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## **MAY 2024 ELECTION**

**OPERATING MILLAGE (NON-HOMESTEAD)  
& HOLD-HARMLESS RENEWAL**

# MAY 2024 ELECTION

- The Midland Public Schools will be asking the voters to RENEW the current Non-Homestead and Hold Harmless millages for a period of 10 years (*in place since 1994*)

## **When is the election?**

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available after March 28, 2024.



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## HISTORY: OPERATING MILLAGE (NON-HOMESTEAD)

- Proposal A (1994): Schools are funded based on the number of students enrolled x. the state foundation allowance.
  - **23-24 Prediction:  $7411 \times \$9730 = \$72,109,030^*$**
- Proposal A (1994): All public school districts in Michigan must seek approval to levy up to 18 mills on non-homestead properties (second homes, businesses, etc.) to contribute to the foundation allowance.
- The state **will not** make up revenues that are not collected via. a non-homestead assessment.

\*There are other sources of funding (Federal, 'Categoricals', etc.)



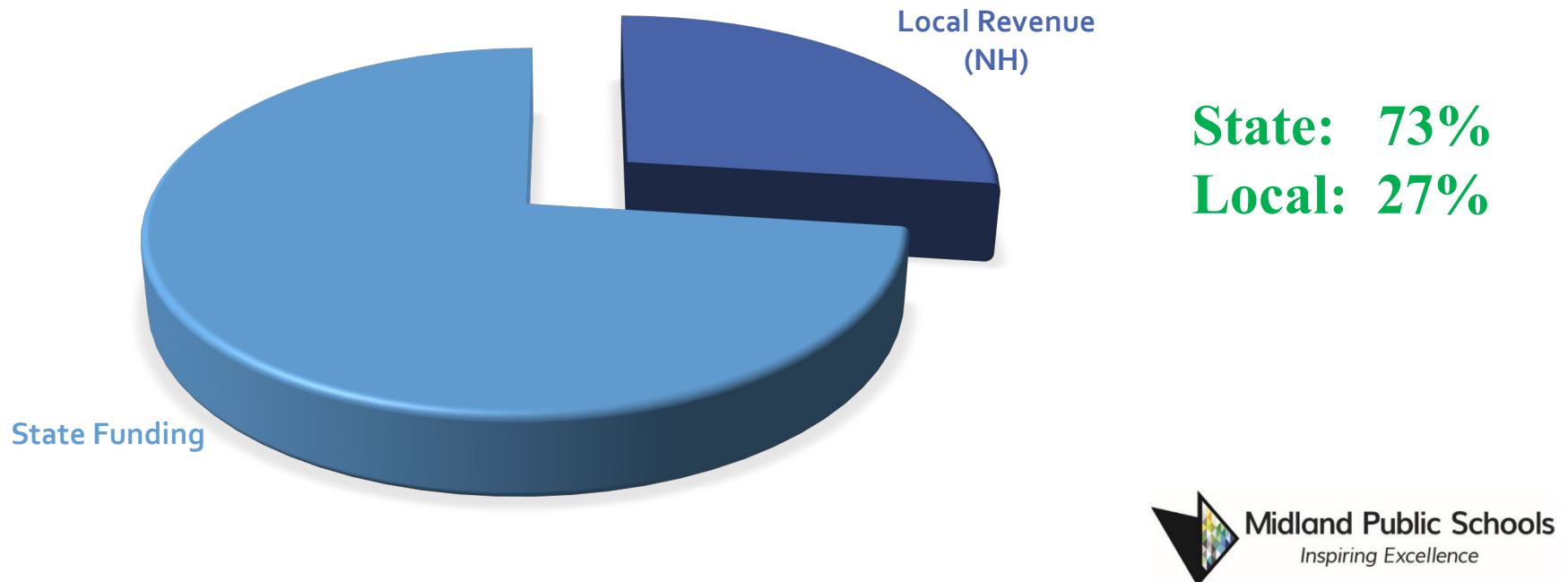
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# FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE REVENUE

**23-24 ESTIMATE: \$72,109,030**

**STATE WILL PROVIDE: \$52,923,535**

**LOCAL REVENUE (NH): \$19,185,495**



# HISTORY: OPERATING MILLAGE (NON-HOMESTEAD)

- **IS NOT:** A tax increase
- **IS NOT:** A new tax
- **IS NOT:** A tax on a primary residence
- **IS:** Essential for MPS to be able to provide the level of academic programming and co/extra-curricular opportunities that our stakeholders expect.



