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## **CCS School Board Continues Process to Set the Millage Rate**

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., July 16, 2026 – The Cartersville City School Board announces its intention to maintain the current millage rate of 14.5 for 2026, which is an increase of 0.476 mills over the rollback rate.

Superintendent Dr. Marc Feuerbach said, “Prior to building our budget, we provide a survey to our community to learn the priorities they hold for our students and the educational experiences they value most. The budget, which is designed to strike a balance of fiscal responsibility and operational effectiveness, is a reflection of the feedback we receive.”

The majority of the revenue from the increase of 3.39% will be used to meet the rising costs of benefits and covering annual salary step increases.

The school district has seen an increase in the cost for employee health insurance rising from \$1,885 to 1,935 per month, per employee beginning July 1, 2026. Additionally, the district’s portion of the Teacher Retirement System has also increased.

Feuerbach continued, “The remaining portion of the increase is allocated for inflation, curriculum materials, and an additional 5.5 staffing positions including classroom teachers and positions supporting the areas of special education, counseling, and literacy.”

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$400,000 is approximately \$76.16, and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$500,000 is approximately \$95.20.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment and directly influences the property tax calculation.

The Cartersville City School Board will hold three public hearings on this matter. The first two will be held at the Board Room of the City of Cartersville Board of Education at 15 Nelson Street on Thursday, August 6 at noon and 6:30 p.m. A final meeting will be held in the Cartersville High School Auditorium, 320 East Church Street, Cartersville, Georgia 30120, on Monday, August 10, at 5:30 PM. The Board of Education will consider adoption of the final millage rate following this final meeting.

### ***About CCSS***

*Cartersville City School System is a public school district accredited by Cognia and serves 4,700 students. The system is comprised of four schools: one primary school, one elementary school, one middle school and one high school.*

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