# IF A NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE DOES NOT APPLY TO TAXPAYERS WHO LIVE IN THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE, WHY

## CAN ALL REGISTERED VOTERS LIVING IN THE TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE ON THIS PROPOSAL?

All registered voters living in the Troy School District can vote on the non-homestead operating millage proposal because it is a school district millage. School district millages are funded by property taxes, but they are not limited to property owners. It is also the way the law was written when it was established in 1994.

### CAN THE OPERATING MILLAGE BE USED FOR TEACHER SALERIES?

Yes, millage funds can be used to increase teacher salaries in Michigan school districts. Millage is a property tax that local school districts in Michigan generate to fund their schools. All Michigan school districts are required to collect an 18 mill, or millage, to pay for day-to-day functions. These functions include: employee salaries, utilities, non-homestead property tax, businesses, and rental properties.

Some other ways that millage funds can be used include: retaining substitute teachers, providing professional development, stabilizing district budget, maintaining school bus fleet, and renovating and maintaining facilities.

### TAXES WILL NOT INCREASE FOR RESIDENTS

#### FIVE-YEAR NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE COMPARISON