Businesses



Second homes



Rental property



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# OPERATING MILLAGE HELPS TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING FOR ALL

- All MPS Elementary Schools are International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and Project Lead the Way certified schools
- PATHS – Alternative Path to Diploma Program and Virtual Courses
- ALPS – Advanced Learning Program for Students (Grades 1-6)
- World Language Courses (Mandarin, Spanish, German, French) including 14 high school world language courses students can choose
- Early Middle College Program
- 46 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses offered at the high school level

**(Pictured: the Auto Tech Program)**



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# OPERATING MILLAGE HELPS TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING FOR ALL

- 80+ Clubs/Organizations offered at MPS high schools
- 45 Athletic Teams offered in the District
- 15 Art/Music courses offered at the high school level



- Robotics Teams at all elementary and secondary schools, and a dedicated Robotics Center

# HISTORY: HOLD-HARMLESS

- Proposal A (1994): Schools that were funded above the established foundation at the time of Proposal A passage could ask their taxpayers for additional funding.
  - MPS voters authorized up to 5.6523 mills to be able to collect approximately \$415 per student
- The Hold-Harmless millage has been renewed every 10 years since. The rate assessed has significantly reduced due to legislative changes (MPS can only collect \$122 per student now), increased property values, and declining enrollment.





# HISTORY: HOLD-HARMLESS

- Most recent Hold Harmless Millage Assessment:

**0.4531 Mills**

- Anticipated Revenues:

7411 x. \$122/student = \$904,142\*

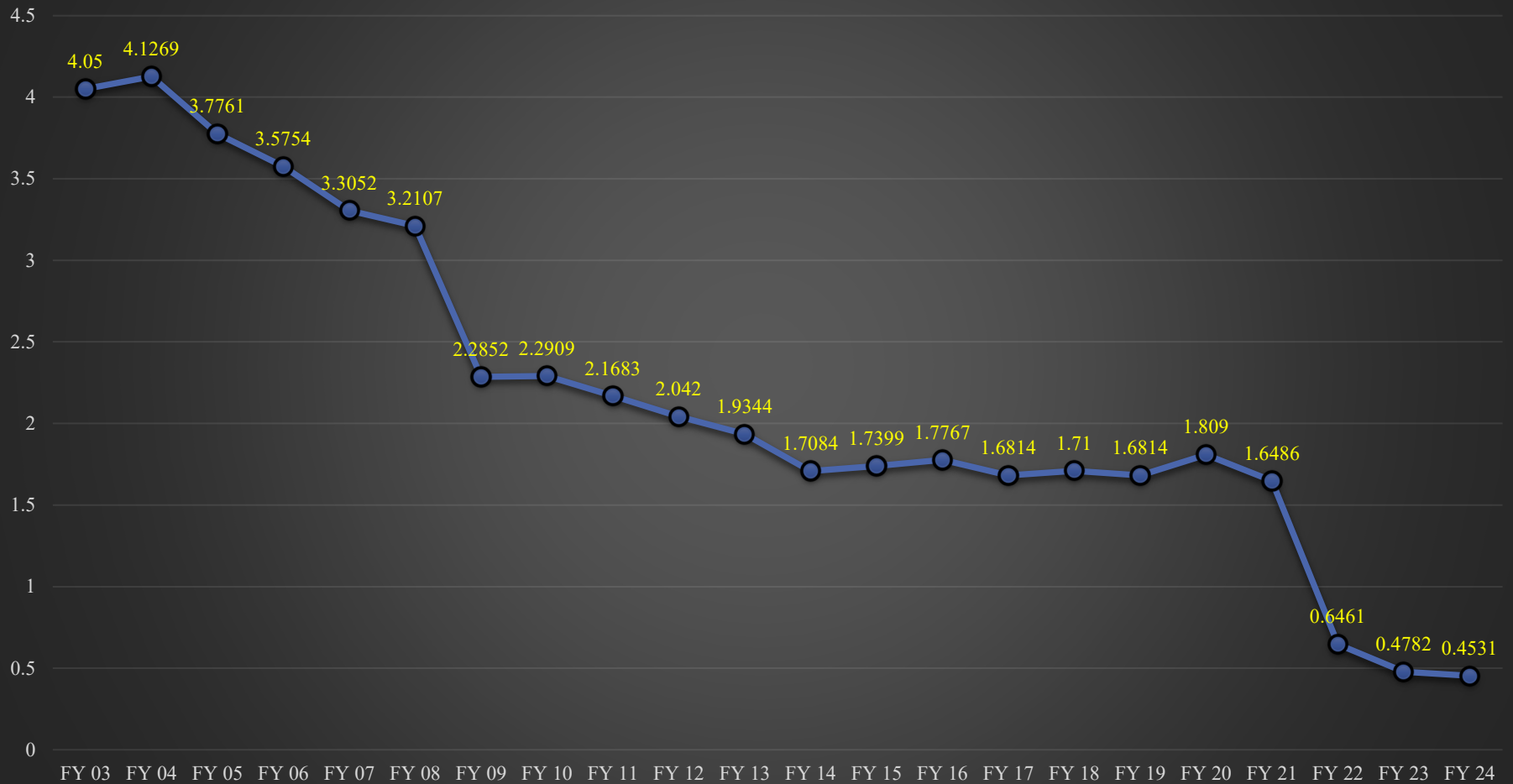
\*The amount will vary based on actual enrollment vs. predicted enrollment when the millage rate is established



