



What portion of the ballot language relates to homestead (principal residence) taxpayers?

FAQ

None. The millage restoration proposal is only for non-homestead taxpayers.

NOTE: Most voters are familiar with “homestead” & “non-homestead” as common terms relating to a type of property. With property tax classification changes, we now see “Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)” property & non-PRE property. Michigan law defines principal residence as the one place where a person has his or her true, fixed, and permanent home to which, whenever absent he or she intends to return and that shall continue as a principal residence until another principal residence is established.



What portion of the ballot relates to non-homestead (non-principal residence) property, including businesses and investment property?

FAQ

The entire proposal and ballot language with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law.



Why do districts levy 18 Mills on non-homestead properties?

FAQ

Each district in the State of Michigan uses the per pupil funding allotment to plan its annual budget. The state determines the per pupil amounts during their annual budget process. The state assumes each district is collecting 18 mills from its non-homestead properties to determine the state portion of the per pupil funding. Without the full 18 mills, the district cannot collect the full amount per each pupil (student).



If the Headlee Restoration Millage is not passed by voters, will my tax rates go down if I'm a homeowner?

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No. The Headlee Restoration Millage is a tax on non-homestead properties, not primary residences.



What does Non-Homestead mean?

FAQ

Non-homestead property includes all taxable property within the District with the exception of a family's primary residence. Non-homestead property includes businesses, rental property, industrial, commercial, and 'second homes.'



Why can't the ballot wording be more clear?

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We are required, by law, to phrase the ballot in the manner in which you see it on our website and at the polls on August 2, 2022. Unfortunately, we have little control over how the ballot wording is phrased and this often causes confusion on millage issues. If you have a point of concern or need additional clarification, please feel free to reach out to us directly with your question to: communications@bloomfield.org, or by calling: 248-341-5452.



How much money would Bloomfield Hills Schools lose if this millage does not pass?

FAQ

Without the restoration of this operating millage, Bloomfield Hills Schools is projected* to lose \$256,138 in 2023, \$579,712 in 2024, and \$908,548 in 2025 for a total impact of \$1,744,398 in lost revenue.

*These projections are conservatively based upon the latest taxable value and millage reduction fraction provided by the County along with an estimated 2% increase in property value for 2024 and 2025.



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The May 2015 voter approved authorized millage rate beginning in the 2016 tax year was 20.0000 mills, although the district is allowed to levy no more than 18.0000 mills. The higher authorized mills allows for rollbacks without impacting the maximum allowed 18.0000 mills. As long as the authorized rate is higher than 18.0000 mills, the voters' wishes of collecting the maximum rate will occur.



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What will the money be used for?

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The money will be used for day-to-day operating expenditures of the district which includes classroom instruction, instructional support, co-curricular activities, instructional and other supplies, etc.





If voters approve the Headlee Restoration Millage, does the District have the money earmarked for something specific?

FAQ

The funds from the non-homestead millage go directly into the general fund. As with every extra dollar received, additional general fund dollars are always spent focused on making the biggest impact for our students.



What happens in 2025 when this expires?

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The district will most likely seek an operating millage renewal shortly before expiration to prevent a lapse in operating revenue.





What does a “no” vote mean?

FAQ

Voting “no” on this proposal means the voter opposes it.



What does a “yes” vote mean?

FAQ

Voting “yes” on this proposal means the voter approves the proposal.



Who can vote in this election?

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Registered voters who are residents of Bloomfield Hills Schools district can vote in this election. You can register at any time up to 8 p.m. on Election Day at your city or township clerk's office. If you're registering to vote online or by mail, your voter registration application must be received or postmarked at least 15 days before the election.



When is the election?

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The election will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

- The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Registered voters in Michigan can also vote absentee, the application for an absentee ballot is available [here](#). By June 23, absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters by the local clerk's office.
- Online and mail requests for an absent voter ballot must be received by your township or city clerk no later than 5 p.m. on July 29, 2022. Ballots must be returned to the clerk by 8 p.m. on August 2.
- If you're already registered at your current address, you can request an absent voter ballot in person at your clerk's office anytime up to 4 p.m. on August 1, 2022.



Where do I vote?

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