

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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