

On May 8, 2018, the community will be asked to vote to reauthorize a millage to support the district's operating funds.

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## Vote on Tuesday, May 8th!

### BALLOT LANGUAGE

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR REPLACEMENT OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

**Q: What is being requested on the ballot?**

To restore, replace and extend the authority of the AAPS to levy mills for general school operating purposes.

**Q: How will this ballot proposal impact business owners?**

By law, school districts cannot levy more than 18 mills, even with voter approval of a higher rate. In the current year, AAPS has experienced a rollback of .41 mills, resulting in a \$1.3 million loss in revenue to the District. The State does not make up that lost revenue.

**Q: How will this ballot proposal impact AAPS homeowners?**

Under existing law, the AAPS would levy only that portion of the mills necessary (in 2017 4.3564 mills) to allow the district to receive the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State.

**Q: What is the question before the voters?**

AAPS is requesting a three mill cushion (for a total of 21 mills) on non-homestead properties only, to protect the 18 mill levy against future Headlee Amendment rollbacks (losses).

**Q: What are the revenues used for?**

Day-to-day operations of the district, representing 34% (\$84 million) of the overall General Fund Budget.

This proposal would restore, replace and extend the authority of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor to levy up to 18.00 mills for general school district operating purposes on taxable property in the School District to the extent that such property is not exempt from such levy and would restrict the levy on principal residences (owner occupied homes) to no more than 12.3777 mills. If approved, this proposal would restore the authority of the School District to levy the statutory limit of 18.00 mills on non-homestead (principally industrial and commercial real property and residential rental property) which currently expires with the School District's 2019 tax levy and allow the district to continue to levy the statutory limit of 18 mills on non-homestead property in the event of future Headlee rollbacks of up to 3 mills. Under existing law the School District would levy on principal resident property only that portion of the mills (in 2017 4.3564 mills) necessary to allow the School District to receive the full revenue per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State.

Shall the limitation of the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be increased to 21 mills (\$21.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), to the extent such property is not statutorily exempt, and of which not more than 12.3777 mills may be imposed on principal residences, for twenty (20) years, the years 2018 to 2037, inclusive, to provide funds for operating expenses of the school district? This millage would raise approximately \$84,779,572 in the first year of levy.

YES  
 NO

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Ann Arbor Public Schools

