

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION



WHY DOES THE DISTRICT LEVY A **HOLD HARMELSS MILLAGE?**

The hold harmless millage was established in 1994 with the passage of Proposal A. This unique millage option was made available to school districts where communities were already contributing a higher operational amount per student than mandated by Proposal A. To maintain the high-level educational program offered by the Troy School District, residents approved the hold harmless millage. While revenue from this millage has gradually declined due to adjustments in the school funding formula, its renewal is an important part of the school district's operational budget.

HOW WILL THE PROPOSALS BENEFIT RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT?

There are numerous benefits for residents without school-age children. School district facilities and sites are regularly used by community members who do not have school-age children. The Troy School District believes the school district is an important community resource and partner. They also believe the value and vitality of our community depend on the quality and marketability of our schools. In addition, research shows that communities with good schools help to enhance local property values.



WHAT IS THE **HEADLEE OVERRIDE?**

There is an inflationary provision in the state Headlee Amendment that can prevent the district from collecting the full voter-approved millage amounts in the later years of the renewal unless our community approves what is known as a Headlee Override. Troy's current Non-Homestead and Hold Harmless millages both include this override protection, and our November ballot proposal asks the community to keep that override in place.