

# Enhancement Millage

August 4, 2026

# What is a regional enhancement millage?

- Since 1994 (Proposal A), the state controls school funding
- One Exception: Regional Enhancement Millage
- Constituent School Districts can request an Enhancement Millage Proposal be put before voters
  - districts representing at least 51% of the total student population must submit affirmative requests to Oakland Schools expressing consideration
  - must be proposed on a county-wide basis
  - passes or fails on a county-wide basis, not by local communities
- If approved, the money is collected by the ISD and distributed equally to all public school districts and public school academies on a **per student basis**.
- Each district has **local control** over how the money is spent.

# Counties w/Enhancement Millage

- **Wayne County** – 1.9812 mills – approx. \$360 per student
  - 2016-2022 — Voters Approved Millage in 2016
  - 2022-2028 — Voters Renewed Millage in November 2020
  - 2028-2033 — Voters Renewed Millage in November 2024
- **Macomb County** – 1.8305 mills – approx. \$400 per student
  - 2020-2029 – Voters Approved Millage in March 2020
- **Charlevoix-Emmet County** – 0.953 mills
- **Kalamazoo County** – 1.4968 mills
- **Kent County** – 0.8578 mills
- **Midland County** – 1.5 mills
- **Monroe County** – 0.9866 mills
- **Muskegon County** – 0.9749 mills
- **Ottawa County** – 0.8616 mills

44%

Of students in MI  
receive  
enhancement  
millage funding

# The Proposal

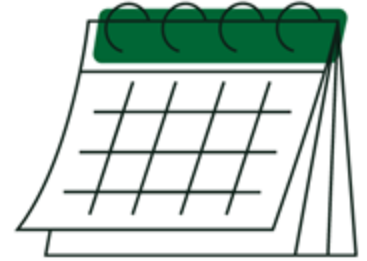
- August 4, 2026
- 1.5 mills to be levied over 6 years
- Would generate approximately \$781 per pupil annually for a 6 years period for each Oakland County public student
- Proposal would cost approximately \$300 per year on a Troy home valued at \$400,000 (taxable value of \$200,000).
- If successful, the millage collection would begin December 2026.

**\$781**



# Timeline

- Local Resolutions:
  - Must be adopted within a 180-day period and transmitted to Oakland Schools
- Oakland Schools Board of Education adopts resolution certifying the text of the ballot proposal to the Oakland County Clerk (the “School District Election Coordinator”).
- Oakland Schools certifies text of ballot proposal to the School District Election Coordinator, with copies to the local clerks and other affected county clerks, immediately after adopting the resolution described above.
- Election Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026



# Case Study

- [Enhancement Millages: Successes, Challenges, Planning for the Future presentation](#)  
from Michigan School Board Association
  - Kent ISD, East Grand Rapids Public Schools, Rockford Public Schools

# How will this impact Oakland County?

- Would generate approximately \$4,686 per pupil over 6 years for Oakland County public students
- Proposal would cost approximately \$300 per year on a Troy home valued at \$400,000 and has a taxable value of \$200,000.
- If successful, the millage collection would begin in December of 2026.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Per pupil revenue	\$728.04	\$748.42	\$769.38	\$790.92	\$813.07	\$835.84
Total revenue	\$125.8M	\$129.3M	\$132.9M	\$136.7M	\$140.5M	\$144.4M

# How will this impact Our Districts?

STUDENTS



Maintain Class Sizes



Continued Focus On Student Safety & Wellness



Stabilize Special Education Funding

TEACHERS



Make Compensation More Competitive



Attract & Retain Talented Staff



Maintain Staffing Supports



Provide Additional Professional Development

DISTRICT



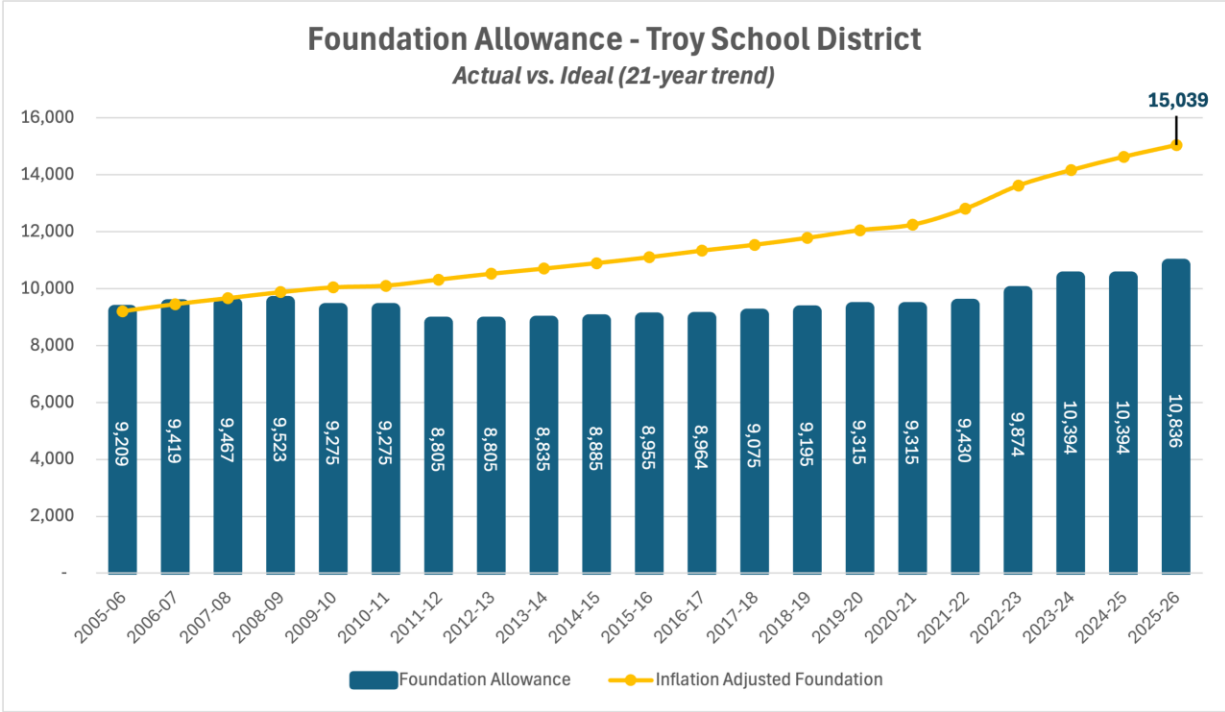
Maintain District-Wide Programming & Transportation



Decrease Out Of Pocket Costs For Families



# Cost Outpacing Funding



# Resolution: Let Voters Decide

- The Board's resolution is not an endorsement of the millage itself.
- We believe in empowering the community to make informed decisions.
  - Allowing voters to decide ensures democratic participation and transparency.

