



White Pigeon Community Schools

The non-homestead tax vote can be confusing. Read on....

What are we voting for?

- Renew the operating millage of the school district.
- Renew the 18 mills levied on non-homestead property (i.e.; industrial, commercial, business, rental and second homes).
- This is **not** a new tax.
- This tax does **not** affect homeowners on their primary residence.
- The ballot language asks the voters to approve 19.4672 mills for a period of six years. However, the district **cannot** levy more than 18 mills.
- The additional millage will allow the district to levy the full 18 mills in future years if the millage rate is adjusted due to property values increasing greater than the rate of inflation.

If approved, how much will the proposal cost me each year?

Approval of the millage proposal will cost homeowners **nothing**. If you own a second home or business property, you will continue to pay the same 18 mills that have been levied since the passage of Proposal A in 1994. There will be **NO INCREASE** in your taxes for this levy.

What is the money used for?

The millage is for operating expenses and allows White Pigeon Community Schools to receive our revenue per pupil guarantee from the State of Michigan. If the millage is approved, the school district will collect 4.2 million dollars in 2025 for operating expenses. This is not new money, just a continuation of current funding.

Wasn't there a bond and sinking fund recently passed?

Yes. The operating millage is unrelated to bond and sinking funds. Bond and sinking funds can **ONLY** be used for building/site improvements, construction, and equipment and **CANNOT** be used for operating purposes.

What is the legal wording of the proposal?

The specific ballot language can be found on our website at: www.wpcschoools.org along with a FAQ page explaining in more detail what an operating millage is and is not.

POLLING LOCATIONS:

White Pigeon Township Hall and Porter Township Hall
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

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YOUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Why Your Support Matters for White Pigeon Community Schools

- **Over half of our funding—56%—comes from local taxes**, compared to just 14%–30% in neighboring districts.
 - **Why so high?** White Pigeon's tax base includes a large number of non-homestead properties—like second homes, businesses, and farmland—which significantly contribute to our operating millage.
 - **That means this millage directly supports the everyday operations of our schools.** From classroom teachers to student programs, it funds what our children rely on every single day.
- **If this millage is not renewed, White Pigeon Community Schools will lose more than half of our total revenue—with no possible way to replace it.**
 - **The result?** Drastic cuts to staff forcing increased class sizes. Cuts to academic and athletic programs, student supports, and essential services for students.

Get the **FACTS**



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