

On Tuesday November 4, 2014 the voters of Lakeview Community School district will be voting to renew 18.68 mills of non-homestead operation funding. This is a four year renewal of a proposal which was previously passed in November of 2011. In order to maintain operation of the district it is critical that this initiative passes.

School funding in Michigan is based on per pupil funding set by the state legislature. However, before the state pays anything to a local district they first deduct the amount that would be raised from 18 mills of locally voted non homestead taxes. It is assumed by the State of Michigan that this money will be collected, and if the funding is not collected the state will not make up the difference.

For Lakeview Community Schools we have asked for more than 18 mills. By law we can collect no more than 18 mills, however, if we only ask for 18 mills we may be subject to loss of funding due to Headlee rollback. By asking for 18.68 mills if we have Headlee rollback in the four years of collections the overage allows for us to still ask for 18 mills. Once again, the State of Michigan assumes we will collect 18 mills every year, so without this buffer we may see years when our per-pupil funding is below what the state promises.

For most people this millage request will not apply. Non-Homestead represents industrial, commercial and some agricultural property, along with "second" homes. It does not include a family's primary residence. The voters of Lakeview Community Schools have been supportive and passed this millage in the past, we ask now as we look forward to the future this district that you continue your support. Thank you and we'll see you at the polls November 4!