

JONESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Election Information

Proposal

To allow the school district to levy the Operating Millage for the full 18 mills on non-homestead properties and to safeguard against the Headlee Rollback up to 20 mills.

What is an operating millage?

Since Proposal A passed in 1994, schools receive per pupil foundation allowance from the State of Michigan to pay for operating costs. The state per pupil foundation allowance is made up of two funding sources-18 mills on non-homestead property plus money from the state.

The state assumes the full 18 mills is collected locally. The State of Michigan will NOT make up the difference if the 18 mills is NOT collected. The school will not receive the full funding amount per pupil if the operating millage is not passed by the voters. In Jonesville, that would mean a loss of \$890,605 per year.

If the school district is subject to the Headlee Rollback, even though the voters passed the 18mills, the whole 18 mills are not levied because of an increase in the assessed value of the property. This happened to Jonesville Schools last year and only 17.78 mills were levied, causing the school district to lose \$11,709 in state funding. Due to good budgeting, the school district was able to absorb that loss, but would not be able to sustain programs if this continued to occur. The 20 mills being requested would guard against the Headlee Rollback. **The school would never be able to assess more than 18 mills**, but it would allow the school to get it to the 18 mills if it falls below that level. It will ensure that Jonesville Schools receives the base (minimum) foundation allowance per pupil from the state.

What am I voting on?

You are voting on the renewal of the operating millage for Jonesville Community Schools.

What is non-homestead property?

Non-Homestead property includes businesses, vacation (2nd) homes, rental property and any other property without a primary residence on it that is NOT used for agricultural purposes.

When do I vote?

May 2nd, 2017
7am to 8pm

Where do I vote?

Jonesville Fire Station
114 W. Chicago Street

How long is this millage for?

10 years

