



ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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RE: NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE/OPERATING MILLAGE **RENEWAL PROPOSAL** – NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Dear AP School Community:

On November 2, 2021, Allen Park Public Schools is asking the school community to continue supporting teaching and learning by renewing the existing non-homestead millage. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information that I believe is important for you to cast an informed vote.

- The renewal of 18 mills brings in approximately \$1.72 million in operating funds for Allen Park Public Schools annually.
- The Non-Homestead Millage/Operating Millage is applied on non-homestead property, meaning local businesses and rental homes/homes that are not a person's primary residence.
- This is not an increase; the current millage expires in July 2022.
- Rather than the school district incur the cost of a separate election at a later date, the Board of Education approved the renewal to run on the November ballot.
- We have been receiving this revenue since 1995 and want to be sure people understand that these funds account for approximately 4.5% of our budget.
- Renewing the millage will allow the district to receive the full per student funding amount from the State, currently \$8,700 per student.
- This does **not** affect the millage rate for owner-occupied primary residences.
- This proposal for millage renewal is an essential portion of the State of Michigan's foundation grant formula for each district. If this renewal does not pass, the State will not replace the \$1.72 million in funding.

Our priority is to ensure that the students of Allen Park Public Schools receive the maximum funding authorized so that we can continue to offer the combination of a rich, well-rounded curriculum, a highly qualified and caring staff, and a long-standing *uncompromising commitment to excellence*. Public education makes a big difference in a community and Allen Park continues to strive to offer the very best possible educational experience for each and every one of our students. Your support is critical to our success. Remember... every vote counts!

Educationally Yours,

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