PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dodge County Board of Education today announces its intention to increase the 2026 property taxes it will levy this year 6.33% percent over the rollback millage rate.

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.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Dodge County Board of Education requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate; therefore, before the Dodge County Board of Education may set a final millage rate, Georgia law required three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Board of Education, 720 College Street, Eastman, Georgia on September 29, 2026 at 9:00 A.M., September 29, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. and on October 6, 2026 at 6:10 P.M.