MISD Regional
Enhancement Millage
March 10, 2020
What is a regional enhancement millage?

- Since 1994, the state controls school funding
- One Exception: Regional Enhancement Millage
- Constituent School Districts can request an Enhancement Millage Proposal be put before voters
What is a regional enhancement millage?

- It must be proposed on a county-wide basis.
- It passes or fails on a county-wide basis, not by local communities.
- If approved, the money is collected by the ISD and distributed equally to all public school districts and charters on a per student basis.
- Each district has local control over how the money is spent (Used to expand programs, training, and course offerings for students).
- Each school district can tailor their programs and curricular support to best fit their student/community needs.
What is the specific proposal?

- March 10, 2020
- 1.9 mills to be levied over 10 years
- Would generate approximately $418 per pupil for Macomb County public school students
- Proposal would cost approximately $190 per year on a home valued at $200,000.
- If successful, the millage starts in the summer of 2020
Regional enhancement millages make a difference for Michigan students

- Eight counties in Michigan have had enhancement millages approved by voters
  - Wayne
  - Charlevoix-Emmet
  - Midland
  - Kalamazoo
  - Monroe
  - Ottawa
  - Kent
  - Muskegon

- These ISDs are using enhancement funds to improve their school districts and give students the curricular support needed to excel in school and prepare them for successful careers

- Macomb Co. students are not receiving the same supports
Why is this millage being placed on the ballot?

- Macomb County Districts are committed to providing their students with an exceptional education enabling them to be successful in college and careers.
- For years, Michigan Schools have been underfunded by the state.
- All Macomb Schools have made budget cuts and reductions.
  - At CVS...
    - Freezing steps/pay
    - Energy conservation
    - Pay-to-Participate
    - Reduced custodial staff
    - Fewer bus runs and elimination of some bus service
Why is this millage being placed on the ballot?

- A recent statewide school funding adequacy study concluded that added investment into local schools is necessary to prepare students for success after school.
- CVS is one of the largest school districts in the state with the lowest funding allowance.
- CVS receives $369 less on average than the typical Macomb County school district. (Based on our current student count = $6 million less)
- The enhancement millage gives our community an opportunity to provide a stable source of funding that supports our students.
If the MISD Regional Enhancement Millage is successful

- CVS would receive $418 per pupil to help fund programs and services
  - Provides local control over how the funds will directly support students
  - Increased opportunities for all students
  - Maintaining student safety - Social-Emotional Learning, Mental Health Needs for students
  - Literacy program supports to ensure students are reading at grade level by 3rd grade
  - Career Technical Education (CTE) programs
  - Maintaining current educational programs
  - Protecting important extra-curricular opportunities - Fine Arts and Music Programs
Excellence impacts everyone and makes our community a great place to live and raise a family

- Graduates in our district have unique experiences that allow them to successfully pursue their career and college goals.
- Families have options and program opportunities that support the unique learning styles and needs of students.
- Strong schools protect home and property values.
- Strong schools help attract new businesses, support existing small businesses and attract new families to our community.
- The CVS community is a great place to raise a family and grow a business.
- CVS has a long-standing reputation for being good stewards of our financial resources.
Informing our community

- Informational messages and announcements provided to community members in a variety of ways
  - Newsletters, post cards, social media, CVC-TV, website, email messages
- General phone number for questions and information on where to vote
Remember to vote!

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