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# HISTORY: HOLD-HARMLESS

MPS HOLD HARMLESS MILLAGE RATE HISTORY



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# HISTORY: HOLD-HARMLESS

- **IS NOT:** A tax increase
- **IS NOT:** A new tax
- **IS:** Historically decreasing rate
- **IS:** Essential for MPS to be able to provide the level of academic programming and co/extra-curricular opportunities that our stakeholders expect.

**What types of property is the hold harmless millage levied on?**

The hold harmless millage is levied on primary residences, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, public school academy property, industrial personal property, and commercial personal property.



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# HOLD HARMLESS MILLAGE HELPS TO PROVIDE QUALITY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

- Hold Harmless Millage funding provides support for staffing of *all 11 MPS Schools*, including the Carpenter Pre-Primary Center, where our youngest learners get the best start to their education

## WHERE DID MPS EARN TOP GRADES?

In addition, MPS earned high marks by Niche, an online resource focused on connecting students with colleges, in a number of categories, including:

- A** for Academics
- A** for Teachers
- A** for Clubs/Activities
- A** for College Prep
- A-** for Sports
- A-** for Administration

The point is not to score well on the metrics, but to deliver value to the community in ways the metrics measure.



*"The schools have become a magnet for relocation. Companies look for good schools when they're thinking about investing somewhere. It keeps business investment coming in. It keeps property values up," Dolinski said. "Quality of life in general is significantly enhanced when you have a quality school system. Students are less likely to get into a life of crime, which might cause people pain and suffering. We all benefit from having great schools."*



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# WHAT IS \$20.2\* MILLION TO MPS?

- Salaries for approximately 280 teachers (57% of the current MPS teaching staff)\*\*
- For context:
  - Salaries for all other employee groups (Administrators, Managers, Administrative Assistants, Paraprofessionals, Grounds/Trades, etc.): \$13.6 million\*\*
  - All building and department supply and contracted service budgets: \$12.3 million

\* Non-Homestead + Hold-Harmless Millage Revenues

\*\* Wages only



**A YES vote typically means that a voter supports a ballot proposal. Is that the case in this election?**

Yes. Voters who support the Midland Public Schools' operating millage renewal should vote YES; voters who oppose the operating millage renewal should vote NO.



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



**Where can I get more information about the operating millage proposal?**

Go to [www.midlandps.org](http://www.midlandps.org) and click on Operating Millage Proposal. Contact Interim Superintendent of Schools Penny Miller-Nelson by phone (989-923-5014) or email ([millerpm@midlandps.org](mailto:millerpm@midlandps.org)).

**Can community members give feedback about the ballot proposal?**

Yes. Members of the community are invited to participate in a brief survey about the proposal. Scan the QR code or visit [www.research.net/r/midlandoperatingmillage](http://www.research.net/r/midlandoperatingmillage).



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In addition, there are multiple ways to reach out to the people within the district or to **learn about what is happening** in the schools:

**CONTACT US**

Website: [midlandps.org/communications](http://midlandps.org/communications)  
Email: [communications@midlandps.org](mailto:communications@midlandps.org)  
Email the superintendent: [www.midlandps.org/mps-connect](http://www.midlandps.org/mps-connect)  
Phone: (989) 923-5001

**STORIES FROM  
THE DISTRICT**

Mobile App: Midland Public Schools  
Podcast: MPS Connections  
MPS-TV  
Social media: Facebook and Instagram - @MidlandPublicSchools,  
X (Twitter) - @MidlandPS

# QUESTIONS?

## State Ranking - SAT

**4.4%**

MPS 11th graders ranked in the top 4.4% in the state for average scale score in

**ELA**

**5.6%**

MPS 11th graders ranked in the top 5.6% in the state for average scale score in

**Math**



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