district's per pupil funding enough, the district would not collect anything from homeowners.

