



KALAMAZOO RESA

Special Education Millage Renewal

on May 4 Ballot

On Tuesday, May 4, voters in the Kalamazoo RESA (KRESA) service area will be asked to vote on the renewal of a six-year, 1.5-mill property tax to help fund the cost of special education in local schools. Voters originally approved the millage in 2015. If the renewal is approved, the funds will be used by Kalamazoo RESA to reimburse local, public school districts and public academies for mandated special education costs.

The special education millage currently generates approximately \$12.5 million for special education. Without it, local districts would be required to pay for special education services out of their general funds, resulting in fewer dollars to support programs for all students. Because this is a renewal, it will not cause an increase in tax rates. Homeowners would continue to pay the same rate based on the taxable value of their home, which is typically about half of the market value. A homeowner with a home with a taxable value of \$75,000 (approximate market value \$150,000) would continue to pay \$112.50 per year, or \$9.38 per month.

In addition, taxpayers in the Kalamazoo RESA service area will see a reduction in their millage rate in May 2021 when the 0.275 debt millage currently being levied will be removed because bonds approved in 2007 will be paid off.

Registered voters in the Kalamazoo RESA service area may vote on the special education millage renewal in the May 4 election. The last day to register to vote is April 19. Voters may register in person through election day. Absentee voters who are on the state's permanent absentee voter list will automatically receive an absentee ballot application six to eight weeks before the election. All voters are eligible to vote absentee in Michigan by requesting an absentee ballot from their city or township clerk in writing by April 30. More information on absentee voting may be found at michigan.gov/vote. See additional information and answers to frequently asked questions on the [KRESA website](#).