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OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

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This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Plainwell Community Schools, Allegan, Kalamazoo and Barry Counties, Michigan, be increased by 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$139,000 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?



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Q & A

WHAT IS THIS PROPOSAL?

In May 2014, the Plainwell community voted to collect the full 18 mills on non-homestead properties within our district through 2022. With property values increasing in our community, Headlee dropped the school's millage rate below the 18 mill maximum. This "Headlee override" proposal will allow Plainwell Community Schools to continue to collect the full 18 mills voters previously approved in May 2014, instead of a rolled-back amount of 17.0298. Without the override, the district will lose over \$130,000 of operating revenue each year.

WILL MY RESIDENTIAL TAXES INCREASE?

No. This tax does not apply to your primary residence, this tax is only for non-homestead properties.

IS THIS A NEW TAX?

No. This millage was originally approved by the voters in May 2014. The district has voter approval to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property through 2022, so this would be a continuation of the previously approved proposal.

WHAT ABOUT PROPOSAL A?

Funding for school districts changed significantly in 1993-94 when Proposal A was passed by the Michigan voters. Under Proposal A, the state pays the majority of the cost, but to receive full funding, schools must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property within their district.

WHAT DOES "NON-HOMESTEAD" MEAN?

Non-homestead property represents industrial, commercial, rental properties, vacant land and second homes. It does not include a family's primary residence.

WHAT IF THE MILLAGE IS VOTED DOWN?

Without the override, the district will lose over \$130,000 of operating revenue each year. The state will not replace the funding and the district will be forced to make reductions in other areas to offset the loss.

WHERE IS THE BALLOT LANGUAGE?

Please visit the Plainwell Community Schools' website for additional ballot language information: www.plainwellschools.org.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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