VOTE Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2026

A Stronger Future for

JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

PASSES
FINANCIAL STABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL

Repay the $4.2 million State Aid advance

- Eliminate the budgeted $200,000/year expense of State Fiscal Monitor
- Restore $600,000 in State Aid annually
  - **Combined, this will bring $800,000/year back to the district to benefit students**
- Regain local financial control

Add $7.8 million to the operating budget

- Continue to fund the robust educational, athletic, extra-curricular experiences our students deserve
- Reduce reliance on reserves and one-time revenue
- Support tax levy stability within the 2% cap
- Maintain our current staffing levels and class sizes

Retain the $12 million from the McAuliffe sale for future facility needs and improvements

FAILS
CONTINUED FINANCIAL PRESSURE

No payback of the $4.2 million in State Aid

- Continue $200,000/year expense for State Fiscal Monitor
- Continue to lose $600,000/year in State Aid
- Remain under state control

Use $12 million in McAuliffe sale proceeds to balance future budgets

- $8 million to balance the 27-28 budget
- $4 million to offset the 28-29 budget, with an additional $4 million needed through increased taxes, program cuts or staff reductions

No capital or maintenance Reserves to address facility repairs or improvements.

Learn more at the ***Nov. 18 board meeting!***

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NUMBERS TO KNOW

$139.6M
STATE AID LOST IN 7 YEARS

411
ELIMINATED STAFF/
TEACHING POSITIONS

$4.2M
STATE AID ADVANCE (LOAN

$200K/YEAR
STATE FISCAL MONITOR
BUDGETED SALARY

2
CLOSED SCHOOLS
TO CLOSE FUNDING GAPS

$7.8M TOTAL PROPOSAL

SAME AMOUNT. DIFFERENT PURPOSE.

WHAT DO I PAY IF IT PASSES?
The same amount that you currently pay for school debt.

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
The amount you currently pay for school debt is expiring. If approved, that amount would be replaced by an annual investment in the district's annual budget.

WHAT DO I PAY IF IT FAILS?
The average homeowner in Jackson assessed at $654,839 would see their taxes go down $29.66/month.

Will this increase my property taxes?
No. This school debt proposal is tax-neutral when compared to the total tax levy for the 26-27 school budget. The average homeowner is currently paying $29.66/month for debt from a previous referendum. If voters approve, that same amount would be applied toward an annual investment in the district's budget to provide long-term financial stability to the Jackson School District.

Where did the funds from the school sales go?
The district sold Sylvia Rosenauer Elementary School in June 2025 for $13.1 million and Christa McAuliffe Middle School in July 2026 for $40 million. The proceeds were used to balance district budgets, pay off equipment leases, and fund building maintenance and repairs.

While these one-time funds have helped address immediate financial needs, they cannot provide a sustainable, long-term solution for the district's ongoing budget challenges. The special question would allow Jackson to establish a more sustainable financial foundation without increasing taxes.

How long will this tax be in effect?
Jackson voters will vote one time on this. If approved by voters, the funds would permanently go into the tax base, providing an ongoing, annual source of revenue for the district with no set expiration date.

What would happen to the State Fiscal Monitor?
The Jackson School District is required to budget $200,000 per year for the State Fiscal Monitor. The district is also facing a $600,000 annual reduction in State Aid as it repays the $4.2 million State Aid advance. These financial pressures have limited the district's ability to make independent financial decisions for the future.

If approved by voters, the proposal would allow the district to repay the remaining State Aid advance, eliminate the annual cost of the State Fiscal Monitor, and restore local control over district finances **bringing back a total of $800,000/year to the district**.